

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th April DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00 – 15:00

6th April – Into the Woods Outdoor Activity Day: Copeland Cottage, Haddon Ln, Maer ST5 5EE- 10:00-15:00 Team walk and activities.

13th April – DEAFvibe Café

Morning:

Sharing Deaf History - Come along and talk about your memories, bring photos of the Mount and Needwood Schools.

Afternoon:

Reiki and Relaxation techniques.

13th April (postponed from 22nd March) – DEAFvibe Celebration Dinner, Stone Golf Club. Sold Out

19th April DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00 – 15:00

DEAFVIBE DUO DO IT AGAIN

Congratulations to DEAFvibe founders Alison France and Rowan Robinson (pictured above) on netting another award!

The two founders who set up and oversee the running of DEAFvibe have again had their hard work and commitment recognised by another professional body.

Alison and Rowan who work as Rehabilitation Officers as well as running DEAFvibe were nominated for and successfully won the "Celebrating Excellence Service User Focus Award" at a presentation by the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust for both their rehabilitation and their DEAFvibe work.

The work done by Alison and Rowan has helped and empowered many deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people and their families in Staffordshire over the years. Here's to the future...your work is appreciated.



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REFLECTIONS BY DOCTORS IN TRAINING

I'm sure we'll all miss seeing Chris and John at our cafés and hubs. They have completed their university placement with us and while their support has been invaluable, the trainee doctors have also expressed thanks to the DEAFvibe community for their friendliness and willingness to share their stories and experiences with them to help them in their training.

Both Chris and John had very little knowledge of deafness and had never met anyone with hearing loss before coming to the café. Both admit that they no knowledge of the social and cultural implications of deafness before listening to our members' stories and our guests presentations.

They spoke of being moved by stories they heard, such as a video clip of a hearing son who had to tell his deaf father he was going to die of cancer within a few weeks, because the hospital repeatedly failed to provide a BSL interpreter, expecting the son to interpret for free.

Both students have said they will take their DEAFvibe experiences forward with them in their training to ensure that as practicing doctors, people with hearing loss are treated equally to other patients.

BSL RECOGNITION – THE BDA WANT YOUR HELP IN CAMPAIGNING

The British Deaf Association (BDA) is urging people to write to their local MP asking them to support the Early Day Motion (EDM) 1167 to refocus the Government on the importance of BSL and make a named minister responsible for driving forward the legal status for BSL, ensuring it is treated to equally to English in public business and the justice system.

Despite the BSL act, there has been few improvements over the last 10 years, with BSL users still struggling to access services such as school drama groups, interpreters at family funerals, hospital consultations and more.

To find out more about the campaign log onto
www.bda.org.uk/What_We_Do/Get_your_MP_to_sign_EDM_1167_to_support_BSL_users

NEW VIC THEATRE – UPCOMING CAPTIONED PERFORMANCES

The following 4 performances at the New Vic Theatre, Basford will be captioned:

- **Around the World in 80 Days** – Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm
- **Blonde Bombshells of 1943** – Tuesday 4th June 7.30pm
- **Widowers' Houses** – Tuesday 25th June 7.30pm
- **Stones in His Pockets** – Wednesday 24th July 7.30pm

SEE ME HEAR ME AT BRITANNIA STADIUM MAY 10TH 2013

DEAFvibe need volunteers for the See Me Hear Me event. Let us know if you are interested.

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