British Sign Language Level 1

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
British Sign Language L1	12/10/2026	28/06/2027	Swans Cfi	175.00
British Sign Language L1	07/01/2027	24/06/2027	Swans Cfi	175.00

Important Information

You must enrol onto and complete the BSL Introduction course before enrolling on this course. If an introduction course is not available, please get in touch on 0191 643 2288 or by emailing adultlearning@northtyneside.gov.uk

Who Is This Course For?

This course is for those wishing to communicate with Deaf people on a range of topics using simple, everyday language. Ideally you will not be studying any other accredited qualifications as the commitment for this course is considerable. The awarding body, Signatures, have set out entry requirements that mean you need to have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to allow you to produce and receive accurate British Sign Language (BSL).

What Can I Learn On This Course?

The BSL level 1 course is divided into three units covering these topics:

Unit 101

Finger spelling names and places.

Meeting and greeting others.

Numbers, travel and directions.

Describing and asking about the weather.

Unit 102

- Describing people, animals, and objects around the home.

- Time, date, money, and age.

- Activities and interests, food, and drink.

Unit 103

- Everyday life relating to work, school and college.

- Describing various weather conditions.

How Is This Course Delivered?

The course is delivered through taught sessions in a classroom environment and take place on a weekly basis. You will be required to practice your skills at home with family and friends and carry out homework tasks as part of the course. During class, you will be given lots of opportunities to practise in pairs or small groups.

What Will I Need To Bring With Me?

On-site catering/café cannot be guaranteed at all our venues so you may wish to bring your own refreshments. You are advised to bring a pen and notepad to take notes during the sessions.

What Skills Or Experience Do I Need?

You must have completed the British Sign Language Introduction course with us so that you have the foundation needed to be able to complete this Level 1 course. You must also have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to allow you to produce and receive accurate BSL.

How Will My Work Be Assessed?

There are three set assessments in this qualification. All assessments are short BSL conversations with your tutor, which will all be recorded. The first assessment is internally assessed by your tutor. The second and third assessments will be videoed and externally assessed by the awarding body, Signature.

What Can I Do After The Course?

If you successfully complete the BSL Level 1 and are considering progressing your learning to Level 2, we will signpost you to relevant opportunities.