

The BSL Symposium 2

Launching a report on Legal Status for BSL:

Strengthening Our Rights

organised by the British Deaf Association

Tuesday
18th March 2014

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It is more than ten years since the Government recognised British Sign Language (BSL) as a language in its own right. In spite of endless lobbying since then there has been no legal recognition of BSL, and it therefore does not have the same status as other languages in the UK such as Welsh and Scottish Gaelic which receive tens of millions of pounds in public funding. Last year, the BDA and its supporters attempted to persuade the Government to set up a cross-government group to review BSL. There was an Early Day Motion in Parliament, and a Private Member's Bill initiated by Sir Malcolm Bruce called "Communication Support (Deafness)". Unfortunately both of these failed but the Government agreed to continue discussions about BSL in order to find some positive solutions without any real cost implications.

But there is still a lot of work to do to convince MPs that there is a need for legal recognition and also what the benefits would be for deaf children, young people, adults and older people.

We decided it would be a good idea to bring key individuals and groups together to discuss the BDA's

BSL report and to agree a campaign plan aimed at ensuring that legal recognition has enforceable rights and is appropriately resourced.

Purpose of Symposium

The "BSL Symposium 2" has two main aims. The first is to launch our report on legal status for BSL which we hope will give us a clearer idea of what we should be asking for from Government. The second is to promote a united front so that we can work together to achieve more equality and rights for deaf people.

Who can join?

Any individual or organisation has an interest in promoting BSL and more equality and rights for deaf people:

- Member
- Campaigner
- Lobbyist
- Deaf group
- Deaf club
- Deaf charity
- School
- University
- Service provider
- Policy maker
- Teaching BSL
- Funder
- Local authority supporting our BSL Charter

Contact

 bda@bda.org.uk for more information or to book your place.



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- 9.00am Registration and refreshments
- 9.30am Chair's welcome
- 9.35am Sign Language and Government – Kaisa Alanne, Director of the Finnish Deaf Association
- 10.05am Legal Status for BSL Part 1 – Launch by Dr Sarah Batterbury
- 11.00am Break and Exhibitions
- 11.30am Legal Status for BSL Part 2
- 12.00pm Panel – chaired by Professor Graham Turner
- 12.45pm Three Course Lunch and Exhibitions
- 2.00pm Strengthening BSL/English Interpreting. By Liz Scott Gibson and Linda Richards
- 2.45pm Break and Exhibitions
- 3.15pm Working Together and Winning More Support for BSL. By David Buxton
- 3.45pm Panel – chaired by Dr Robert Adam
- 4.30pm Closing Speech by Jeff McWhinney
- 4.55pm Chair's Closing Remarks
- 5.00pm There will be bar facilities available for networking after the event



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How to get there



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RSVP: 4th March 2014

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