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DDCS Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Helen Fox
Secretary: Mrs. Karen Forbes-Chapman
Treasurer: Mr. Nick James
Membership secretary: Mrs Karen Forbes- Chapman
Designated Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Karen Forbes- Chapman
Newsletter editor: Mrs. Jan Evans.
Next committee meetings: ** To be confirmed **

Unfortunately, DDCS meetings are still suspended until further notice in order to ensure the safety of our Committee and members. We will notify you all of new dates whenever we are able to. #StaySafe. A virtual Annual General Meeting for 2021 is currently being considered and we will of course, keep everyone updated with any changes or news.

As Covid restrictions have officially been eased and it's time for the children to return to school after their summer holidays, I thought it was maybe the right time to resume our DDCS Newsletter. WELCOME to the 1st edition of 2021. There may not be much to report at this very moment but hopefully events will begin to be announced and we will look forward to catching up with you all soon.

The good news is that I have been informed that the Pantomime which was cancelled earlier this year is scheduled to take place in January 2022. Application letters for tickets will be dropping through your letterboxes/email inbox very shortly.

TERM DATES 2021

Autumn Term

Term starts Wednesday 1st September
½ term Mon 25th – Fri 29th October
Term ends Friday 17th December

Spring Term

Term starts Tuesday 4th January 2022
½ term Mon 21st – Fri 25th February
Term ends Friday 8th April

Hearing/Visual Impairment Services



**Parents/Carers
& Toddlers Group**



The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre,
Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF

Fortnightly Friday Sessions

9:45 'til 11:30

See back for dates

Our group is open to all
Parents/Carers,
and their hearing impaired and visually
impaired babies,
toddlers and pre-school brothers
and sisters

Session dates 2021

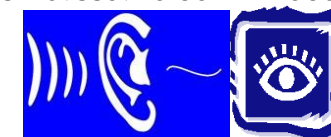
September 10th & 24th

October 1st & 15th

November 5th & 19th

December 3rd

Contact Louise Westwood on
07824598809 to confirm location.



For more information please contact:
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Belated birthday wishes to those members who have had their birthdays so far this year. We hope you all had a super day.

September	October
Mark B	Jessica G
Kimberley C	Riley R
Anthony F-C	Harry S
Reema B K	Caitlyn T
Jacob L	Isaac B
Joshua G	
Ellie W	
Roman B	
Corsa-Rose D	



We wish you all a Happy Birthday and hope you enjoy your special day.

FAREWELL

Sadly, our wonderful Membership secretary, Safeguarding Lead and chief cake maker, Shelagh James, has decided to retire from DDCS duties. Shelagh has been a valued member of the committee for more years than any of us can remember and will be sadly missed at the Committee meetings (especially as she supplies us all with wonderful homemade cake!). Shelagh will, however, still be member of the DDCS organisation and I am sure we will see her at future events, Shelagh – we thank you for all your dedication and hard work over the years and wish you well.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM SHELAGH

For those parents, carers, children, young people, and friends of Dudley Deaf Children's Society who read the Newsletters – you may have noticed that my name is now missing from the Officers and Committee members list.

After almost 50 years of being actively involved with the National Deaf Children's Society and local regional branches Wolverhampton DCS, Norwich DCS and Dudley DCS I have finally decided to 'retire' completely.

I have undertaken most roles – from general committee work, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Safeguarding Officer, through to helping organise fundraising events to buy specific equipment, and of course helping to co-ordinate our summer outings, Parties, Pantomimes, Fetes - to name just a few!

(I'm also known at our committee meetings for keeping our committee members 'focused' with a slice of cake – coffee seems to have been popular, closely followed by chocolate or Victoria sponge)

Since 1971, it has been a real privilege to have worked with and supported some amazing deaf children and their hearing or deaf parents, carers, and families, Resource Base (or Unit) staff and with truly dedicated committee members. Far too many to mention by name.

I will still remain as a general DDCS member and hopefully - hint, hint - I will be invited to join in with Parties, outings, fundraising events in years to come.

Shelagh James.

IT'S PANTO TIME! (oh yes it is!)



We have been informed that the rescheduled Pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears at Birmingham Hippodrome, will take place this winter season. We have reserved 46 tickets to the signed BSL performance on Sunday 9th January 2022 at 1pm. Application forms for tickets will be issued shortly and seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority being given to Deaf children and their immediate family. If any tickets remain, they will then be offered to extended families. Keep an eye on your mailbox for application forms.



DUDLEY DEAF YOUTH CLUB

At the time of going to print, Queens Cross Network is still closed to groups and DDYC staff are in talks with the Management at Queens Cross to ascertain when the centre may re-open.

As we move forward and consider re-opening our Youth Club, we would be keen to ascertain numbers of current or future members who would be interested in meeting up.

DDYC meet at Queens Cross Network, Wellington Road, Dudley, DY1 1RB, usually on the first Thursday of each month, from 6.15pm to 8.15pm.

If you or your child are aged 10 to 19 and would like to come along and join us or would like more information about DDYC, please contact us by text on 07745 034531 or contact Youth Leader Jan by email at jaevans63@hotmail.co.uk

If you are an **existing member**, please contact Jan, either by text or email to let us know whether you wish to continue your membership as and when DDYC restarts.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Anne, James & Jan. DDYC Team.



BID Services is a charity who work in partnership with children, young people and adults and their families and carers. We support people who are deaf, hard of hearing, visually impaired or have a dual sensory loss.

Autumn 2021 #DeafYouthConnect

Ages 4 – 7

Tuesday 7th September 4.30pm Make Papers Fly
 Tuesday 14th September 4.30pm Scavenger Hunt
 Tuesday 21st September 4.30pm Fun Fit with Mel
 Tuesday 28th September 4.30pm Bitesize Education

Ages 8 – 14

Thursday 9th September 4.30pm Virtual escape Room
 Thursday 16th September 4.30pm Yoga with Manisha
 Thursday 23rd September 4.30pm Christopher's Mess Room
 Thursday 30th September 4.30pm Quiz with Kiran & Jessica

Ages 15 – 18

Wednesday 8th September 4.30pm Mini First Aid
 Wednesday 15th September 4.30pm Drama with Read College
 Wednesday 22nd September 4.30pm Cooking with Ched Kiran
 Wednesday 29th September 4.30pm Theory Test Car with Jessica

#How To Find Us

There are loads way to find us! Weekly videos are uploaded to our social media channels (in BSL with subtitles and voiceover) explaining upcoming activities for all age groups.

Mobile: 07783809725

Email: youth@bid.org.uk

Facebook @biddeafpositiveactivities

Twitter @bidservices

Instagram @bid_services

YouTube @bidservices



GREAT NEWS – Deaffest is due to return to Wolverhampton in Spring 2022. Dates are due to be announced shortly so watch this space.....

DDCS NEWS

Campaigning for captioned cinemas As cinemas opened again over the summer, your child may have struggled to find subtitled screenings of one of the most popular releases, A Quiet Place Part II, which saw deaf actress Millicent Simmonds return as deaf character Regan. Only 41% of UK cinemas offered subtitled showings during the film's opening week. Around half of these were before 6pm, with just a handful at the weekend. As a charity, we're calling for cinemas to stop letting deaf customers down and offer a cinema experience that is accessible for everyone. Our Lights, Camera, Captions campaign challenges cinemas to do better for deaf children and young people. If you want to go to the cinema and see a subtitled film, download our action pack before you do so at www.ndcs.org.uk/lights-camera-captions You can also find subtitled screenings for the latest cinema releases by visiting www.yourlocalcinema.com



DDCS UPCOMING EVENTS

For Young People

A chance for deaf children to meet and have fun online - At the Online Social, your child will have the chance to meet and have fun with other deaf children their age. There will be lots of games led by our friendly hosts, as well as opportunities to chat.

Who these events are recommended for - Deaf young people. Check out session timings for specific details.

When and where -

- Saturday 25 September - 11.00am to 12.30pm
- ages 12 to 14 - on Zoom.

- Saturday 16 October - 10am to 11.30am
- ages 8 to 11 - on Zoom.
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- Saturday 16 October - 11.45am to 1.15pm
- ages 12 to 14 - on Zoom.

More information: what your child needs to take part - Your child will need access to a computer, smartphone or tablet, and an internet connection. Once we've confirmed their place, we'll email you full joining instructions.

What will happen on the day - Log on to Zoom. Your child will meet their hosts and everyone else taking part. Games and chat.

Communication support - We will have spoken English, live captions and British Sign Language interpreters at this event. If you have any questions or additional requirements, please email us at enable@ndcs.org.uk.

To register for any of the above sessions, please go to:

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/our-events/events-for-children-and-young-people/online-social/>

For Parents/Carers

If your baby, toddler, or child has been recently diagnosed as having hearing loss, we're here to help. - We provide expert support to families of deaf children so that their child can have the same opportunities as everyone else. Whether you have some previous experience of deafness or none at all, our friendly expert team are on hand to support you and your child.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the difficulties of accessing many services right now, we're hosting free virtual events to support parents and families of newly diagnosed deaf children.

These online sessions are open to all parents and carers of children, aged 0 to 12, who have been diagnosed in the past 18 months as having hearing loss.

They're a great way to learn more about the support available for you and your child and to be part of a community of parents and carers of deaf children.

How to join us online - We will email you all the info you need to join us on Zoom before the first session.

Available sessions - There are two sessions available to book. You are welcome to book onto both parts one and two, or whichever single session would be helpful to you.

Part one: First Steps After Diagnosis - Support for Deaf Children and their Families

Wednesday 13 October 7pm to 8pm

Part two: Understanding Your Child's Deafness

Wednesday 20 October 7pm to 8pm

To register for any of the above events please go to:

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/our-events/events-for-parents-carers-and-families/supporting-parents-new-to-hearing-loss-online-event/>

The possibilities and potential for young Deaf people and children are endless...

Enrich a child's life by learning about Deaf culture

Contact Deaf Roots and Pride Team for details

Allow young Deaf adults and children opportunities to meet Deaf Role Models

Assist Deaf Young People in making informed decisions

Provide experience and knowledge of "what's out there for Deaf people"



Interested? Want to know more?
Contact Deaf Roots and Pride Team

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About the BDA

Vision:
"Deaf people fully participating and contributing as equal and valued citizens in wider society"

For more information about the BDA
www.bda.org.uk

Registered charity numbers: 1031687 and SC042409



What is Deaf Roots & Pride?

A three-year lottery project aimed at Deaf children and young people (aged 8-20 years) who are transitioning from primary to secondary education or from secondary to external environments.

The project has four elements which are

- | **Culture**
- | **Signposting**
- | **Mentoring**
- | **Transition**

When Deaf children and young people have been involved in the Deaf Roots and Pride project, they will:

- | Be more inspired and hopeful about their future
- | Have a more positive attitude about being Deaf during their school years and when they leave school and venture into adulthood
- | Be aware of their own potential
- | Have made new friends and created their own social circle around their interests and aspirations

CULTURE

Deaf children have the opportunity to be exposed to a rich culture, Deaf identity and British Sign Language by:

- | Meeting peers who are positive role models and who will show them their future potential
- | Enabling them to discover & understand how other Deaf people overcome barriers, which will help to improve their self-esteem
- | Becoming more aware of 'Deaf world' they can get involved in if they wish, either now or later

MENTORING

Deaf young people will have the opportunity to:

- | Receive mentoring support from other Deaf peers who are positive role models
- | Discover and understand how their Deaf peers deal with their everyday lives
- | Develop ideas & tips from their mentors on how to make friends
- | Develop skills in breaking down communication barriers



The project will show Deaf children and young people their endless possibilities and potential through...



The Mentors will be recruited in line with the BDA's rigorous child protection and safeguarding policies (this includes enhanced PVG scheme checks and accredited mentoring training)



SIGNPOSTING

Deaf children and young adults will receive information leading to informed choices by:

- | Letting them explore options and opportunities available to them enabling them to make decisions that are best for them
- | Having opportunities to engage with other Deaf people and organisations who will provide a range of services and events
- | Empowering them to remain engaged in education and their everyday life to improve their career and social prospects in the future

TRANSITION

They will receive guidance through the provision of primary/secondary and post-16 transition programmes that will:

- | Improve their understanding of what advice/support is available to enable them to have a positive outlook to overcome challenges
- | Share stories/experiences of other Deaf people who have undergone the transition
- | Train them to develop coping skills and how to break down barriers when meeting new people

