

Deaf Awareness Training

See our website at: www.irishdeaf.com

We follow the curriculum provided by Signature – www.signature.org.uk

From Signature:

We are pleased to announce that our qualifications have been aligned with the National Framework for Qualifications for Ireland (NFQ), as set down by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI).

This means learners who take a Signature qualification will be recognised under the National Framework of Qualification. For example, the alignment states that Signature Level 1 Award in Irish Sign Language is aligned with NFQ Level 3.

This is a very positive step forward for learners and centres in Ireland.

Qualification aim

Signature Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication is designed to provide introductory knowledge and skill for enhancing communication with deaf people. It assumes no previous knowledge or experience.

Qualification structure

To achieve the full Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication, learners are required to achieve two units. Unit K101 is the theory unit, and Unit T101 is the practical unit. Units can be taken in any order and can be achieved separately.

Target group

Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire basic knowledge of how deafness and deafblindness affect communication;
- wish to acquire basic skills to facilitate basic communication with deaf people.

Unit K101 – Deaf and Deafblind Awareness

This unit is designed to give the learner introductory-level knowledge and understanding about deafness and deafblindness. It describes what it means to be deaf* and what assistance is available to improve communication between deaf and hearing people.

Unit T101 – Communication Tactics with Deaf and Deafblind People

This unit is designed to be deliverable in a one day training session. It aims to equip the learner with some simple skills for communicating with deaf* or deafblind people. It is suitable for 'frontline' workers and others who may occasionally meet a deaf or deafblind person, and who wish to develop some confidence in communicating during these first encounters.

*In this unit the term 'deaf' relates to all of the following: deaf, deafened, deafblind, hard of hearing, Deaf BSL users, Deaf visually impaired, blind hearing impaired and people with congenital deafblindness.

Learners will benefit from having the opportunity to meet with a deaf or deafblind person during the course, and this is strongly advised if it can be arranged.



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