

Starting at college: what are deaf students' needs?

Date: Monday 23rd March 2015
Time: 10 am – 3.30 pm
Venue: Kildean Suite, First floor, Forth Valley College, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1SE
Cost: £50 / £25 for adept members

This day is designed to introduce college and university staff involved in assessment and student support to the wide ranging needs of deaf students. We discuss how you can train staff to identify many of these needs, and how you can contact a network of providers to bring expertise into your college / university to support a wider range of deaf students effectively. Thorough initial discussions with deaf students, and awareness of the specialist roles of support staff will mean that the students are better supported, more involved and better able to achieve.

This one-day course has been organised by **adept Scotland**, a group which aims to improve provision for deaf students in education.

Time	Topic	Who
10 – 10.10 am	Welcome to Forth Valley College	Andy Lawson, Associate Principal
10.10 – 10.30	Deaf awareness session	Nicola Mitchell, BSL tutor
10.30 – 11.15	Working with deaf students to discuss access	Rachel O'Neill, lecturer University of Edinburgh
11.15 – 12	Liaising with the CI centre	Susan Johnston, Scottish Cochlear Implant Centre, Kilmarnock
12 – 12.45	Lunch	
12.45 – 1.30 pm	Assessing signing skills of deaf students	Nicola Mitchell, BSL tutor
1.30 – 2.15	Hearing and and FM technology at college	Joe O'Donnell, Educational audiologist
2.15 – 2.30	Break tea, coffee, networking	
2.30 – 3.15	Drawing on specialist support teams and skilling up your staff	Discussion
3.15 – 3.30	Adept and how we would like to work with you	Adept Scotland committee

Finding the venue

Map of the Stirling campus of Forth Valley College: <http://bit.ly/1uGeoQh>

Travel to the venue: <http://bit.ly/16V5VxU>

This link has details about road, rail and bus links including a shuttle bus from Stirling bus station. Taxi fare from the station to Stirling campus is about £4.

Contacting the adept committee

If you have any questions about the event, please contact the adept committee at one of the following methods:

Email Kellie Mote: kellie.mote@gmail.com
SMS Rachel O'Neill: 07961661788

Joining adept: the Association of Deaf Education Professionals and Trainees

<http://adeptuk.co.uk/>

You have time to join adept before March 23rd and therefore attend for half price. Please download the membership application form from this website:

<http://bit.ly/1AZmmGG>

Annual membership is £25. For this you receive regular newsletters, cheaper admission to conferences and events, useful publications and access to a network of specialist advisors.

Access at this event

As at least one of the presenters is deaf, the day will be interpreted between spoken English and British Sign Language. A portable loop is available. Electronic notetakers will be working to screen. The venue is wheelchair accessible. For any other particular access arrangements, please ask the committee at one of the contacts above.

Catering arrangements

Lunch is included in the price of the delegate fee. Tea, coffee and refreshments are also included at three points throughout the day. Vegetarian food is available – please specify on the booking form about any dietary needs.

Follow up mailings

If you agree we will add your name to our mailing list so you can receive news of further events. We have two workshops for Communication Support Workers planned for June and July.