

"For deaf people, with deaf people, by deaf people."

# DEAFvibe

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 7<sup>th</sup> March DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

#### 8<sup>th</sup> March DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library 11am-3pm

**Topic:** Communication Tactics

#### 21<sup>st</sup> March DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

#### 4<sup>th</sup> April DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

#### 9<sup>th</sup> April DEAFvibe AGM

Newcastle Community Fire Station

7pm

#### 12<sup>th</sup> April DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library 11am-3pm

**Topic:** POWHER – Advocacy Service

Happy Birthday to Steven Leece who turns 40 on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### SPRING SNIPPETS

This month DEAFvibe has a few snippets of news to share:

- Staffordshire County Council have agreed to support DEAFvibe HUB by providing a Welfare Rights Officer attend the HUB on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, on a trial basis, to see if they can support deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people with benefits queries.
- A volunteer folder has been designed to give DEAFvibe volunteers guidance on all aspects of volunteering from codes of conduct to communication tactics, emergency contacts and a log for hours worked. This impressive, pocket-sized guide will come in an A5 folder (in DEAFvibe colours of course) and will be rolled out shortly.
- Members of DEAFvibe attended Sainsburys, Newcastle to receive a generous donation of £250 from the store. The donation was gratefully received to help fund communication support at our cafés.



## SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME BY THE EAR FOUNDATION AND HEARING LINK

The Ear Foundation are working in partnership with Hearing Link to offer a course to help people living with hearing loss develop strategies for becoming more confident and independent. The course is run by experienced trainers who have a hearing loss themselves.

Topics covered by the course include communication, equipment, personal safety, relaxation, wellbeing and more. It is suitable for people with a hearing loss who want to learn more about how to manage it on a daily basis within a supportive and understanding environment.

The course involves 3 sessions from 10am to 3pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It will be held at the Ear Foundation in Nottingham.

Further details can be found on the website [www.earfoundation.org.uk](http://www.earfoundation.org.uk) or by emailing [Rachel@earfoundation.org.uk](mailto:Rachel@earfoundation.org.uk). You can also telephone **0115 942 1985**.

## THE GIVING MACHINE AND DEAFVIBE

I'm sure many of us don't need another excuse to go shopping – however DEAFvibe has linked up with [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) so that shoppers can choose to raise funds for DEAFvibe by doing something as fun and effortless as shopping with your favourite online retailers!

The Giving Machine is a not for profit Social Enterprise which helps shoppers generate free cash donations for the causes they support every time they shop on line with retailers such as Amazon, Tesco, Halfords, Weight Watchers, Sainsburys, John Lewis, M&S and more.

To donate to DEAFvibe as you shop, register at [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and select the DEAFvibe page and any shopping you do via this website will generate cash donations to support the charity.

## CODA CONFERENCE 2014

CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) is holding its annual conference on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am-5pm at The Grand Connaught Rooms, London. Everyone is welcome to this event that will include talks on the history of CODAs and the issues faced by CODAs; Volunteer awards; a networking lunch and various workshops. Places are limited and can be booked for free via [info@codaukireland.co.uk](mailto:info@codaukireland.co.uk). Booking is advised due to limited places. The cost of admission on the day if you have not booked is £5.00.

## THE UNIVERSE IN OUR HANDS

A series of new signs have been created to describe the different aspects of the Solar System such as the planets, stars and so on which have previously had to be finger spelled. These can be found on the Scottish Sensory Centre's website [www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk)

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