

PROGRAMME 2022/2023

**Free training
courses for
Personal Assistants,
Communication
Support workers
and Care workers**



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Free training courses for Personal Assistants, Communication Support workers and Care workers

The workshops will provide an overview on what is involved in communicating and supporting deaf & deafblind people and their Personal Assistants, Communication Support workers and Care workers funded by: Direct Payment, Personal Budget, Personal Health Budget or self-funders.

Direct Payment employers will be able to claim reasonable work and travelling expenses for their Personal Assistant(s) to attend one or more of the following workshops to help them develop their skills and knowledge. It can pay for traveling expenses to get to and from the training venue and for a replacement PA when your usual PA is attending training. For more information, please email: booking@deafinitelywomen.org.uk

DP – Direct Payment

PB – Personal Budget

PHB – Personal Health Budget

IB – Independent Budget

PA – Personal Assistant

CW – Care Worker

SW – Support Worker

CSW – Communication Support Worker

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Free training courses for Personal Assistants, Communication Support workers and Care workers

October 2022

Taster Deafblind Manual

Date Monday 31 October

Venue Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road,
Belper, DE56 1UU

Time 10-3pm



November 2022

Basic Guiding Skills

Date Tuesday 1 November

Venue Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road,
Belper, DE56 1UU

Time 10-3pm



An overview on how to support and communicate with deafblind people

Date Monday 7 November

Venue Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest
Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Time 10-3pm



A Taster session in British Sign Language

Date Wednesday 9 November

Venue Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest
Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Time 10-1pm



Tips on improving communication skills

Date Thursday 17 November

Venue West Studios, Sheffield Road,
Chesterfield, S41 7LL

Time 10-1pm



Deafblind Equality training

Date Saturday 19 November

Venue Community room, Boyer Street, Derby,
DE22 3XD

Time 10-3pm

January 2023

Communication and Acquired Deafblindness

Date Tuesday 10 January

Venue Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest
Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Time 10-3pm



Taster Deafblind Manual

Date Thursday 12 January

Venue Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest
Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Time 10-3pm



Free training courses for Personal Assistants, Communication Support workers and Care workers

Deaf Equality training

Date Wednesday 18 January

Venue Zoom online

Time 10-3pm



A Taster session in British Sign Language

Date Wednesday 25 January

Venue VAL, 9 Newarke Road, Leicester, LE1 5SN

Time 10-1pm



February 2023

Basic Guiding Skills

Date Wednesday 1 February

Venue Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Time 10-3pm



Deaf Equality training

Date Wednesday 8 February

Venue Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Stress, Derby, DE1 2GU

Time 10-3pm



How to employ care staff in your home?

Date Wednesday 22 February

Venue Zoom online

Time 10-3pm



An overview on how to support and communicate with deafblind people

Date Friday 24 February

Venue Zoom online

Time 10-3pm



March 2023

A Taster session in British Sign Language

Date Wednesday 8 March

Venue Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Stress, Derby, DE1 2GU

Time 10-1pm



Deafblind Equality training

Date Saturday 11 March

Venue Zoom online

Time 10-3pm

Understand your rights as a direct payment employer

Date Tuesday 14 March

Venue Zoom online

Time 10-3pm



How to employ care staff in your home?

Date Wednesday 15 March

Venue Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Stress, Derby, DE1 2GU

Time 10-3pm



Free training on:

Basic Guiding Skills

This one-off, one-day Basic Guiding skills course will enable you to learn the following outcomes.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Discuss how to improve accessibility
- ▶ Simulation exercises
- ▶ Learn how to safely guide a visually impaired person
- ▶ Learn good practice techniques
- ▶ Learn the aids/equipment available for independent travel.

Dates & venues:

Tuesday 1 November 2022

Belper - Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper, DE56 1UU

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Nottingham - Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Debbie James (Deafblind Enablement UK)

CPD accredited? Yes

Certificate available? Yes



An overview on how to support and communicate with deafblind people

Attend this one-off, one-day workshop, the learning outcomes are:

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Define deafblindness, discuss terminology and myths/misconceptions
- ▶ Discuss common causes, implications and identify individual needs
- ▶ Understand communication issues and learn different methods to overcome them
- ▶ Discuss how to improve accessibility through support and communication
- ▶ Simulation exercises (for in-person workshops only)

Dates & venues:

Monday 7 November 2022

Nottingham - Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Friday 24 February 2023

Zoom - Online

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Debbie James (Deafblind Enablement UK)

CPD accredited? Yes

Certificate available? Yes



A Taster session in British Sign Language

This one-off half-day basic BSL session will enable you to learn the following outcomes.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Learn about British Sign Language (BSL)
- ▶ Understand how we communicate
- ▶ Learn basic signs to introduce ourselves
- ▶ Understand facial expressions and cultural elements
- ▶ Know where to go and learn BSL further?

Dates & venues:

Wednesday 9 November 2022

Nottingham - Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Leicester - VAL, 9 Newarke Road, Leicester, LE1 5SN

Wednesday 8 March 2023

Derby - Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Street Derby, DE1 2GU

Times: 10am – 1pm

Duration: 3 hours

Trainer: Robin Ash (British Deaf Association)

CPD accredited? No

Certificate available? Yes



Deafblind Equality training

This one-off, one-day workshop will help you to learn ways of empowering deafblind people to live a more inclusive life. You will gain the following:

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Understand why equality is important for deafblind people
- ▶ Understand the barriers that deafblind people experience
- ▶ Learn how to empower deafblind people to live a more inclusive life
- ▶ Learn The Equality Act 2010

Dates & venues:

Saturday 19 November 2022

Derby - Community room, Boyer Street, Derby, DE22 3XD

Saturday 11 March 2023

Zoom - Online

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Molly O'Brien

CPD accredited? No

Certificate available? Yes



Deaf Equality training

Deaf Equality 1-day workshop will help you to gain the following:

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Learn about the barriers that Deaf people experience
- ▶ Understand our duties under the Equality Act 2010
- ▶ Learn about the British Sign Language Act 2022 – what this means for Deaf people
- ▶ Discuss the range of communication support and technology available for the Deaf community.

Dates & venues:

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Zoom - Online

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Derby - Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Street Derby, DE1 2GU

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Robin Ash (British Deaf Association)

CPD accredited? No

Certificate available? Yes



Taster Deafblind Manual

This one-day basic Deafblind Manual session will help you to gain the following outcomes.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Learn the communication methods
- ▶ Understand tools that assist clear communication: lip-reading, clear speech, facial expressions and gestures.
- ▶ Learn basic Deafblind manual.
- ▶ Learn 'Block' alphabet.
- ▶ Good practice techniques.

Dates & venues:

Monday 31 October 2022

Belper - Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper, DE56 1UU

Thursday 12 January 2023

Nottingham - Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Debbie James (Deafblind Enablement UK)

CPD accredited? Yes

Certificate available? Yes



How to employ care staff in your home?

This workshop outlines the things you need to become an employer of Personal Assistants/Care workers.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ How to become a good employer
- ▶ Where to get advice, information and support on employing Personal Assistants
- ▶ Employment rights
- ▶ How to keep your PAs motivated and committed

Dates & venues:

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Zoom - Online

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Derby - Oddfellows, 32 Charnwood Street Derby, DE1 2GU

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Teresa Waldron (Deaf-initely Women)

CPD accredited? Yes

Certificate available? Yes



Tips on improving communication skills

This workshop will help you learn how to improve communications skills.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Ways in making yourself understood
- ▶ Using tools to improve communication
- ▶ How most people listen by using communication tools.

Dates & venues:

Thursday 17 November 2022

Chesterfield - West Studios, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 7LL

Times: 10am – 1pm

Duration: 3 hours

Trainer: Suzanne Sims (Deaf-intely Women)

CPD accredited? No

Certificate available? Yes



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Understand your rights as a direct payment employer

The workshop offers information to people wishing to receive Direct Payments.

Learning outcomes

- ▶ Understand their rights on how to access Direct Payments.
- ▶ Learn how Direct Payments can be made to work for them.
- ▶ Learn their rights to challenge refusals or reductions of Direct Payments
- ▶ Learn how to overcome other Direct Payments problems.

Dates & venues:

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Zoom - Online

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Geoff Temme (Disability Law Service)

CPD accredited? No

Certificate available? Yes



Communication and Acquired Deafblindness

A one-day workshop is suitable for anyone who has a basic understanding of Deafblindness and is keen to learn more about appropriate and supportive communication.

The learning areas are:

- ▶ The diversity of communication used by people living with Acquired Deafblindness
- ▶ Understanding how personal history plays a significant role in communication
- ▶ Understanding the impact of regular changes to sight and hearing
- ▶ A holistic approach to communication.

Learning Outcomes:

- ▶ Able to identify a range of communication used by people living with acquired Deafblindness
- ▶ Identify Tactics to support communication
- ▶ Recognise and use a Holistic approach to communication
- ▶ Appreciate and consider the emotional implications of changing modes of communication.

Dates & venues:

Tuesday 10 January 2023

Nottingham - Nottinghamshire Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham, NG7 4EQ

Times: 10am – 3pm

Duration: 5 hours

Trainer: Liz Duncan (Deafblind UK)

CPD accredited? Yes

Certificate available? Yes



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