Deaf Awareness Week

Deaf Awareness Week is an annual event primarily owned and promoted by the UK Council on Deafness (UKCoD) to provide Charities and interested organisations with the under the umbrella of UKCoD to join forces to raise awareness and challenges of Deafness and hearing loss faced by 1 in 6 people in the UK.

This year our theme is about ‘Celebrating Role Models’ and throughout the week we will focus on different areas of life and work and encourage organisations to celebrate their role models and create awareness of the celebration.

Together, the aim is to continue to:-

- raise awareness;
- improve access to education, health, social care and employment;
- ensure people have the accessible information they need;
- advocate and inform Government and the public at large about Deafness and hearing loss;
- provide Secretariat support to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Deafness;
- raise awareness about the importance of embracing and recognising language and culture, preventing hearing loss; and
- improve the quality of services for people who are Deaf or have a hearing loss;
- continue to raise the profile and importance of equality, accessibility and recognition through our supporting sub-groups in Deaf Access in Communications (DAC), Employment (Access to Work), British Sign Language (BSL Inquiry) and the Deaflympics.

Craig Crowley, Chair of the UK Council on Deafness, states: “This year’s Deaf Awareness Week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate all role models and raise awareness of Deafness and hearing loss in such an inspiring way for all”.


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