

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th November DEAFvibe Cafe

Newcastle Library

Morning 9.30am Healthwatch

Staffordshire & Stoke

Afternoon 1pm Healthwatch

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And GRAND RAFFLE DRAW

****NO HUB ON 15TH NOVEMBER
DUE TO SIGNATURE AWARDS ****

6th December DEAFvibe HUB

14th December DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library

Combined café: **11am-2pm** for

Christmas Party and entertainment.

****NO HUB ON 20TH DECEMBER
AND 3RD JANUARY DUE TO
CHRISTMAS PERIOD****

17th January DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Offices 10am – 3pm

A DONATION FOR DEAFVIBE'S POT

DEAFvibe HUB advisors and trustees, Julie Hart and Rosemary Le Marrec met with representatives from Intu Potteries Shopping Centre in Hanley to receive a generous donation of £1000 towards the DEAFvibe fundraising pot that will allow DEAFvibe to continue the café and develop services in the New Year.

DEAFvibe would like to extend a big thank you to Intu Potteries Centre for supporting services for deaf and hard of hearing people in Staffordshire.

Four other charities received a donation:
Quidditch- Keele University, Ruby's Fund, Friends for Leisure and Alice – Helping Families in the Community.



DEAF CHILDREN AND READING PROJECT – CITY UNIVERSITY, LONDON

Researchers at City University, London are looking into reading ability of deaf children and are looking for children with a severe or profound hearing loss to help with the research. They are looking for children in their final year of primary school (aged 10 or 11) who use BSL to communicate or use sign language at school, who are deaf from birth and who have been educated in English from the start of primary school. Also the child must have no significant medical or development conditions that would impact on their learning or language skills that would make participation in this research difficult. If you would like to know more or be involved go to: <http://deaf-reader.city.ac.uk/project/about-the-project/>

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Following an interesting deaf awareness session from Colin Ayres at the October café, he has provided us with the list of books he recommended, as people have enquired about them:

Whisper – Chrissie Keighery
He Is Not Me – Stuart McNaughton
Innocents of Oppression – Nick Sturley
A Man Without Words – Susan Schaller
Story of My Life – Helen Keller
The World I live In – Helen Keller

If you have any recommendations of deafness related books that have helped you on your journey or you have found informative. Share them with us on Facebook or Twitter.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR HEARING LOOPS

Norman Lamb MP has recently expressed his support for wider availability of hearing loops in advance of a two-day conference on Hearing Loops in Eastbourne.

Locally, a number of DEAFvibe members have expressed annoyance that banks, doctors and other local businesses that advertise loops often do not know how to work them or have failed to make good use of them.

Hearing Loops are a vital aid to hearing aid users, cutting out background noise as well as amplifying sound, allowing the user to hear much more clearly than with a hearing aid alone. Modern cochlear implants are usually compatible with loops too.

It's our job to educate these businesses and make them aware of how useful the loop system is. If you come across loop systems that are not working or staff who do not know how to use them, do not be afraid to inform the business that they need to make sure their loop system is accessible and that the relevant staff are trained in its operation.

GOOD LUCK

Good luck and fingers crossed for Alison, Rowan and Rowena who will attend the Signature awards in London on behalf of DEAFvibe on 15th November 2013.

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