

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL LAUNCHES GREAT SPACE BSL TOURS



Our very own Cathie Green is the signing tour guide of this new BSL Cathedral Tour and Information DVD.

Cathie gave her time on a voluntary basis and enjoyed meeting people at the launch of the DVD at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

We hope that you may take the time to enjoy this BSL guided tour.

For more information visit:  
[www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk)

### STUDENT RAISES FUNDS FOR MSDP

**John Johnson an NVQ Level 3 student and support worker has raised £100 for MSDP by auctioning tickets for the Ken Dodd Show. Many thanks John, keep up the good work!!**

Have you visited our website yet?

For all the latest community news, to download application forms, check job vacancies and the services that MSDP offer such as Interpreting services, Youth & Community club and Social work, visit:  
[www.msdp.org.uk](http://www.msdp.org.uk)



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## NEW COURSES

### **BSL Level 1**

Start date: May 2008

Time: TBC

At MSDP

### **BSL Level 2**

Start Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Time: 6pm –9pm

At MSDP

### **NVQ 3**

### **Level 3**

### **Pre-Level 3**

Skills assessments July/August

Start Date: September 2008

At MSDP

### **Baby Sign**

Start Date: May 2008

Time: 3pm-4pm

At SureStart Childrens Centre,  
Indigo Road, West Derby. (Register  
at MSDP)

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## WELSH STUDENT'S VISIT MSDP

Welsh students learning BSL have been making regular monthly visits to MSDP meeting our students and community in the Deaf Centre Bar.

If you would like to join the fun here are the dates.....

Friday – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Friday – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Friday – 18<sup>th</sup> July

But don't forget the bar is open every Friday so make a date, meet your friends and polish up your signing skills !!!!!



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### NEW FERTILITY LEGISLATION

New fertility legislation which has been proposed will make it illegal to use embryo's with a known genetic abnormality in IVF treatment when ones without the same defect are available.

The debate about genetic testing of embryo's has always focused on whether we should stop people creating the ' perfect baby' ie blonde hair, blue eyes , high IQ etc. Now a Deaf couple have turned the argument on its head as far from wanting a flawless child they actively want a baby with the same hearing difficulties as themselves. The couple are fast becoming Deaf icons in a movement that sees the impairment not as a disability but part of a rich culture which has its own language, history and traditions. Moreover they argue that to prefer a hearing embryo over a Deaf one is tantamount to discrimination. If the fertilisation bill goes through as it stands the chances of having a Deaf child is small. If they choose to have their embryo's screened they would be obliged to pick the embryo without the abnormality.

For the full story and more information visit  
BBC News – Health – Is it wrong to select a Deaf embryo?

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Have your say and vote – do you agree or disagree with Embryonic Screening

- A. Agree**
- B. Disagree**

Email : [gearl@msdp.org.uk](mailto:gearl@msdp.org.uk)

Vote **A** or **B** and if you have any comments let us know how you feel – all comments will remain anonymous. Results will be published in our next edition.





National Museums Liverpool and MSDP continue to work in partnership to improve access for Deaf people at the Museums. A 12 week customised course tailored to meet the needs of both staff and visitors is currently underway showing that the Museums are committed to continually improving customer care. Events will be taking place throughout the coming year particularly as Liverpool is the Capital of Culture for 2008.

The students being taught by Ian Cockburn are from a range of departments including Exhibition officers, Retail and Information assistants, Education and Events assistants also voluntary staff. We would like to wish them Good Luck with their CACDP BSL101 exam which is part of the Level 1 with many hoping to continue and achieve their full qualification.

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## MERSEYSIDE FIRE SERVICE JOINS FORCES WITH MSDP

Training manager Linda Doddridge delivered three Deaf Awareness training courses to members of the Merseyside Fire Service. Deaf officers are available to give detailed advice about safety at home and MSDP are extremely happy that support is being shown to the Deaf community.



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## Issue 11



Tutor Stephen McKenna with students from Year 10 - 13

Students from St. Hilda's C.E. High School continue to advance their British Sign Language development. Tutor Stephen McKenna is currently working with Year 10 - 13 pupils towards their BSL unit 101 Qualification.



Tutor Ian Cockburn with students from Year 11-13

Tutor Ian Cockburn continues to work with students at St. Hilda's. This is the second year that the school has received training from Ian and the girls are shortly due to take their assessments to gain a full BSL Level 1 Certificate. The students last year had 100% pass rate for their Unit 101 so we are hoping for great things to come from Year 11- 13.....