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Leicestershire Adult Learning Service



British Sign Language (BSL)

British Sign Language (BSL) is used by approximately 150,000 people in the UK. Learning BSL is a powerful skill which allows you to communicate with deaf colleagues, friends, and family.



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With the historic passing of the BSL Act in the UK Parliament in 2022, BSL is more visible and celebrated than ever before.

Our BSL courses are taught largely by a team of deaf tutors and we make sure to blend the learning of signs with Deaf Awareness as well as some knowledge of deaf history and culture. Courses are non-accredited so there are no exams – and tutors work hard to make sure you learn in a fun and social environment.

No formal qualifications or previous experience is required for our BSL Beginners 1 and Introductory courses, just an interest in BSL and a willingness to have a go!

Staff Training for Employers

We can offer you a tailored course to suit your needs, enabling you to communicate with staff or clients/customers who have a hearing loss. The course can consist of Deaf Awareness, together with learning basic British Sign Language (BSL) with tailored signs. We can deliver the training to your preferred venue at a competitive price and have experience of working in both education and healthcare settings.



| Course | No. of Weeks | Hours per week | Classroom or online? |
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| British Sign Language – An Introduction | 1 week | 2 hrs | Both |

This non-accredited course is designed to give you a brief introduction to deaf awareness and British Sign Language and help you to communicate better with someone who is deaf.

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| British Sign Language – Basics Online | 4 weeks | 1.5 hrs | Online |
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BSL basics is a short course designed to be just that – the very basics of BSL, you will learn basic signs and a little about the structure and word order of BSL.

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| British Sign Language – Beginners Part 1 | 10 weeks | 2 hrs | Classroom |
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This course is designed to enable beginners to develop an ability to communicate using BSL in a range of familiar situations. The course consists of topics such as: finger spelling, numbers, food and drink, your interests, and more vocabulary around home life. We use fun, practical teaching methods to help you to learn how to sign and communicate at a basic level. By the end of this course, you should be able to have a brief conversation in BSL.

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| British Sign Language – Beginners Part 2 | 12 weeks | 2 hrs | Classroom |
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This course is designed to build on knowledge learned in Part 1, the course may also be right for you if you already have a very basic level of BSL. This course will help you to improve your ability to communicate using BSL in a range of situations. We will use similar topics to Part 1, but you will learn more vocabulary and work on improving fluency and knowledge of BSL so that you are a more confident signer.

For more information on our BSL courses, you can:

Scan the QR code below to visit us online at www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk.

Call us on FREEphone 0800 988 0308 to speak to a member of the Enrolment Team.

Visit one of our Enrolment Centres in-person to discuss courses and enrol face-to-face. Details of our centres are available on our website at www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk/venues.

Email us at adult.learning@leics.gov.uk to request information or arrange a time for our team to get in touch.



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