



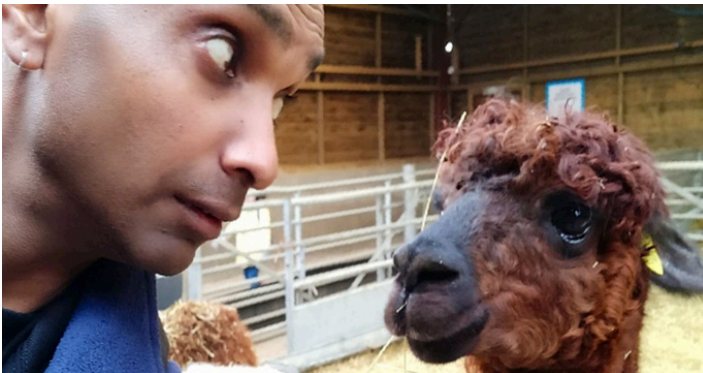
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A BIG THANK YOU to all our helpers and volunteers for their continued help and support



Young
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October '95

NEWSFLASH!

The SUMMER SCHEME was fantastic!
We all had a marvellous time.
Wait until you see the photos.....

The next GRAND EVENT is the
Christmas Party & Panto.
Book now via Sue Dick, details enclosed.

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Welcome to our 85th Newsflash and thank you all for spending time to find out more about us. Young Deaf Activities, YDA, is focused on young people of all ages who are deaf and live or enjoy activities in the Buckinghamshire area.

Our main aim is to bring young deaf together to have fun by Saturday meetings, holiday events, Parent Support Groups and other activities. We also provide help to families with home based sign language lessons. You will be able to see more in this Newsflash. The key theme running through all that we do is to have fun!

Our organisers, staff and volunteers are either deaf themselves or have considerable experience with the deaf community. YDA is a registered charity and has been established since 1994. We have been running for over 25 years.

We hope that this Newsflash helps you to understand how we can help you or how you can help us but if you want to make direct contact with us, you'll find the contact information on this page.

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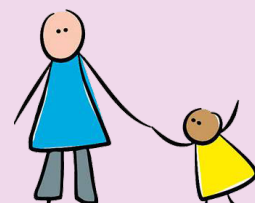
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Youth Club Dates

Entrance and refreshments. £4 Per Person



Green Street Youth and Community Centre



Aylesbury Youthspace

Green Street, High Wycombe, HP11 2RA

Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH

Please note Green Street Youth Club have parking available.

We are located behind the School. Please note Youth Club have parking available.

2:00pm - 4:00pm

2:30pm - 4:30pm

2nd March
No Club in April
4th May
1st June
6th July
No Club in August
7th September

16th March
20th April
18th May
15th June
20th July
No Club in August
21st September

Please text Mary (07472 179016) the Saturday before Youth Club if you need to use the minibus.

Email: mary@yda.org.uk



The Falcon at 5:30pm - Over 18's only

9 Cornmarket, High Wycombe, HP11 2AX

2nd March
4th May
1st June

6th July
7th September

Please **text Mary** the Saturday before if you are interested in joining us!

Learn BSL with us!

AYLESBURY SIGNING CAFE

Starbucks @ Sainsbury's
90 Gatehouse Rd,
Aylesbury
HP19 8ED



Meet new people and improve your BSL skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment

The 4th Saturday of every month - 1pm to 3pm.
Scan the QR code to visit the Aylesbury Signing Cafe on Facebook!



Learn BSL with us!

BEACONSFIELD SIGNING CAFE

The Dove Cafe, St Thomas Church
Mayflower Way
Beaconsfield
HP19 1UF



Meet new people and improve your BSL skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment

The 2nd Saturday of every month - 1pm to 3pm.
Scan the QR code to visit the Beaconsfield Signing Cafe on Facebook!



I set up Aylesbury Signing Cafe to improve deaf awareness for our local deaf community. Through my own experience and talking to deaf peers I realised that there was a gap and something had to be put in place.

I decided to setup Signing Cafe with the help of Manager Andrew at Starbucks, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury. Signing Cafe started in May 2022 with just 6 members and has now grown to 25 members! I am really proud of what I have accomplished and I hope to be running it for many of years to come. - Robert Hobbs



Parent Support Group

Entrance and refreshments. £4 Per Family

If you have a deaf child aged 5 years or under we would love to meet you. Our aim is to empower and support families to make informed choices. We aim to offer support and advice to families, covering a wide range of topics and issues linked with deafness. Come to YDA's Parent Support Group to meet other parents and children, share experiences and guide us on topics you want access to!



**Princes Risborough
Methodist Church**

Wycombe Road, Princes Risborough,
Aylesbury, HP27 0DH

We are located behind the church through the white door.

Please note PSG do not have any parking.

10:30am - 1:30pm

16th March

20th April

18th May

15th June

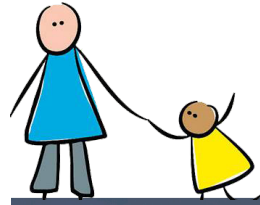
20th July

No PSG in August

21st September

Please text Jade (**07966 362683**) the Saturday before if you are interested in joining us!





Welcome Oliver and family to PSG!

Welcome Milo, Willow and family to PSG!



Trip to Christmas Cafe



Trip to Aston Clinton Park



Come and join us at Aston Clinton Park!

How Aston Clinton Park describe themselves:

There's something for everyone with a wide range of ways to spend your day. Come and visit our playpark and have a trip to Your Café in the Park. There are plenty of walking routes or places to pause and admire the view of Wendover Woods. You could enjoy a picnic or relax in the park with a stroll on one of our many walks. If your feeling more energetic, why not try our skate park, or multi use games area.

When: Saturday 13th April 2024

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm

Where: Aston Clinton Park

Address: London Road, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, HP22 5HL

For more details and information on how to book.
Please contact: Jade Costello (07966 362683)

CHICKENSHED

THEATRE CHANGING LIVES



"Thanks so much for having us, and organising the trip to Chickenshed."



"We loved it, as always!"



"No other theatre like it! We love coming with PSG every year!"



Home Communication Club



Home Communication Club (HCC) offers families with deaf children **British Sign Language Lessons** within the home.

Curriculum covered is family based to meet the needs of your child. HCC are flexible with what is taught, we meet at a time that suits you and the sessions are not limited to immediate family members only. We would love to see Nanny, Grandad, neighbours and whoever plays an important part in your child's life involved in the lessons. HCC provides 10 initial one hour free sessions. Further sessions can be requested, however a donation may be asked depending on your situation.

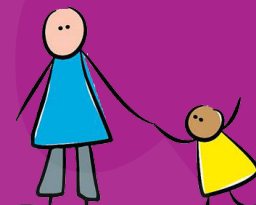
If you are interested in taking advantage of HCC please contact: Jade Costello (**07966 362683**)



Feedback:

"Really great opportunity/service for our family. A great starting point, tailored to my daughter needs and our life. My tutor was especially helpful and a great source of information and support. As well as learning sign language, it was also a lovely opportunity to talk about school life with someone who has the experience of working in education."

"Fantastically done, really helped to understand my daughter better, even my hearing child has picked up some signs. I understood my tutor really well, she was very patient and understanding. The only thing, as a parent, I would have liked more sessions. Towards the end I was forgetting previous signs. As it's a new language some people will take longer to learn. Other than this everything was perfect and I really enjoyed it!"



About me - Yasmena Waris

Hello, my name is Yasmena Waris. I was born and brought up in Buckinghamshire and the eldest of 5 siblings. I am deaf and use both English and BSL in my everyday life. I received my cochlear implant in September 2016.

Prior to that, I was wearing the huge Phonak hearing aids and still remember the name of my very first set of hearing aids! I have fond memories of my Teachers of the Deaf and was integrated in mainstream schools with their generous support.

I graduated with a degree in Linguistics and educational studies and shortly after that, I completed my teaching degree in primary education. In 2004, I qualified as a Teacher of the Deaf and have worked in Deaf Education for over 20 years.

My son was born in 2005 and he too navigated his way through the deaf education system. I have a few different roles within the deaf community. I work predominately in a peripatetic role in London with deaf children in a range of educational settings.



I remember getting involved with YDA when I was a young and its great to see that it still exists after many years. Those fantastic trips and annual Christmas plays brings happy memories!

HCC is also a service that continues to be offered to families with opportunities to meet deaf role models and gain valuable sign language skills. It's been a huge privilege to support families and feel part of their journey. HCC aims to support families to see the positives of deafness and to build confidence and aspirations and most importantly to become empowered in advocating for their children.

Throughout my 20 years of working as an HCC tutor there is never a dull moment and there is no job that is more fulfilling than working with families and supporting their communication skills.

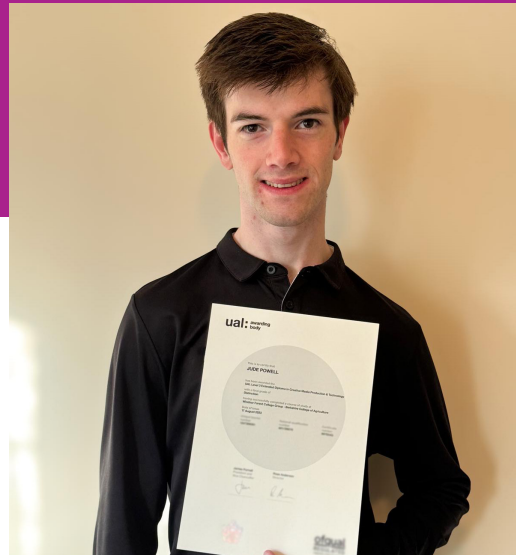
Jude Powell

A Deaf Role Model

“Be confident, don’t be too fearful when you ask, and embrace your talents”

I can honestly say that I have sometimes struggled with the hearing environment but one thing I never forget is that I cannot enrol in Creative Media Level Three because it requires audio, such as music and sound, as part of the qualification structure. However, I am fortunate that someone supported me in fighting against this discrimination, acknowledged the legislation that protects my rights, and successfully enrolled in Creative Media Level Three despite BSL (British Sign Language) being my first language.

When I created a short film about a Deaf documentary for my Final Major Project (FMP) in 2023, which was the culmination of Level Three, it became one of my best memories. The short film included full-access features such as BSL (British Sign Language), subtitles, and voice-over. Despite encountering some audio issues, my BSL interpreter and I worked tirelessly together, and it turned out to be a successful endeavour.

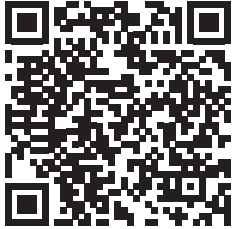


When I left BCA College in May 2023, I thought I would receive my certificate in August 2023, but it only arrived this week - January 2024, much later than anticipated. I was relieved because I felt that if it was lost, all my hard work would not be recognised. When I finally received it, I was delighted because I had successfully earned all three certificates for Levels One, Two and Three, and they all had a distinction!

Now, I believe BCA College has become more open-minded towards Deaf students who attend the college. When I first arrived there, most staff were nervous because I was the first Deaf student studying Creative Media. I have shown them that I achieved Levels Two and Three there, so I hope they become even more encouraging and that more deaf people choose to attend BCA College in the future.

if you want to join the creative media course at any college you desire,

I have some great tips for you! Be confident, don't be too fearful when you ask, and embrace your talents. Show your skills to everyone and work as hard as you can. Let's strive to make colleges a better system for the Deaf community, where opportunities are accessible to all.



Scan the QR Code to visit the Deafinitely Youth Theatre!



Dear Young Deaf Activities (YDA) group,

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to watch my performance in the "Are We All Islands?" show yesterday at 2:30 pm. I appreciate it! I know most of you didn't know what to expect from my acting, so now that you've seen it, I'm glad you know. I hope you enjoyed watching it!

I just want you to know that I have not confirmed my participation in DYT (Deafinitely Youth Theatre) for 2024-2025 yet. Stay tuned!

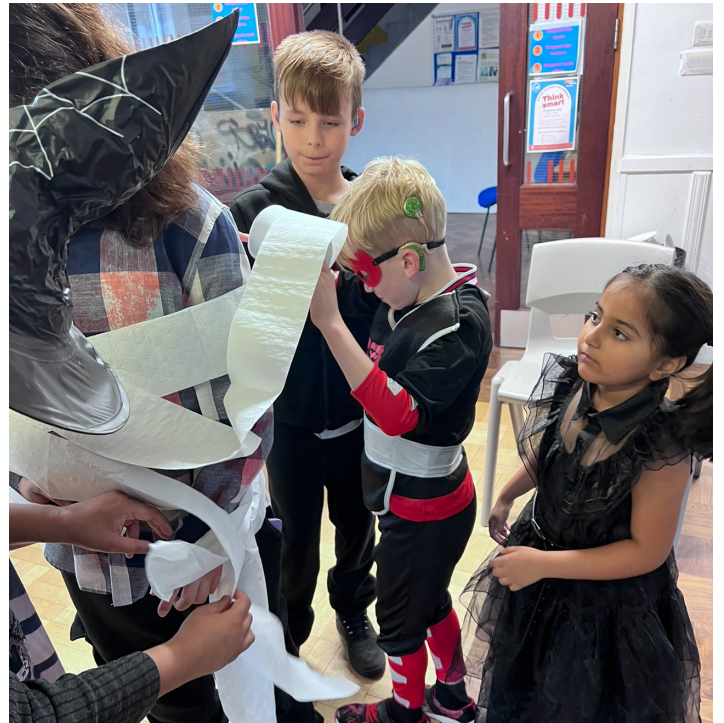
Love from Jude Powell





Halloween

We had great fun at Halloween, there was lots of games and some of us even got our face painted!



Christmas Parties

YDA had a great time celebrating the festive season. YDA members went to watch Beauty and The Beast at the Wycombe Swan Theatre in High Wycombe, they had a fantastic time. The group went out for dinner at Zizzi's in High Wycombe. Both Parent Support Group and Youth Club were lucky enough to have a visit from Santa and his elf, he brought presents with him too that we were all very excited about.



Easter Holidays Activities



On Tuesday 2nd April, we will have a Reptile Show as part of our 30th Birthday Celebration!

When: Tuesday 2nd April and Monday 8th April 2024

Time: 10:00am - 3.00pm

Where: Aylesbury Youthspace

Address: Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH

(We are located behind the School. Please note Youth Club have parking available)

Bring a packed lunch and drink.

YDA Member: £8.00 per person

Please return the booking slip below, attached with cheque/cash (please ensure right amount) - payable to YDA to Mary Fallon either at Green Street or Aylesbury Youth Space.

Please book now.

DEADLINE: 15th MARCH 2024.



Name:

Tuesday 2nd April: Reptile Show - Please come along!!

Monday 8th April:

Total:

Over 11s Members



Battersea Power Station and Lift 109

Visit the famous Battersea Power Station (formerly the largest power station in the UK) and Lift 109. Step inside the iconic Battersea Power Station and make a thrilling ascent 109 metres to the top of the north-west chimney where you will take in stunning 360 degree views of London’s skyline.

When: Thursday 11th April 2024
Time: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Meet: High Wycombe Railway Station at 9:30am
Back: High Wycombe Railway Station at 5:30am

Over 11s Member: £10.00 (You will need to pay for your own transport)

Please return the booking slip below, attached with cheque/cash (please ensure right amount) - payable to YDA to Mary Fallon either at Green Street or Aylesbury Youth Space.

Please book now.

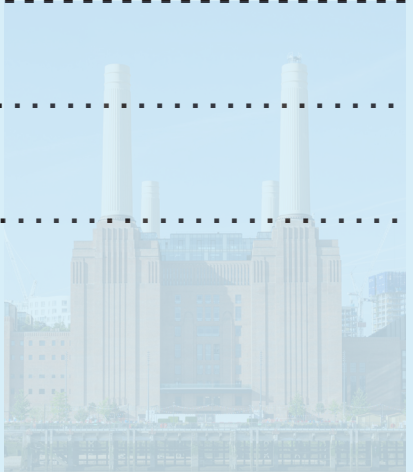
DEADLINE: 15th MARCH 2024. NO BOOKINGS AFTER 15th MARCH 2024!



Member’s name:

Email:

Number of ticket: (£10.00)
Over 11s Member





Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital

Meet hedgehogs, a chance to get up close and learn about these wonderful little mammals and a great opportunity to see some these majestic birds. You will learn all about the experiences and encounters of these magnificent flyers since their return from the brink of extinction in the UK in the early nineties.

When: Thursday 4th April 2024
Time: Wycombe Abbey School at 9:30am
Aylesbury Youth Club at 10:30am

Bring a packed lunch and drink.

Under 11s Member: £4.90 (Including transport and entrance)

Please return the booking slip below, attached with cheque/cash (please ensure right amount) - payable to YDA to Mary Fallon either at Green Street or Aylesbury Youth Space.

Please book now.

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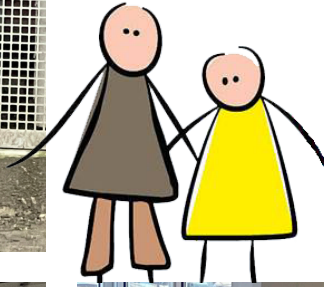
Member's name:

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Number of ticket: (£4.90)
Under 11s Member



Early 2024 Activities





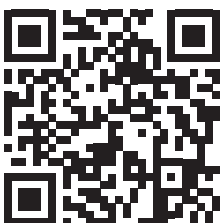
Deaf Day 2024

When: Saturday 13 April 2024
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Where: City Lit, London
Address: 1-10 Keeley St, London, WC2B 4BA

Now in its 26 year, Deaf Day is a free annual one-day event to celebrate Deaf culture, welcoming visitors from all corners of the UK. It is an opportunity for Deaf and hard of hearing people to get together, socialise and celebrate Deaf provision and the Deaf community - increasing our social impact and strengthening the community. We also welcome hearing people including those who work with the Deaf community; are learning sign language; have Deaf relatives or friends; or are just interested and curious about the provision we offer. The event reflects the rich and vibrant Deaf culture, where visitors meet old friends and make new ones, find information, and network with individuals from across the UK and Europe. Deaf Day is a free event, everyone is welcome!

Contact Mary for details.

Scan the QR Code to find out more information
<https://www.citylit.ac.uk/deaf-day>



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

**TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HAVE
MADE DONATIONS TO YDA OVER THE
LAST YEAR.**

The K E Prideaux – Brune Charitable Settlement

The Coffee Stop

Ground Work UK (Tesco)

Rotary Club of High Wycombe

Heart of Bucks Community Foundation

The 16th High Wycombe Cub Scouts

Downley Evening Women's Institute

The Buckinghamshire Masonic Centenary Fund

Rothschild Foundation

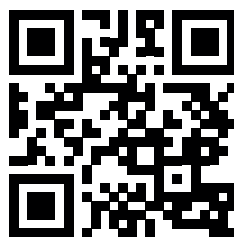
BBC Children in Need

In addition, at the AGM in November, parents came up with some ideas for fund-raising such as Quiz or Race Nights as well as sponsored runs, walks, jumps etc.

We very much welcome these initiatives as the more money we can raise the more activities we can provide and support we can offer for all our members.



Keep Safe and Remember
you are not alone...



Website: www.yda.org.uk