

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd August DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00am – 3pm

10th August DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library

Morning 9.30am: British Lung Foundation

Afternoon 1pm: British Lung Foundation

16th August DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00am – 3p

27/28TH August – Charlotte's skydive for DEAFvibe

14th September DEAFvibe Cafe

Newcastle Library

Morning 9.30am Afternoon 1pm

Derek Tilstone, HMRC / Project Support talking about Tax Office Closures at both café's.

MIDSUMMER MAYHEM

Grey skies and the occasional downpour didn't dampen down DEAFvibe's enthusiasm as our trusty volunteers manned the stall at this year's Midsummer Mayhem.

The event at Lyme Valley, Newcastle showcased local voluntary organizations, charities and emergency services. DEAFvibe took the opportunity to promote awareness about services for Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people in North Staffordshire.

Many thanks to our volunteers for your time and your handmade crafts sold to raise funds.



DEAFVIBE SHORTLISTED FOR SIGNATURE AWARD

DEAFvibe has been shortlisted in the Signature Awards, which recognise excellence in communicating with deaf people. A representative from DEAFvibe will attend the award ceremony in London on 15th November to see if we will win the award for Organisational Achievement which we have been shortlisted for. Good luck!!!

IS ACCESS TO WORK WORKING FOR YOU? HAVE YOUR SAY

The British Deaf Association have set up a new Facebook page to collect evidence about deaf people's experience with Access to Work. If you would like to give feedback about the service, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/BDA-Access-to-Work/474071632683222>

TELEPHONE SCAM – BEWARE

Beware of a scam happening in this area. A local person received a call saying that for 2 payments of £30 each, something could be fitted to her phone to stop all sales and unwanted calls.

This offer is not linked to BT. Contact the Telephone Preferencing Service to stop nuisance calls.

*****GOOD LUCK TO CHARLOTTE FOR THE SKYDIVE*****

A reminder that regular DEAFvibe volunteer Charlotte Whittaker is bravely doing a 10,000ft free-fall tandem parachute jump to raise funds for DEAFvibe. The jump will take place in Nottingham on 27th/28th August. Do give her your support. You can sponsor her at www.virginmoneygiving.com/charlottewhittaker. If you fancy witnessing Charlotte's jump, why not take a tent and camp out near the airfield for a night!

News from Around the Country

- Deaf and hard of hearing British Athletes took part in the 2013 Deaflympics in Sofia Bulgaria this month. Updates are available on www.ukdeafathletics.org.uk and www.ukdeafsport.org.uk. The event finishes on 4th August. If you or someone you know with a hearing loss is a promising athlete or sportsperson, check out these websites for opportunities to get involved.
- A deaf man has been charged with the murder of deaf actor Vitalis Katakinas after the actor died following a fight outside a pub in London during the BSL Pride event. Vitalis was from Lithuania but had settled in the UK and was well respected in the Deaf community. He was also involved in basketball and motorbiking. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.
- Hearing Link is holding a 'Self-Management' Programme consisting of 3 sessions between 10am and 3pm in Llandudno on 18th September, 23rd October and 20th November. These informal sessions teach strategies to cope with hearing loss, helping people to feel more independent and self confident. Check out www.hearinglink.org/selfmanagementprogrammes

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