

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd May DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00 – 15:00

10th May – See Me Hear Me: Stoke City FC Britannia Stadium, 10am-4pm.

11th May – DEAFvibe Café Morning:

Sharing deaf history. Life as a deaf person, education, jobs, growing up. Come and share your stories to collect Stoke Deaf history.

Afternoon:

Lipreading Association: What is a lipspeaker and how they can assist you.

17th May DEAFvibe HUB

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A RIGHT GOOD KNEES UP

Well done to DEAFvibe's very own 'J' Team (that's Julie and Judith) for organising DEAFvibe's first ever fundraising dinner at Stone Golf Club.

The evening was a success, with wonderful food, fantastic company and entertainment such as Irish Bingo, a raffle of lovely prizes and a game of regular bingo. After a delicious meal and entertainment, we danced into the night.

The evening marked 4 years of DEAFvibe and celebrated the successes to date. Not only that, everyone raised funds to ensure the continuation of the monthly café beyond 2013.



TEXT RELAY (TYPETALK) CALLS AND DATA PROTECTION

While Text Relay (formerly Typetalk) has been brilliant in allowing Deaf and hard-of-hearing people to make telephone calls independently, there are still some companies who are stuck in the dark ages and refuse to accept calls via Text Direct operations, usually banks and building societies.

So what are your rights if your call via Text Relay is refused?:

The Equality Commission says that refusing to take calls involving Text Relay or another third party such as a family member from disabled people is likely to be a breach of the Equality Act. They advise that banks and other companies should make it clear on a customer's records that they are likely to use some form of communication support so that 'reasonable adjustments' can be made to allow the customer to use a third party to make a phone call for them.

The Information Commissioner has advised that taking calls via a relay service would not be a breach of the Data Protection Act as the customer using Text Relay is allowing the third party to pass their details on and relay information back to the customer from the company they have called.

SIDS TAXIS (NEWCASTLE) SUPPORT DEAF CUSTOMERS

SIDS Private Hire taxi firm in Newcastle is the latest taxi firm making its services accessible to deaf and hard of hearing customers.

The taxi firm is developing a Smartphone App that can be used to book a taxi and receive confirmation of whether the taxi has been booked and when it is on the way.

SIDS will be at the See Me Hear Me exhibition on 10th May, but you can also find them on Facebook or look at their website www.sids-taxis.co.uk

SKYDIVING FOR DEAFVIBE

Regular DEAFvibe volunteer and NCVS Student Volunteer of the Year, Charlotte Whittaker has bravely volunteered to do a 10,000ft free fall tandem skydive to raise funds for DEAFvibe. The jump will take place in Nottingham on 27th/28th August. If you'd like to sponsor Charlotte you can sponsor her on her Virgin Money Giving page

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CharlotteWhittaker>

SUBTITLED CINEMA SCREENINGS

www.yourlocalcinema.com has the latest details of subtitled screenings at your local cinema. To find out what is being shown near to you, search for your nearest town and it will bring a list of subtitled screenings near to you for the month ahead. Apart from the local Odeon and Vue Cinemas, you could also make a day of it and try the screenings at Birmingham's Star City or Manchester's Trafford Centre and fit in some shopping and a meal too!!

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