



Coordinator's News

Welcome to the Spring 2009 edition DPUK Newsletter.

Another new year is underway and we are living through uncertain times. Many people are affected by the credit crunch and there's has been lots of talk in the press about people re-evaluating their priorities and seeking fulfilment in different ways.

Spring is a great time to create, or re-affirm your vision for health and well being for you and your family. We welcome the opportunity to continue to support you in your vision.

Deaf Parenting UK's upcoming Annual Conference about Education is an exciting venture and I hope that most of you will be able to join us – this is an opportunity for Deaf families to get together and voice your views on the lack of access to information and support of your child's education.

Don't forget, we would love to hear from you, if you have a story to tell us or tips to share...get in touch!

With my very best wishes to all of you for a wonderful and joyous spring!

Nicole Campbell
DPUK Coordinator

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The Baby Show with **primus Baby & pregnancy**
...an essential part of having a baby
NEC, Birmingham

DEAF PARENTING UK LAUNCHES WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BABY SHOW ON 15-17 MAY 2009, NEC, BIRMINGHAM.

Deaf Parenting UK will provide BSL interpreters each day of the Show from Deaf Parenting UK stand, enabling **Deaf parents** to meet experts at various stands. This is a fantastic opportunity for Deaf parents to ask questions and learn about baby stuff during the three days show at NEC, Birmingham.

To Book Tickets: visit www.thebabyshow.co.uk or call **0871 231 0844**

Opening Times:
9.30 – 5.30 daily

Ticket Prices:

Adult (on the door)	£15.50
Adult (in advance)	£13.50
Kids (0-10 years)	FREE

Project Manager's Update: **Asif Iqbal, DPUK Project Manager**



We have been busy, giving interviews with various magazines including Disability Now; National Childbirth Trust's NewGen; Midwives Journal; DPPi (Disability, Pregnancy & Parenthood International); NSPCC's 'Your Family Magazine'; and Emel (Muslim lifestyle) Magazine as well as 'Wicked', first BSL TV programme by BSL Broadcasting Trust.

National/ International News:

Our first breakthrough working with the national newspaper Daily Mirror as Deaf Parenting UK has been included in the advertisement section in a special edition of the Mother and Baby Feature on 22nd March. Our logo will reach 2.6 million people nationally.

World Federation of Deaf People wrote in their WFD Newsletter (December 2008) that in United Kingdom, **"Deaf Parenting UK is a very active organisation for Deaf parents."** Further afield, in Ukraine, Deaf newspaper - "Our life" wrote an article Deaf parents and Deaf Parenting UK. This is a good publicity for us to share good practices with other countries, enabling, empowering and supporting Deaf parents.

I am so overwhelmed with the amount of supports from the public on the work of Deaf Parenting UK in raising awareness on Deaf Parenting issues and campaigning to the Government.

Raising profile of Deaf Parenting UK:

I was invited by West Midland Government Office to give a speech at their 'Think Family' conference in Birmingham in Jan 09.

The aim of the conference was for the service providers to think how they would provide support and ensure that their services meets

the needs of various 'hard to reach' families including Deaf parents in Midland area.

Deaf Parenting UK was also invited by Maria Miller, Shadow Minister for Family, Nick Gibbs, Shadow Minister for Schools and Mark Harper, Shadow Minister for Disabled people) to highlight the barriers and issues that Deaf parents faces in accessing to services. The Shadow Ministers were thrilled to learn of our extensive works and extended their support. As a result of the meeting, Nick Gibbs MP, Shadow School Minister put forward questions on Deaf parents to Sarah McCartney Fry MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools and Learners. (See article on House of Common's questions on page 9)



(L-R) Asif Iqbal (Media/ Project Manager [Deaf Parenting UK](#)), Nick Gibb MP (Shadow Minister for Schools), Sabina Iqbal (Chair of [Deaf Parenting UK](#)), Mark Harper MP (Shadow Minister for Disabled People) & Maria Miller MP (Shadow Minister for the Family).

Signed Stories:

Also I was invited to give a speech of support at the launch of Signed Stories at the LWT (London Weekend Television). Signed Stories is a website where all stories are signed into BSL with audio and subtitles. Deaf Parenting UK gave their support as it enables Deaf Parents and their children (both deaf and hearing) to access to those stories as well as improving the quality time together as family.

Muslim Women Power list 2009:

Many Congratulations to Sabina, our Chair of Deaf Parenting UK, one of the 20 Muslim women who have been named onto the Muslim Women Power List 2009.

The Muslim Women Power List commends the achievements of Muslim women in business, the arts, media, voluntary and public sectors. It will raise awareness of their social and economic contribution to British working life and celebrate their success.

Deaf Parenting UK is delighted to show their support to The National Family Week 2009

“Deaf Parenting UK, as the first ever charity and a unique organisation focusing on enabling, empowering and supporting Deaf parents/parents-to-be, are delighted that National Family Week is taking place to recognise and celebrate the diversity of families across the country. We wish National Family Week every success.”

Website: www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

Support from MPs:

We are delighted to welcome the support from David Cameron MP, Leader of Conservative Party; Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats Party; Annette Brooke MP; Theresa May MP; Baroness Warsi and The Rt Hon James Purnell MP, Secretary of State for DWP as follow:

Rt Hon David Cameron MP, Leader of the Conservative Party



“Nothing gives us greater happiness than our families and relationships, which is why strengthening relationships within families is so important.

In the support and advice it provides, Deaf Parenting UK is doing just that. It is a unique

organisation which has made a real difference to the lives of those it has helped”

Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats Party



“It is with great pleasure that I lend my full support to Deaf Parenting UK.

The work carried out by this organisation is utterly invaluable not only in providing support and advice for deaf parents across the UK, but more

generally in raising awareness of the variety of issues which affect the deaf community.

Being a parent is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in life. This organisation is doing fantastic work in raising awareness of the specific issues facing deaf parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all those working at Deaf Parenting UK for their hard work in empowering and supporting Deaf parents and challenging attitudinal barriers.”

Annette Brooke MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Children Schools and Families



“The excellent work that Deaf Parenting UK carries out is such a valuable resource to both deaf parents and their children. DPUK has rightly highlighted the lack of support for deaf parents and through their services are providing this

much-needed resource.

What is so amazing about the support provided is that it has been put together and is run by the very people whose lives are affected in this way and who have hands-on experience of how to deal with the difficulties unique to deaf parents.

By providing practical advice, DPUK is empowering parents to take matters into their own hands and deal with the challenges of day-to-day living.

I would like to commend them for all their tireless work, not only by providing practical tools but also for providing role models, such as Sabina Iqbal, who are an inspiration to us all."

Baroness Warsi Shadow Minister for Community Cohesion and Social Action



"I must congratulate you on the very positive work that you are doing with your charity. I wish you all the best."

Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work & Pensions and Shadow Minister for Women



"Deaf parents face unique challenges and understandably need some extra support. I pay tribute to the work of Deaf Parenting UK in providing this support. In allowing deaf parents to gain skills

and share their experiences with others in the same situation, Deaf Parenting UK plays a valuable role in helping families across the country and ensuring that more children have the best possible start in life."



The Rt Hon James Purnell MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

"I was very pleased to hear about the valuable work that Deaf Parenting UK is doing. I can see

what a difference important initiatives such as parenting skills training and networking events will make to the lives of deaf parents and I wish Deaf Parenting UK every success for the year ahead."

NEW Ambassador Graham P Taylor and Vanessa Whitehouse:

Deaf Parenting UK is delighted to welcome GP Taylor & Vanessa Whitehouse onto our Board of Ambassador. Graham P Taylor, (CODA - Child of Deaf Parent) and Children's Book of the Year for The Curse of Salamander Street Arts and Entertainment Personality of the Year. Graham is an inspiration and a positive role model for young CODA.

Vanessa was well known in the corporate/financial world and being a Deaf parent, she experienced the challenge of being a parent and her network of contacts and experiences will certainly support our line of work in reaching out more Deaf parents.



Graham P Taylor is the child of deaf parents. He has been a police officer - priest and is now a New York Times best selling author. His books are translated into 48 languages worldwide

and are about to be made into motion pictures. His book Shadowmancer was said to be 'Hotter than Potter' and G P Taylor is regarded as being the 'new' CS Lewis.

"In life, everything happens for a reason. I am so proud to be asked to be an Ambassador. There is no cause more important than this."

Vanessa Whitehouse, formally a banker in the City, is both a trustee of the RNID and governor of the Mary Hare School for deaf children.



Vanessa has established a successful corporate work placement scheme for young deaf people and has a strong interest in opening up employment opportunities for disabled people.

"It is enormously comforting for deaf parents (like myself) to know that Deaf Parenting UK exists to provide them with the support to help overcome challenges that they face. Sabina's enthusiasm, determination to succeed and desire to help others overcome barriers/difficulties that they may face is commended and I wish Deaf Parenting UK ever success in future years."

The Baby Show, Excel, 27th February to 1st March 2009

Deaf Parenting UK was delighted to work with the baby show in Excel which was a great success. Working at the Baby Show enabled us to promote our work on the Baby Show website and at the Exhibition which resulting in reaching out to the public of over 500,000 people about our work!



Word of support from the Baby Show Presenter and public on Deaf Parenting UK stand at the Baby Show 09:

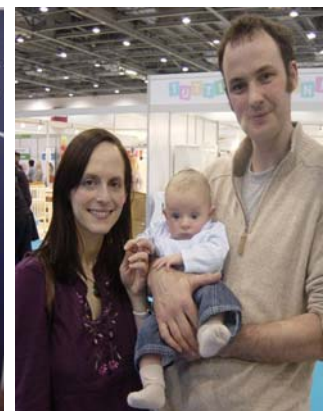
"I really think it is fantastic that Deaf Parenting UK are at the Baby Shows helping deaf parents to get information from the experts on

the stage and chat to the exhibitors around the show. It is a wonderful, fulfilling yet bewildering journey that you go on as a new parent and every one deserves the support and knowledge that the Baby Show gives." **Lucy Piper, Baby Show Presenter**



"I feel that it is a good idea as it supports the deaf community. Deaf people in my experience do not have enough support and becoming a parent is hard enough even with the help there. Deaf Parenting UK gives the vital help, advice and support that deaf people required"

Rachel McDonald





Future Baby Shows 2009 for your diary:
15-17 May 2009 in Birmingham

Please let Nicole know if you are able to come and help out on the day. We need as much help on the day with the exhibition stand and dealing with enquiries from the public (including Deaf parents and exhibitors).

Conference 2009 Speakers:

Deaf Parenting UK are delighted to confirm the following speakers:

- Richard Barnes, (Deputy Mayor of London)
- Sabina Iqbal (Chair/Founder of Deaf Parenting UK)
- Mark Harper MP (Shadow Minister for Disabled People)
- Clarissa Williams, (President of National Association of Head teachers)
- Julia Gault, (DCSF, Head of Families Unit, Families Engagement Division)
- Emma Knight, (Chief Executive, Daycare Trust)
- Carolyn Denmark (Deaf Parent Perspective)
- Kathy Robinson, (Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador)
- Professor Gary Morgan, Co-Director, DCAL, University of Central London)
- Graham Taylor, (CODA & Winner – Children's Book of the Year for The Curse of Salamander Street Arts and Entertainment Personality of the Year)
- Zem Rodaway, (Solicitor, Equality and Human Rights Commission)
- Louis Neethling (Executive Producer/Director, Mutt & Jeff Pictures)

If you would like to attend the event, please email info@deafparent.org.uk. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5

Professionals/ service providers. £80

Or to complete the booking form on page: and make payment directly to Deaf Parenting UK below:

Please enclose a cheque made payable to Deaf Parenting UK, C/o 96 Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 2NL no later than 26th May 2009.

Deaf Parenting UK Conference 2009: 'Education, Education, Education'



Deaf Parenting UK

Friday 12th June 2009, 9.30am - 5.00pm at

Greater London Authority, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, More London, London SE1 2AA



Deaf Parenting UK is unique as the first ever charity and small national organisation, run by Deaf parents for Deaf parents, representing the needs of all Deaf parents in the UK.

Deaf Parenting UK is delighted to host their **Deaf Parenting UK Conference 2009: Education, Education, Education**. The theme, Education will focus on three key areas: Educating professionals about the needs of Deaf parents; Accessing children's education - vital for Deaf parents; and Educating Deaf parents on their rights and entitlement.

The conference offers an exciting programme of speakers and fun family activities for children of Deaf parents. In addition the conference offers an excellent opportunity to meet with other Deaf parents, families and professionals, in order to work together to ensure Deaf Parents have equal access to **Education, Education, Education!** *"Limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment"*

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Aim:

- 1) To identify gaps and raise awareness on the needs of Deaf parents in the following three areas:
 - Educating professionals about the needs of Deaf parents;
 - Accessing children's education - vital for Deaf parents; and
 - Educating Deaf parents on their rights and entitlement.
- 2) To offer an opportunity for Deaf parents and professionals to have a debate on what should happen to meet the needs of Deaf parents, so enabling Deaf Parents to have improved access to their children's future and,
- 3) To enable Deaf parents and service providers to put forward questions, on the subject of accessing Childcare, Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools to panel members from different Educational fields.

Key Messages

The Conference is a great opportunity for deaf parents and service providers to raise concerns about education and for information to be provided to increase awareness and enable professionals in Childcare, Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools to effect positive change to meet Deaf parents' needs in education.

Benefits

Deaf parents and professionals within the Educational field, as well as those working with Deaf parents will benefit by developing an understanding of the needs of deaf parents and the frustrations experienced in attempting to access their children's education. In addition the conference will explore what can be done to address these issues.

Next step

If you would like to attend the event, please either return the attached reply leaflet slip, or email info@deafparent.org.uk. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5 Professionals/ service providers. £80

Crèche/ Family Fun Activities

Deaf Parenting UK will provide family fun activities for children of Deaf Parents. This is a great opportunity for children to be entertained in a Deaf-friendly environment and for Deaf parents to meet other Deaf parents. *Please book your child(s) places in advance to confirm numbers.*

Please contact us for more information on: SMS: 07789 027186 (text only)

E-Fax: 0871 2643323 Email: info@deafparent.org.uk Website: www.deafparent.org.uk

Don't miss this exciting event and opportunity to get involved

☐ **Yes, I would like to attend Deaf Parenting UK Conference on Friday 12th June 2009**

Name:

Job Title:

Address:

Email Address:

Tel/Textphone:

Fax:

Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5 ☐ Professionals/ service providers £80 ☐ (please tick)

Cheque payment: Please enclose a cheque made payable to *Deaf Parenting UK*, no later than 26th May 2009.

Invoice: I request an invoice to be sent, in order to arrangement payment. Please tick ☐

Signed:..... Date:.....

House of Commons Hansard Written Answers for 28 January 2009 (pt0033)

Mr. Gibb: To ask the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families what guidance his Department issues to local authorities on the provision of interpreters for deaf parents attending parents' evenings. [251232]

Sarah McCarthy-Fry: The Government recognise the additional difficulties disabled parents face in effectively engaging at school-parent communication events such as parent evenings. The provisions in the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and the advice to schools and local authorities are primarily around how schools provide services for disabled pupils. Through practice guidance for schools on parent evenings the Department encourages schools to use a number of ways to enhance the relationship with parents and carers, including asking parents what they want and what would encourage them to come into the school.

The Government committed in the Children's Plan Progress Report published in December 2008 to providing guidance for schools and other settings on working with parents, which will include meeting the specific needs of deaf parents and the implications of the DDA for schools work with parents.

House of Commons Hansard Written Answers for 29 January 2009 (Column 840W)

Mr. Gibb: To ask the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families what his most recent estimate is of the number of deaf parents of children of school age. [251233]

Sarah McCarthy-Fry: The Department does not collect this data centrally.

We recognise the particular problems faced by disabled parents and our forthcoming parent survey will enable us to understand more fully the views of disabled parents. We have committed to providing guidance for schools

and other settings on working with parents, which will include meeting the needs of deaf parents.

Public Announcements/ Feedback:

"You are doing a wonderful job in raising awareness about deafness. Sabina is a remarkable role model for other deaf young people. Very well done." Professor Waqar Ahmad (Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador), Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise Middlesex University

"Excellent page on the website 'Power Parent'. I am pleased to see Deaf Parenting UK doing fantastically". Mary-Jayne Russell de Clifford, DPUK Trustee

"Positive article. The theme that Deaf parents need that support and can be good parents, kids adapt to being bilingual or more and so on. The Disabled community need to see this, to support us Deaf parents. The information about technical assistance alerts etc help." Penny Beschizza, DPUK Trustee

"I was so pleased to read that Sabina has been awarded a Woman of the Future award. I can't say I was surprised, always knew you would both be very successful in your careers but to win THAT award is something special. Please be sure to give her my love and congratulations. I know how hard she must have worked to achieve this - and how much support you will have given her. Well done to you both. All good wishes from us both". Ruth Myers

"Congratulations on all your recent awards and high profile recognition!" Eddie Lynch, Chief Executive, MENCAP

"Just wanted to say what a wonderful edition this newsletter is, such a pleasure reading all the info and news....keep up the very worthwhile work and a very happy year ahead with even more successful events." Sandra David (deaf mum and deputy head at Frank Barnes School, London)

"With a big pleasure I read your newsletter – it was so very interesting and cognitive – it's so nice gift before Xmas. And we printed it in our newspaper for Deaf Ukrainians 'Our life'."
Nathalie Kamenskaya, Editor of "Our life" newspaper.

INTERPRETING MY DAUGHTER'S BIRTH **(EXTRACT FROM BBC OUCH! WEBSITE)**

by **Charlie Swinbourne** (23rd January 2009)

As I write, I'm looking over at a little bundle of joy sleeping soundly in her cot. My baby daughter is three weeks old and, while I might be biased, I think she has the most perfect little face I've ever seen, with bright blue eyes, short brown hair and flawless soft skin.



Since she was born, I've been getting used to changing countless nappies every day, and waking up three times a night. I've even learnt how to fold her pram without spraining my arm - not an easy task. But all those minor struggles have been offset by the realisation that I am finally, after nine and a half long months, a proud and doting Dad.

Rewind three weeks, and on an icy Monday evening in late December, my fiancée Jo and I were driving to the hospital so that labour could be induced. Over Christmas, her bump had become bigger and bigger - and for Jo, ever more uncomfortable - with no sign of even a Braxton Hicks for our trouble. (For those not up on pregnancy vocabulary, this means false contractions.)

It was a nervous time. With my deafness being classed as 'moderate to severe' and Jo rated 'severe to profoundly' deaf, we had spent

months doing all we could to get the hospital ready for the birth - including holding one-to-one meetings with the head midwife where we outlined our communication needs. We were about to put these preparations to the test in the most important few hours of our lives.

We had carefully worked out a plan to make sure that Jo - who depends on lip reading - could understand everything going on during the labour. Anything she missed, I would interpret for her using sign language and obvious lip patterns, while anything *both* of us missed would be translated by Jo's mum, who is hearing. She would join us when labour began.

Shortly after being induced, Jo's contractions started. Good news overall, but bad news for my right hand, as Jo squeezed it to oblivion when each new wave of pain came along. I considered warning her that this might affect my fingerspelling skills later in the night, but as she was in agony at the time I thought she might not appreciate it.

During those few hours, as nurses came to offer Jo gas and regularly monitor the baby's heartbeat, I started to feel the strain of translating on my own. The medical staff were incredibly friendly, but they spoke with a variety of different accents – mostly Irish, Polish, or African - meaning that lip reading and interpreting their instructions became really difficult.



Before we knew it, the light of dawn had arrived and Jo's mum joined us, just as the contractions became so severe that further pain relief was needed. This came in the

form of an epidural, where a huge needle and then drugs are inserted into the spine.

Looking back, the twenty minutes during which the epidural took place was probably the most stressful period of the whole labour - including the birth itself - because neither we, nor the hospital, had predicted the procedure would present any additional problems for a deaf mother. But it did.

For this difficult method of pain relief to be administered, Jo had to get into a crouched sitting position, with chin placed against her chest. This immediately made it very hard for her to look at us - crucial if you need to see someone signing. Then the doctor, standing behind Jo, started to give her instructions about how and when she needed to move to aid the process. But Jo couldn't hear a thing the doctor was telling her - and with her eyes squinted closed as she grimaced from the pain of the needle being inserted, we were unable to communicate with her either.

The situation got worse: the needle had to be repositioned three times, as another contraction came along - meaning they had to start again. The tension in the room was unbearable, while Jo was doing well just to stay upright. I realised she didn't have a clue what was going on, and insisted that the process was stopped so the doctor could explain everything to her, face to face, before continuing.

At this point, a consultant swept into the room - a bit like a star actor making a cameo appearance on stage. After a run-through with Jo, she performed the next epidural; this time, it worked perfectly.

The contrast was remarkable. Having been in intense pain, Jo was soon happily chatting to us, and even managed a much-needed nap! We could all exhale again.

By now it was midday. We thought we were just a few hours from meeting Swinbean (the nickname we'd given to our future baby), but

then everything seemed to slow down. We sat in that room through the late afternoon, evening and into the night, reassured by watching the print-out graph of the baby's heartbeat spooling from the monitor, accompanied by a spiky line marking Jo's contractions.



At two in the morning on New Year's Eve, the instructions were reduced to a simpler "push!" and "stop pushing!", which Jo could follow on her own. Three exhausting hours later (for Jo, though we were all rather red-eyed) our baby daughter entered our lives, accompanied by a few tears of joy as we held her for the first time.

Amazingly, the hospital gave us a private room and allowed me to stay overnight - a privilege that other fathers don't have - so that I could continue to interpret for my partner.

The only really difficult part had been the aforementioned epidural - a situation that wasn't thought of in advance. To address this problem, we would recommend that deaf prospective parents ask their hospital if they can practice a 'dry run' of an epidural a month or two in advance of their due date, so they know exactly what to expect.

As for the NHS staff, they were absolute stars - friendly, dedicated and most importantly, willing to adjust to our communication needs both before the birth and during labour. They delivered our daughter into the world safely, and for that - from this deaf mum and dad - we'd like to send them our warmest gratitude.

DPUK Announcement *Sharing your news...*

DPUK 1st Christmas Party

Deaf Parenting UK hosted their 1st Christmas Party, which attracted 42 children age ranging from newborn to 10 years. The children were delighted with 2 entertainers in form of a Christmas Clown and Elf providing entertainment which provided to be very popular in story-telling, singing and dancing, balloon modelling, face painting, fun and games etc. Two Sign language Interpreters were recruited to provide communication support for a number of Deaf Children

Party food of hot buffet and refreshment for both children and parents went down a storm!

A very Big Thank to all the deaf parents who came with their children, and making it such a great day!



Unicorn Theatre Production – ‘Sleeping Beauty’

Twenty one Children and Nineteen Deaf parents, making a total of 38 people attended the Intergrated BSL **Interpreted** performance of ‘Sleeping Beauty’ at the Unicorn Theatre in London.

The children enjoyed the production which I would describe as mysterious and magical, together with some lovely cameo performances and good twists to the standard plot.

The performance was a paced story which kept the audience totally absorbed, with humour and fun.

Parent & Toddler Group Meet at Tumble in the Jungle!



Sixteen children age ranging from 8 months to 5 years attended the ‘Parent & Toddler Group Meet’ at the Tumble In the Jungle Soft Play Centre in Walthamstow.

This centre offered a large soft play area for little ones, divided into levels to cater for babies of crawling age and a larger structure to cater for kids from 3 - 8 years.



Soft play centres are the best place I know for the children to let off steam indoors!

DPUK NEWSROUND *Deaf Parenting News in UK/Worldwide...*

Health in
Pregnancy
Grant

Information for mums to be

From April 2009, almost every pregnant woman in the UK will be eligible for Health in Pregnancy Grant (HiPG). This will be a one-off payment of £190, available from the 25th week of pregnancy. It is intended to help support the general health and well-being of pregnant women in the later stages of pregnancy, and to help them meet some of the costs in the run up to the birth.

A midwife or doctor will need to sign the form to confirm that the woman is 25 weeks pregnant, and that appropriate maternal advice has been given in order for a woman to claim the grant.

Midwives and GPs will be able to order a supply of claim forms from 1st December 2008 by calling 08453 021 430.



NMC/GMC PIN, practitioner registration details and desired number of claim forms will be needed to place an order. Only one person per team should place an order for the forms. Forms must be stored securely.

Pregnant women whose expected delivery date is on or after 6th April 2009 will be able to make a claim from their 25th week of pregnancy. Eligible pregnant women sending claims form to HMRC should note that the form must be sent within 31 days of your midwife or doctor signing the form - otherwise you may miss out on the grant.

For further information:
<http://campaigns.direct.gov.uk/money4mum2be/>



Notice Board



Parent& Toddler Groups:

Action Deafness Parent & Baby/Toddler Group

Deaf/deafened/deafblind/HOH parents with hearing/deaf babies/toddlers.

For further information, contact:

Information & Activities Officer

Action Deafness

135 Welford Road, Leicester LE2 6BE

Tel: 0116 257 4800

Text: 0116 257 4888

Fax: 0116 257 4858

Email: sharonsmith@actiondeafness.org.uk

Deaf Access Parent & Toddler Group

Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month.

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Deaf Access, Community House

South Street,

Bromley,

Kent, BR1 1RH

For more information please contact

Jonathan Nelson:

SMS: 07751244853

Voice: 020 8315 2550

Minicom: 020 8315 2552

Fax: 020 8315 2554

E-mail: advocate@deaf-access.co.uk

The Deafness Resource Centre and Sure

Start playgroup 'Happy Hands' for children Deaf, HOH parents & Hearing parents of deaf HOH children under 5yrs.

For more information, contact:

Deafness Resource Centre

32-40 Dentons Green Lane

St Helens WA10 2QB

Tel/text: 01744 238 87

Fax: 01744 611 540

Mobile: 07896934485

Email: deafsociety2003@yahoo.com



Deaf Parenting UK

Parenting Practitioners

Deaf Parenting UK are looking for people who understands issues deaf parents face and wants to be part of something that makes a difference to their lives.

Deaf Parenting UK is seeking dynamic individuals from across the UK with parenting training and assessment background to become our pool of Deaf Parenting Practitioners / trainers.

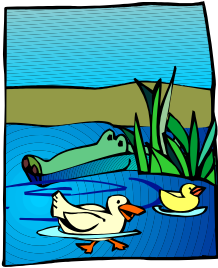
If you have any parental experience, a native signer or have BSL level 3 signing skills, and want to work for us, please submit your CV, along with a cover letter explaining your interest in becoming our pool of parenting practitioner.

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

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Adverts:



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Queen Elizabeth's Walk
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DEADLINE FOR BOOKING REQUEST: MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2009

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SMS: 07789 027186 (text message only)

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Join Krazy Kat's interactive workshops using drama games on featuring theatre and how to tell a story without speaking!

FREE For Children of Deaf parents age 5-10 years



Saturday 2nd May 2009
1.30pm - 4.30pm

St. Bede's Centre for Deaf People
412 Clapham Road
Clapham North
London
SW9 9DA

Nearest BR Station: Clapham High Street
Nearest Underground: Clapham North

PARENTS MUST BOOK THEIR CHILD'S PLACE IN ADVANCE, CONTACT COORDINATOR FOR BOOKING FORM.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING REQUEST:
WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2009

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

Fax: 0871 264 3323

SMS: 07789 027186 (text message only)

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DPUK Board Trustee

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