

"For deaf people, with deaf people, by deaf people."

DEAFvibe

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OUR FIRST AWARD

Newcastle Community and Volunteer Awards

Less than a year after DEAFvibe started, we have been awarded the highest award at the Newcastle Community and Volunteer Awards.

DEAFvibe Trustees attended the awards ceremony at Keele Hall on 28th November to see Ali and Rowan receive the Special Award for Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering and the Community.

A beautiful glass trophy, a certificate and a bouquet of flowers were presented to DEAFvibe. Ali and Rowan would like to say a special thank you to all the trustees, volunteers and members for making DEAFvibe a huge success.

To find out more about the development of DEAFvibe, take a look at the Two Of Us article about Ali and Rowan in the Everyday Life section on the DEAFvibe website.



DEAFVibe would like to wish you Happy Christmas and all the best for 2012. Thank you for all your support in 2011.



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DEAFvibe Question Time

Local MPs Joan Walley and Robert Flelo took part in a special DEAFvibe Question Time in October.

A big thanks to Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, Robert Flelo and Joan Walley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent North for their attendance at DEAFvibe's first ever MP Question Time.

The extra café was put on in October to allow deaf, hard-of-hearing and deafblind people in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire to meet local MPs and share their concerns and express their hopes in relation to services for people with different levels of deafness in the area.

The Question Time was the first of its kind for deaf and hard of hearing people in Staffordshire. The atmosphere was positive and issues such as the effect of funding cuts on BSL and Lipreading classes; access to mental health services in Staffordshire and audiology services were discussed.

The MPs were made aware of some issues that they hadn't previously known about and promised to investigate further and raise our concerns in Parliament.

DEAFvibe Café – Find Us

DEAFvibe Café is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month. £3 entrance fee (a free tea/coffee included). Venue is Newcastle Library Meeting Room in the basement. Lift and Stair access.

BSL Users: 9:30 – 12:00 noon. BSL Interpreter and Loop System provided.

Hard of Hearing Members: 1pm – 3pm. Electronic Notetaker and Loop System Provided.

Deaf Blind members are welcome to either café, let us know in advance if you need communication support.

If you are coming alone for the first time, we can meet you at the door. Text us the day before.