

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the DEAFvibe Newsletter

It's been a very busy few months since the launch of DEAFvibe! Rowan and Alison (founders of DEAFvibe, pictured above) would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support so far! We couldn't have done it without all of you – this includes all our members, our trustees and our volunteers.

The DEAFvibe Café started in February 2011 and we've had a wide range of speakers attending our café since then. There are many more speakers planned for the coming months. Our cafés are informal and aim to provide a safe environment for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind people as well as their families, carers and friends to find out more information about and feel supported in coping with hearing loss.

It is DEAFvibe's belief that all deaf people should be treated equally and with respect, that access to information and communication is provided without barrier or prejudice, promoting equal opportunities and participation in life.





DEAFNOISE Visit

Richard France from Sheffield based business DEAFNOISE visited DEAFvibe Café In April 2011

We would like to say a special thank you to Richard France for coming to both of the April morning and afternoon cafés.

Everyone enjoyed his inspiring motivational talk. Richard worked with both groups to identify what some of the gaps are in Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire services for Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and Deaf Blind people.

Richard was able to share his personal experiences with us all and talked about how important it is to keep issues relating to all types of deafness in the news, by writing, signing, talking and shouting.

He also talked about how we can all make a difference to our community. He encouraged members to think about how every £1 received by DEAFvibe can start to make a difference, whether it has been raised through Café entrance fee, raffle donations and buying tea, coffee and cakes or by putting in bids for funding and sponsorship, so that the DEAFvibe can continue to support it's members and the wider community.

Increased fundraising means that DEAFvibe can continue for a long time. If you have any ideas for fundraising please share them with Ali and Rowan.

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.