



# MSDP NEWS

Merseyside Society  
for Deaf People

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## Client Involvement Events a Success



On 15<sup>th</sup> December, MSDP's Support Services held a special event for their service users, to find out what they want. For a few hours, the clients told staff what they want from their

service, what they'd like to see in the future and trips they would like to go on.

Service users enjoyed a quiz, raffle and buffet, and were really interested in helping to develop the service.

The event was such a success, that a second was arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> January. A third is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> February for any of our supported clients.

For more information contact the Support Services team on 0151 228 0888 or email [hcrowder@msdp.org.uk](mailto:hcrowder@msdp.org.uk).



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## Kick Boxing Grading

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, over 25 young people were graded in their kick boxing skills. Congratulations to all who passed!

If you would like to join Kick Boxing classes at MSDP, please contact Ian Duncan on 0151 228 0888 or email: [ianduncan@deafyouth.co.uk](mailto:ianduncan@deafyouth.co.uk).

## **MSDP Celebrates 145 Years**

MSDP celebrates 145 years since it was first established back in 1865. On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010, MSDP is inviting the Deaf community of Merseyside to remember times gone by in a special evening at Liverpool Town Hall.

For nearly 40 years in the early 1900s, the Society held its Annual Meetings in the Town Hall, in the presence of the Lord Mayor. It is appropriate then, that we chose this venue to celebrate our history.

The evening will be a masked ball, including a 3-course meal. Tickets are £55 available from Katie Mowat at MSDP.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Katie on 0151 228 0888, email her on [kmowat@msdp.org.uk](mailto:kmowat@msdp.org.uk) or drop into the Centre.

## **New Sign Language Courses**

**BSL level 1:** Monday 10th May 2010, 6pm-9pm

**BSL Level 2:** Wednesday 10th March 2010, 1.30pm-4.30pm

For more information please contact Paula Singer on 0151 259 5741.

## **Youth Club's Fundraising**

The Deaf Active Youth Service is raising money for a new minibus. They raised £100 by selling raffle tickets, where prizes included Liverpool football tickets, champagne and vouchers for a top hair salon.

There are more fundraising games coming soon to continue raising money, so watch this space!

To support the Youth Club, please contact the Youth Services team at MSDP on 0151 228 0888 or email [iduncan@msdp.org.uk](mailto:iduncan@msdp.org.uk).



## Youth Club Play Schemes

The February play scheme will run from 15 - 19<sup>th</sup>, with activities including bouncy castles, art and crafts, cooking, sports, games, ice skating, and street dancing.

The April play scheme will run 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April. On the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Club is joining up with the other Deaf centres from across the North West to enjoy a residential holiday in Ireland.

For more information, contact the Youth Services team on 0151 228 0888 or email [jduncan@msdp.org.uk](mailto:jduncan@msdp.org.uk).

## Environmental Aids Equipment Days

The Environmental Aids department is working with the Liverpool Disabled Living Centre (LDLC), to provide equipment and advice. Every month, there are Open Days being held at the Disabled Living Centre, for people to receive information about equipment.

One of our Technical Officers will be attending the following Open Days:

Wednesday 3rd February	10am - 1pm
Tuesday 9th March	1pm - 4pm
Wednesday 21st April	10am - 1pm

For more information, contact LDLC on 0151 296 7733 or Email: [disabled.living.centre@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:disabled.living.centre@liverpool.gov.uk).

## Coffee Mornings

Every Friday 11am - 2pm at the Lauries Community Centre, there is a coffee morning for any member of the Deaf community.

For more information, contact Katie Mowat on 0151 228 0888 or email: [kmowat@msdp.org.uk](mailto:kmowat@msdp.org.uk).

## FREE 1 Day Deaf Awareness and Introduction to BSL course

MSDP is offering more free courses to all people involved with BRM groups and community/voluntary groups. The course involves Deaf Awareness as well as an introduction to British Sign Language

The day will run from 9.30am - 4.30pm and will give people a brief idea of what Sign Language is, as well as teach some useful basic signs to get you interested in learning the language.

The next course dates are:

Wednesday 24th March

Monday 12th April

Wednesday 21st April

Monday 26th April

To book a place for a course please contact Paula Conway on 0151 228 0888 (tel/text) or email [pconway@msdp.org.uk](mailto:pconway@msdp.org.uk), or Paula Singer on 0151 259 5741 (tel/text/fax) or email [psinger@msdp.org.uk](mailto:psinger@msdp.org.uk)

## Cake Decorating Courses

Every Tuesday evening you can come and learn how to decorate cakes. From 6.45pm - 8.15pm in the Family Centre, Jan Galloway will show you all you need to know, with the cakes and decorations all provided for you. Just pop in!

## Youth Service Thrives

The Youth services are becoming more and more popular. After School records showing more children are attending and most of the clubs are actually full.

Parents' feedback is positive, saying that children are being more inclusive and behaviours are improving. Other feedback mentioned 'friendly staff', and parents 'would be lost without the youth service'.

## Free Family Sign Language Courses in Liverpool

Are you a parent of a Deaf child age 0-5 years?  
Are you interested in learning Sign Language as a family?

The training is non-accredited and is designed to provide an introduction to Sign Language as well as developing confidence in communicating at home. The target audience is Parents/Carers of Deaf children aged 0-5 years.

Courses are delivered over 4 sessions:

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10am-4pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10am-4pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	10am-4pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	10am-4pm

Please contact Paula Singer for more information or to book a place:  
Tel: 0151 259 5741 or email: [psinger@msdp.org.uk](mailto:psinger@msdp.org.uk)

**DeafAbility**  
Productions Limited

**Do you have information that is only accessible to hearing people?**

If the answer is yes, we may be able to help you.

DeafAbility Productions Limited is a small social enterprise established to facilitate access to information for all Deaf, Deafened and Hard of Hearing people, in a format that caters for their communication needs.

Based at the offices of Merseyside Society for Deaf People, we draw on the resources of a wide range of Deaf community and staff members, to translate written documents, DVDs and websites into British Sign Language.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Robinson on:  
Tel (voice/text): **0151 228 0888** or Email: [srobinson@msdp.org.uk](mailto:srobinson@msdp.org.uk)

## Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date	Time
LDLC Equipment Open Day	3rd February	10am - 1pm
Half-Term Play Scheme	15th February	9am - 4pm
Wirral DUG Reps Meeting	17th February	1.30pm - 3pm
LDLC Equipment Open Day	9th March	1pm - 4pm
MSDP 145th Anniversary Ball	20th March	7pm
Liverpool DUG AGM	26th March	7pm
EPC Easter Bingo	31st March	12pm - 5pm
SVP Easter Bingo	3rd April	5pm - 11pm
Easter Play Scheme	6th April	9am - 4pm
LDLC Equipment Open Day	21st April	10am - 1pm



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