

**DEAF
AWARENESS
WEEK
2024**

**6TH - 12TH MAY
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DEAF AWARENESS TIPS

By following our 8 basic tips, you can make a difference when communicating with someone who is D/deaf or hard of hearing

- ✓ MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEIR ATTENTION**
Before you begin talking, have their full attention
- ✓ MAKE SURE THE ROOM IS WELL LIT**
A well illuminated room helps a deaf person to understand what you are saying
- ✓ LEARN SOME BASIC SIGN LANGUAGE**
Having even a basic knowledge of BSL is a great way to communicate with a deaf person. Fingerspelling is a good place to start
- ✓ FACE THE PERSON & GIVE EYE CONTACT**
Make sure that you face the person you are talking to and maintain eye contact. Making your mouth visible also increases understanding
- ✓ CHECK THEY UNDERSTAND YOU**
Make sure that the person is following what you are saying. Adjust your method of communication if not.
- ✓ DON'T SHOUT**
Maintain a normal volume when talking. It can be uncomfortable for hearing aid users if you shout.
- ✓ USE PLAIN LANGUAGE**
Use plain language that is easy to understand. Complicated words are often harder to lip read
- ✓ SPEAK ONE AT A TIME**
Make sure you wait your turn to speak. This helps the deaf person to understand and answer your questions directly



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WHAT'S ON

TUESDAY 7TH MAY

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY


**POP UP STALL
ASDA ST HELENS
10AM - 12AM**

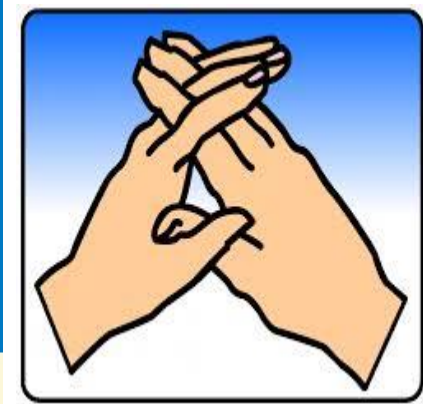
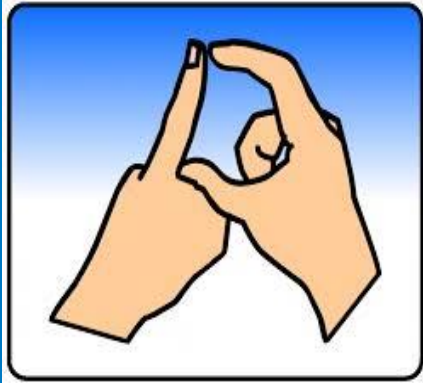
**POP UP STALL
DEAFNESS RESOURCE CENTRE
10AM - 12PM**

**POP UP STALL
ASDA WIDNES
1PM - 3PM**

**POP UP STALL
ASDA RUNCORN
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

**FREE DEAF
AWARENESS SESSION**
DEAFNESS RESOURCE CENTRE
2PM - 4PM
BOOK YOUR PLACE
SCAN 
ME

**FREE DEAF
AWARENESS SESSION**
HALTON VCA
1PM - 3PM
BOOK YOUR PLACE
SCAN 
ME



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POP UP STALL

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2024
10AM - 12PM

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE
HEARING EQUIPMENT DEMOS

**DEAFNESS RESOURCE CENTRE, 32 - 40 DENTONS GREEN LANE,
ST HELENS, WA10 2QB**



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How to get the attention of a D/deaf person...

Correctly

Deafness
Resource Centre



**Get the
persons
attention
before
you start
to talk to
them...**



**this ensures
that they are
aware they
are in a
conversation
and their
attention is on
the speaker.**

Try not to approach them from behind but rather the side or front...

so that they can see movement in their peripheral vision and are not too shocked.

Raise your hand and wave gently in the person's line of vision to attract attention.

Tap them gently on the shoulder or forearm.

Tap a desk
or table
they are sat
at, **but not**
slam/bang
your fists

Should the
environment
allow, flick the
room lights on
or off to gain
attention

**things
never
to say
to a
Deaf
person**



**You're
deaf! I'm
so sorry!**

**Can you
hear me
now?**

**How about if I
cover my
mouth?**

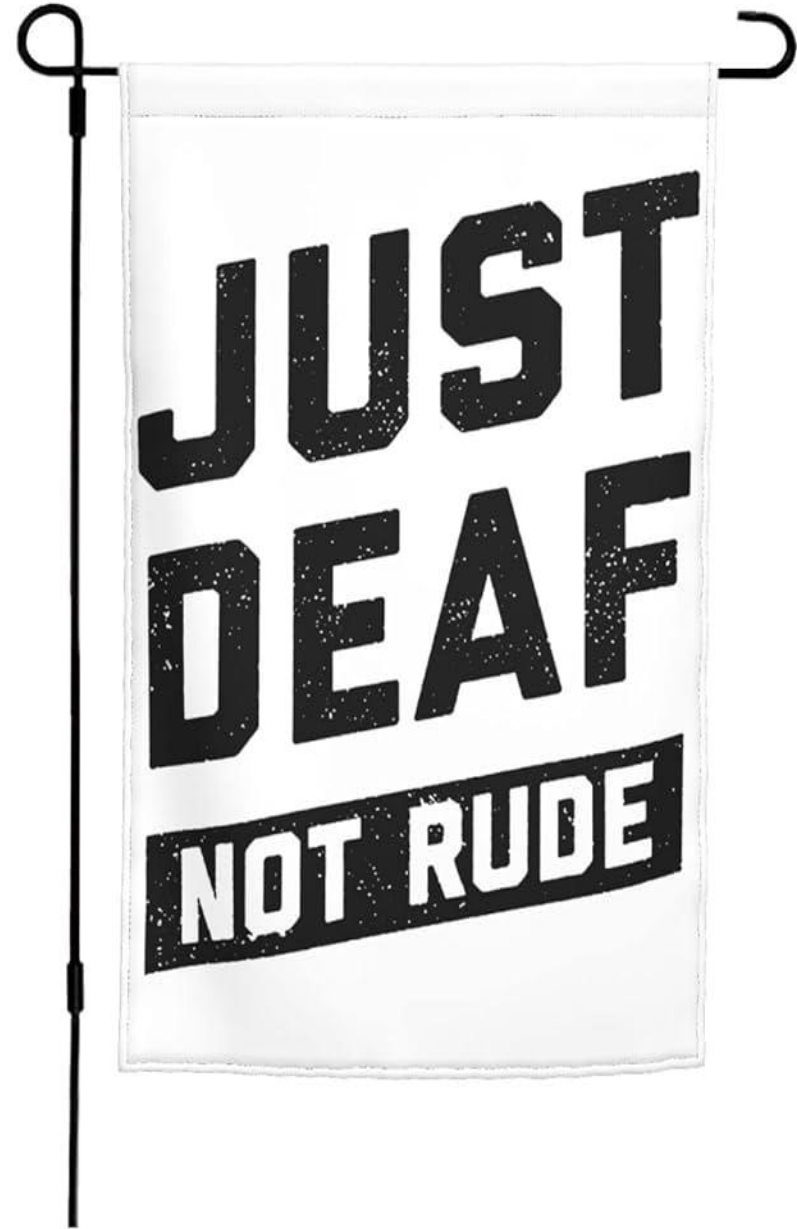
I met a deaf
person
once...
maybe you
know
them?

It doesn't
matter/
never mind

**Wait... How
do you
know what
I'm saying?!**

**You speak
so well, it's
like you're
hearing**

**whilst you
may have
good
intentions,
please refrain
from saying
these**



DO TRY TO COMMUNICATE WITH A DEAF PERSON BY USING FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.



DON'T SHOUT AT A DEAF PERSON HOPING THEY WILL HEAR YOU!



DO USE PEN AND PAPER TO TALK TO THE DEAF



DON'T USE GLOW STICKS TO WRITE IN THE AIR

