

Support for deaf, hard of hearing and deafened children and adults



Living confidently with
deafness and hearing loss

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How we can help

If you are a BSL user or you're living with hearing loss - perhaps acquired through illness or age, or you know someone else who is, GDA can help.

All of GDA's services take place across Gloucestershire.



The experience of being deaf is often misunderstood. British Sign Language (BSL) users are part of a cultural and linguistic minority; proud of their language and heritage. On the other hand, hard of hearing or deafened people often have a very different experience. However, regardless of a person's level of hearing loss, what many do not understand is just how isolating deafness can be. Most people will assume it is simply about not being able to hear but, in fact, deafness can be about the daily struggles a person has with communication and the huge impact it can have on a person's mental and physical wellbeing.

GDA is here to provide practical and emotional support that enables a person to live confidently with their deafness.

GDA also works in partnership with local groups such as Gloucester Deaf Club (GDC) to further support our local deaf community.



Our services and support

Services

- Wellbeing Service
- Provision of British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters and other communication support
- Hearing-aid maintenance clinics across Gloucestershire
- Installation of listening-aid equipment in the home and workplace
- Lip-reading classes
- BSL Classes

Social activities

- Hard of hearing clubs
- Friendship Circle events for hard of hearing and deafened people
- Monthly Lunch Club for BSL users
- Regular social wellbeing events
- Access to a Transport Fund

For children, young people & families



Dalmatians Club for 0-8yrs is a club that takes place once a month on a Saturday in Gloucester at the GDA Community Centre in Barnwood. The Club offers a friendly and engaging social environment for deaf and hard of hearing children.

For more information about any of our services or social activities, please visit www.gda.org.uk or get in touch on 01452 372999/07875 610860

Deaf Awareness

Whether you run a business, social group or school, being deaf aware can mean your customers, people you support or students are easily able to access your services.

Our Deaf Awareness workshops can be adapted to suit your organisation and as well as helping you to understand deafness, will show how small and cost-effective changes to your approach can enable a person living with deafness to be part of your community.



How you can help

As a charity, to ensure the future of these life-changing services and support, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses. If you would like to know more about making a donation to GDA; taking on a fundraising activity, leaving a legacy or making GDA your company's Charity of the Year, please visit us at www.gda.org.uk.



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