Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Introduction to British Sign Language – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to British Sign Language (BSL).

Participants are introduced step by step by the deaf course leader into silent communication with hands, face and body and will gain a first insight into the basic concepts of sign language. The main topics are introductions, the finger alphabet and simple dialogues.

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore BSL for the first time. Participants will develop some basic signing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the language too.

Prerequisite:

This course is for complete beginners, who wish to explore BSL for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and large screen

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom
https://zoom.us/download

Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or Learning Resources:

Materials and resources will be provided by the teacher.

For reference:

How to sign the alphabet in British Sign Language - BBC Bitesize

www.signbsl.com

https://bslsignbank.ucl.ac.uk