



## SAVE THE DATE

8TH - 15TH MARCH 2022

## Help us to fundraise the next 7 days!

Deaf-initely Women has joined forces with The Big Give to help deaf women to keep safe from abuse.

Our 7 day fundraising campaign starts: 8th March 2022 and ends on 16th March 2022 at 12 noon.

We will be sending out more social media and newsletters during this campaign. We hope to have your support.

**DONATE**

Open from  
8th-15th March

You can help us by:

- Making a short video pledging people to support this cause and/or;
- Making a donation, **DONATE HERE** and/or;
- Helping us to spread the word by sharing this flyer to your family and friends or emailing them the fundraiser link: <https://bit.ly/3sRN21c>

Thank you!

While we are campaigning, please bear with us with overload of emails and social media - but we hope to have your support during that week 8-15th March.

Please click here to download flyer





## Hearing loss more common for northerners

**A study by academics at the University of Manchester has found that people living in the north of England are up to 85% more likely to develop hearing loss than those living in the south of the country.**

The study, which looked at 8,263 people aged between 50 and 89, found that 24.6% of those from the North East, 22.6% of those from Yorkshire and Humber, and just 14.6% of those in the South East, had hearing loss. Dr Dalia Tsimpida commented:

*“We cannot imply causality at this stage; behind it might be the result of socio-economic factors such as high occupational noise exposure from manual occupations and differences in regions of England with strong and weak manufacturing industries.”*

**Source: Daily Express/Daily Star/The Daily Telegraph**

## ‘Deaf Survivors of Domestic Abuse – Are we Listening?’

Rebekah Pierre, BASW England Professional Officer, reflects on how social workers can better support deaf people who experience domestic abuse.

*“It is unnerving to know that we may never grasp the true extent of domestic abuse. Some statistics indicate that as many as 1 in 3 women will experience it during their lifetime, though the true figure may be even higher.”*

*“Without fair access to interpreters, advocates and accessibility tools, deaf survivors will continue to be let down by services.”*

**Source: www.basw.co.uk**

### Freedom Programme

For deaf and hard of hearing women living in Derby and Derbyshire



**2nd March 2022**  
for 10 weeks sessions  
10.30-12.30pm

Deaf-initely Women's Training Room  
The Strutts Community Centre,  
Belper, Derby Road, DE56 1UU

Refreshment, BSL intpereters  
and captions are available.

Register your place on **Eventbrite** - limited space

**DEaf Abuse free:** programme that  
will change your life for the better!

**FREEDOM PROGRAMME - WE ARE BACK AND RUNNING**

## 1 in 3 women





**Will experience it during their lifetime, though the true figure may be even higher.**

**Good news, we are running the new Freedom Programme again from Wednesday 2nd March from 10:30am – 12:30pm – the course will be for 10-11 weeks.**

Freedom programmes are for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing women who want to learn more about the reality of domestic violence and abuse. Suitable for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing women who have experienced a past relationship or escaped domestic abuse relationship.

**Get in touch with [deborah@deafinitelywomen.org.uk](mailto:deborah@deafinitelywomen.org.uk)**



## We had an incredible donation of £500!

**Accessible Belper so kindly gave £500 to help us to set up future programmes/ courses/accessible venue at the Strutts Community Centre, Belper.**

This will help us to make a difference to deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing women and communities across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

Siobhan Fennell has founded Accessible Belper to raise awareness of all disabling conditions that affect people in Belper. Now other organisations, like us, will be able to carry on the work.

Carol Sayers, most of her working life was as a Youth and Community Manager in Derbyshire and Dorset. She specialised in information and advice for disabled young people. Since retiring, she has volunteered with Accessible Belper and Age UK.



*Carol Sayers and Siobhan Fennell presenting the £500 cheque to Teresa Waldron - Managing Director of Deaf-initely Women at The Strutts Community Centre.*

## Staff Profile



Let's get to know one of our staff members a little more. This time, it is Suzanne who is the Office & Finance Administrator.

"Hi my name is Suzanne Sims. I am the Office and Finance Administrator for Deaf-initely Women. I make sure that invoices and bills get paid. I also support my colleagues with tasks and make sure that all services are delivered on time. I have worked here for four years. I love my job and we are a great team, also making lots of teas for our work colleagues!

In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog Penny, it relaxes me. I love being with my family and travelling, especially to Scotland. I also love writing and doing family research as a hobby."

[suzanne@deafinitelywomen.org.uk](mailto:suzanne@deafinitelywomen.org.uk)





## Social Connector Project Coffee Morning news

Becky and Veronica would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning to find out more about our Social Connector roles!

We had a great morning sharing information, getting to know everyone and meeting new people. We also enjoyed a delicious feast of sandwiches, sushi, salads, cakes and unlimited tea & coffee! It was fantastic to see people making connections, chatting and getting to meet other Deaf women in Derbyshire. Everyone who came said they really enjoyed it!

We are delighted to report that most of the women who attended now wish to support our project and become either Freelance or Volunteer Social Connectors, and we look forward to meeting with them 1-1 and getting started on our training programme.

We're hoping to host another coffee morning for anyone else interested in the next few months...so make sure you look out for the next date.



Email Becky at: [becky@deafinitelywomen.org.uk](mailto:becky@deafinitelywomen.org.uk) for more information about the project and different roles available in your area.

## Profile with... Introducing Marilyn Willrich

### Women International Day - 8th March



Marilyn Willrich has a wonderfully rich history as a successful business woman who has taken her passion for film and the creative arts across the world.

She is a much loved mum and Nana and receives huge respect from Deaf and hearing people of all ages across a range of backgrounds. As a profoundly Deaf native BSL user, Marilyn comes from a family spanning several generations of Deaf BSL native users. Marilyn's passion lies in continually striving to achieve access for Deaf people to information, arts, media and everyday life in a way that best suits their individual needs.

Her passion is experience-led not politically driven, and she works tirelessly to reinforce and enable access for all.

Marilyn worked throughout the UK for over 30 years as a Sign Language Trainer in a range of settings including being a former Senior Lecturer in BSL/English Interpreting at the University of Wolverhampton. However, Marilyn is probably best known for her media work as a TV presenter, reporter and BSL Consultant for a variety of programmes, including BBC's See Hear and Channel 4's VEE TV. Marilyn led by example and has worked both sides of the camera as an award winning actress and a filmmaker, producing many films and documentaries.

*Full article - please click here.*





# Employability

Learn new work skills  
*for the future*



Coming soon this year, we will be setting up workshops on Employability

Helping you to understand and learn new tips on finding jobs, improving your CV and computer skills and what to do when you have interviews. Also, we will be including Food Hygiene level 2 - with a recognised qualification! There will be IT training skills such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint which will help to improve your office skills.

The training courses will take place at the Deaf-inately Women Training Room in Belper. Belper is accessible by trains and buses from Derby, Nottingham and Chesterfield.

We will have BSL interpreters and captions available on the day.

Please get in touch with Molly for more details, [molly@deafinitelywomen.org.uk](mailto:molly@deafinitelywomen.org.uk)

## Coming up soon!

### April

Freedom Programme

10 weekly sessions - Continue from March

10.30-12.30 | Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper

Gardening Project

April - Belper, Strutts Centre - tbc

### May

Freedom Programme

10 weekly sessions - Continue from March

10.30-12.30 | Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper

What is Hate Crime?

Wednesday 18th May - 10.30am-2pm

Derbyshire Police HQ, Ripley

Employability- IT Skills (Word)

Tuesday 17th May - 10.30am-12.30pm

Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper

### June

Employability- IT Skills (Powerpoint)

Tuesday 7th June - 10.30am-12.30pm

Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper

Dance Therapy

Thursday 9th June - All day - Venue tbc

Qualification

Employability- Food Hygiene Level 2

Saturday 11th June - All day

Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper

Employability- IT Skills (Excel)

Tuesday 28th June - 10.30am-12.30pm

Deaf-inately Women's Training Room, Belper



## WOW London Festival

BSL interpreted accessible events at the WOW London Festival from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th March.

WOW is the world's biggest, most comprehensive festival celebrating women, girls and non-binary people. Across the three days, WOW London 2022's line-up of inspirational speakers, activists, and comedians will take over the Southbank Centre for discussions, workshops, performances and debates including everything from sex to politics, grandmotherhood, divorce, sexual violence, childlessness, reproductive rights, career changes, poverty, resistance and resilience, girls education, love and relationships, football and how the pandemic has affected us all.

Please email the Southbank Centre Ticket Office on [customer@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:customer@southbankcentre.co.uk) to book accessible/PA tickets.

## Cyber Awareness Frauds and Scams

Video available with BSL interpreter - Watch it here.



Get in touch with [becky@deafinitelywomen.org.uk](mailto:becky@deafinitelywomen.org.uk)

## Home security

Are you deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing woman living in Derby and Derbyshire? This new leaflet **'Get Clever with Home Security'** is packed with useful information to help you to stay safe and protect your home from crime. Keeping people safe is a fundamental part of my Police and Crime Plan. Download the full brochure here.



## Trustee vacancy

### Secretary

Matlock and District Hard of Hearing club is looking for a Secretary.

The Club is 49 years old and meets once a month on the first Monday of the month at Imperial Rooms, Imperial Road, Matlock, Derbyshire, 2pm -4pm.

For more details, please contact Val Alcock 01629 55093.

## STUDENT CORNER

Research into the effects of the pandemic on deaf and hard of hearing people.

"Hi, I'm a third year student at the University of Leeds (also a CI user). I'm conducting some research into the effects of the pandemic on deaf and hard of hearing students."

The link is [https://leedspychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_em4rMsTxVRcmzA](https://leedspychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_em4rMsTxVRcmzA)