

DEAFvibe

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd May DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

9th May Deaf Day

Britannia Stadium, 10am – 4pm

10th May DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library 11am-3pm

Topic: Hart Award

16th May DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

6th June DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

14th June DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library 11am-3pm

Topic: Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Healthwatch

VOLUNTEERS' 'HART'S' ARE IN IT

May's DEAFvibe Café will see the first ever Hart Award.

The award was set up by DEAFvibe chair, Julie Hart, who says 'DEAFvibe is so lucky to have wonderful volunteers and supporters and we value them all. We want to thank them by throwing this party for them. It was a very difficult decision to choose who to give the awards to, but some people go that little bit further.'

Our nominees for Outstanding Contribution to DEAFvibe are:

- ♥ De Ferrers School
- ♥ Bobby Ross
- ♥ Naomi Webber
- ♥ Charlotte Whittaker

There will also be an award for Volunteer of the Year.

The café is the day after the Deaf Day, when we rely heavily on the support of our volunteers. Come along and support the awards and enjoy the party as we thank our volunteers.



RESIGNATION OF CO-FOUNDER ROWAN ROBINSON

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the resignation of DEAFvibe co-founder Rowan Robinson.

DEAFvibe was the dream of both Rowan and Alison France many years ago, and after a lot of investigations and exploration DEAFvibe was formed in February 2010.

In the last four years DEAFvibe has become very successful and it has grown very quickly. This meant that as a Founder, Secretary and Trustee of DEAFvibe, as well as having a full-time job, Rowan was responsible for more and more hours of administration work, and had to be available for presentations and all the events that DEAFvibe is involved with.

However recently Rowan has been finding it very difficult to carry on. She has had to take into consideration personal and family issues including illness and she has now told us she will not be able to continue to commit to DEAFvibe in the future.

We know it has not been an easy decision for her and it is not one we have taken lightly as it has been a big shock to us all to lose her.

Rowan's involvement has been invaluable. Who will ever forget our wonderful Sign Singing events, or how Rowan encouraged many others to walk 6 summits in 13 hours to raise money for DEAFvibe. We have wonderful memories of the awards that have been won by DEAFvibe, the list of achievements could go on and on. Rowan has told us that her heart will always be with DEAFvibe and her greatest wish is to see it grow ever more as was her original dream with Alison all those years ago.

Rowan we wish you well in your future and we will not forget the large part you played in the creating and running of DEAFvibe that has made it the successful and enjoyable organization it is.

DEAFvibe Board of Trustees

DEAFVIBE WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

DEAFvibe's website was relaunched during the DEAFvibe AGM in April. The reason for the redesigning of the website is to accommodate video clips in sign language to increase accessibility for those whose first language is BSL.

We hope that you enjoy the new format. If you have any feedback or suggestions for what you would like to see included, please contact us via email, post or through the café.

WEBSITE FOR BOOKS AND MEDIA RELATED TO DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS

Action Deafness books is a website that has an online shop selling books, Ebooks for kindles, CDs and DVDs about all aspects of hearing loss, including autobiographies, books on learning BSL and more. To see the range available go to www.actiondeafnessbooks.org.uk

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