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NEW TUTOR JOINS THE TEAM



Welcome and congratulations to Drew Budai who has taken up his new role as a Tutor. Drew originally came to England from America where he worked as a teaching assistant and tutor at Gallaudet University in Washington DC; the world's only liberal arts university for Deaf people. Drew graduated from University in May 2000.

Drew has previously taught hearing students in Florida USA and is currently developing a new ASL course, which we look forward to him delivering in September. This will be ideal for Level 4, Interpreters, CODAs or people who have BSL as their first or preferred language who wish to expand their knowledge.



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Liverpool Sign Dictionary



BABY SIGN DVD ON SALE NOW !!!!!!!

Our Brand New Baby Sign DVD is here !!!!!

After much hard work by Cathie Green and the rest of the Training Department and DeafAbility Productions Limited, the much awaited Baby Sign DVD is now ready and on sale.

Included on the disc are Nursery Rhymes, learning the alphabet and an introduction to signing, which helps develop an early communication bond between baby and parent.

Don't forget we run Baby Sign courses lasting 6 weeks which gives a fantastic start to this ongoing language relationship.

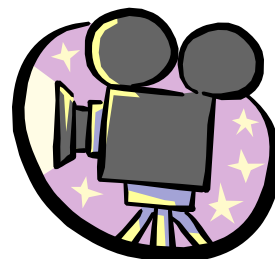
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Paula Returns To T&D

Following a year sabbatical Paula Conway rejoins the team in her new role as Business Development manager. "Its been wonderful having a year out but I'm really happy to be back with the team. We are looking forward to developing our department which is already expanding to cope with the demand" .



SEE HEAR FILMS TUTOR



Tutor Ian Cockburn recently appeared on the BBC programme See Hear.

Ian was shown teaching his class at St. Hilda's School, Sefton Park, preparing for their Level 1 assessments. Head of Enterprise Mrs. Roberts has been very pro-active in introducing Sign Language to the school and is hoping that the Government and School governing body will eventually allow British Sign Language to take its place amongst the other languages being taught in schools.

Congratulations to the class who achieved 100% pass rate. A mention also for the class taught by Stephen McKenna who achieved 100% pass rate for the Unit 101 and who we hope will continue next term to gain their full Level 1 qualification.

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FANTASTIC RESULTS CONTINUE

Our recent CACDP assessments have had marvellous results and once again we are achieving well in excess of the national average pass mark. This is not only a tribute to the standard of teaching but the hard work and practice by all of our students.

A big thank you and congratulations to all of our students and we look forward to seeing you back at MSDP when you progress to your new courses.

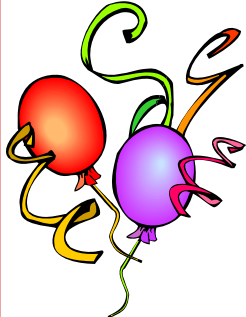
Special congratulations are in order for our NVQ3 students who achieved 100% pass rate, emulating the Level 3 results earlier in the year. Well Done.



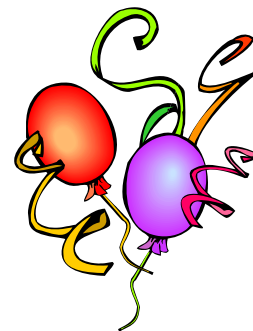
We are proud to let you know that a Level 1 Dialogue DVD will be available to buy from our Department from the end of August. The DVD follows the Level 1 curriculum and will help students with their homework practise whilst studying BSL Level 1.

We will soon start having to make arrangements for our Tutors to have autograph signing sessions as they are fast becoming stars of the screen!!!!!!

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OPEN DAY



Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent Open Day making it such a success. It was lovely to see not only our current students but lots of new faces. We look forward to welcoming you all back for the new courses.



Students enjoying the afternoon



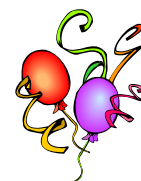
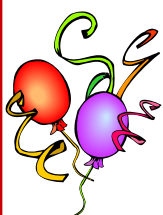
Level 3 portfolio examples



Progression chart



Deaf Awareness information



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DaDa Fest International 08



**An inspirational showcase of Deaf and Disability Arts
4th – 7th September 08**

Liverpool is welcoming DaDa Fest International, in its European Capital of Culture year of celebrations in 2008.

From 4th – 7th September, a host of performers and artists from around the globe will descend on Liverpool, home of DaDa Fest, to wow crowds across the city.

From artworks challenging the ideas of normality to irreverent humour and racy Burlesque, the festival has it all.

You can have all of the festival in a full weekend pass for just £55 (£27.50 concessions) or individual prices for Day passes and shows are available. For more information visit the North West Disability Arts Forum at www.nwdaf.co.uk

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

This new and exciting course starts Tuesday 2nd September 6-9pm and will be delivered by our American tutor Drew. It is an exciting opportunity for BSL users to discover a new language. The course will also give an insight into American Deaf culture. For more details and an application form contact us and as Drew's favourite Chinese proverb goes "Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself"



We still have some places left for the BSL Level 2 course starting Monday 8th September 6pm – 9pm. All other courses are now full but we will be issuing the next round of course dates soon.

Don't forget to email any news or photo's for our next newsletter Whether its voluntary work, fundraising or any other relevant Deaf Issue we look forward to hearing from you.