



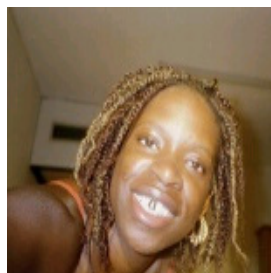
Deaf Parenting UK

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter produced by Deaf Parenting UK. I hope you find reading the contents enjoyable!



For those who don't know me...my name is Nicole Campbell and I am the DPUK Co-coordinator.

My experience as a single parent has led me to secure my position within DPUK. I attended the first pilot project on a Deaf Parenting Skills Course ran by the Deaf Parenting Planning Group. This course was a wake up call to issues and problems facing many parents like myself. I learnt new and positive parenting skills and I now felt it was my duty to pass these skills onto others who needed them within the community.

Amongst other day-to-day work involved with DPUK, I am responsible for setting up and ensuring the smooth running of Deaf Parenting Skills courses.

The aims of these courses are to help deaf parents, regardless of their status or background, to learn positive parenting skills and to improve the quality of their family life. The courses also provide information, advice, and skills to take care of themselves, their children and to achieve their potential in life, which for many of us is to be happy.



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New Release...

A New DVD '**Signing Family**' produced by Deaf Association of Northern Ireland (DANI) is an information resource for Parents of Deaf children, Deaf Parents and professionals.

Check out the website on:

www.signcommunity.org.uk/signingfamily

To order a copy of the DVD, contact:

adminni@bda.org.uk or contact them by
Tel: 028 90387700 or Fax: 028 90387707

Your views to Deaf Parenting UK

DPUK would like to hear from you!

If you have anything relating to parenting issues that you would like to include in our newsletter update, please send in your comments, news or anything you would like to share that we may want to publish.

Contact **DPUK** on:

Email: deaf-parenting@hotmail.co.uk

Fax: 020 8317 3126

DPUK...inside story

Deaf Parenting UK (previously known as Deaf Parenting Project under DPPi) has been established in 2001 by Sabina Iqbal (Chair & Founder of DPUK), following her research in USA and UK on the gaps in services for deaf parents and deaf parents to be.

The aim of **Deaf Parenting UK**, as an independent organisation is:

- To relieve the needs of Deaf Parents and Deaf parents to be.
- Highlighting the gaps in services in UK
- To work with various organisations including Health, Social Services, Deaf & mainstream parenting organisations to improve access to information and services to Deaf Parents.

DPUK Board Trustee

The DPUK Board Trustee is a group made up of a Working Party consisting of deaf parents, professionals and service providers working together to identify gaps in information and services and find ways to improve access for deaf parents.

Sabina Iqbal – Chair / Founder

Trudi Collier – Deaf Counsellor

Jessica Wilde – deafPLUS

Ramon Woolfe – Remark!

Robin Ash – Frank Barnes School

Yasmin Kovic – NSPCC

Penny Beschizza – Co-opted Trustee

All trustee members are deaf parents/ deaf parents- to- be.

If anyone expresses an interest in becoming a trustee board member, please contact the DPUK Coordinator.

DPUK Staff

Stephen Dering – Director

Nicole Campbell – Coordinator

Deaf Parenting Planning Group

The **Deaf Parenting UK** is working in partnership with social services, Deaf and mainstream parenting organisations.

A big thanks to the **Deaf Parenting Planning Group** for their support and initiative in making this project happen.

The Deaf Parenting Planning Group consists of a positive partnership of social services in South East London, Deaf Organisations including deafPLUS, Deaf Access and DPUK.

With their support and funding, two pilot courses were great successes and the Deaf Parenting Planning Group has agreed for **DPUK** to take the lead in rolling more courses across the country.

PRESS RELEASE...PRESS RELEASE...



Deaf Parenting UK is pleased to announce it's 5th Year Anniversary in April 2006.

A mini launch party to celebrate **DPUK** 5th Year Anniversary is planned on:

Friday 19th May 2006
10.30am – 1.30pm

At
Frank Barnes School
For Deaf children
Harley Road
London NW3 3BN

Watch this space!
For further details...contact DPUK



NOTICE BOARD



Deaf Parenting Planning Group

The Deaf Parenting Group are running Parenting skills course for Deaf Parents with Teenagers from **22nd April 2006**.

To find out about their FREE Deaf Parenting Skills Course, contact the Coordinator:

Email: deaf-parenting@hotmail.co.uk

Greenwich Deaf Play Scheme project (GDPS)



GDPS project is available to all Deaf children and hearing children of Deaf Parents, aged between 8-15 years, living in one of the boroughs: Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lewisham & Southwark. GDPS operates on every school holidays except Christmas.

For more information about the project, contact the Co-ordinator on:

Email: queenk79@yahoo.com

Fax: 020 8320 2100

Textphone: 020 8320 2101

SMS: 07751 240386

Parent & Toddler Group

Support Group for Deaf parents and hearing parents of deaf children.

Every Thursday from 10am – 12 noon at *Deaf Access Centre, Community House South Street, Bromley. BR1 1RH*

Tel: 020 8315 2550

Fax: 020 8315 2554

Textphone: 020 8315 2552

SMS: 07732 449349

Email: information@deaf-access.co.uk

CoDPuk – Children of Deaf Parents

An organisation whose aims to inform, mentor and work with deaf parents in the UK, in broadening the horizons of and nurturing their children's self esteem. Check out their website www.codpuk.org.uk for diary dates of future events:

Sunday 30th April 2006

Treasure Hunt and Family

Fun Day with CoDPuk at

Alice Holt Woodland Park.



***** NEWSFLASH *****

NEW Guide to Pregnancy and Childbirth for Deaf Parents

A new DVD for deaf parents and parents-to-be is presented in British Sign Language with subtitles and voice-over. It is free to deaf parents, £10 pounds to professionals. Available on order from DPPi (Disability, Pregnancy, Parenthood International).

For more information, check out the website on: www.dppi.org.uk/deafparenting



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Free DPUK Email Group

The Deaf Parenting UK has an E-Group that offer free discussion/ debate/ support forum for Deaf Parents on parenting issues.

This Free Email Group is for deaf parents, professionals and services providers.

To join, please send blank email to:

deafparenting-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Or join via website on:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/Deafparenting

*Check out our website
www.deafparent.org.uk*

Website News Update...

www.deafparent.org.uk has a useful link to deaf organisations and mainstream parenting organisations. The website will be undergoing restructure to reflect the new name change and of course exciting developments to come!

'Training the Trainers' Training Opportunity

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

DPUK is looking to train and recruit staff to their new pool of **Deaf Parenting Skill Course Trainers**.



If you have any parental experience, a native signer or BSL level 2 and want to develop your skills further...then this course is for YOU!

The Deaf Parenting UK is in working partnership with Parentline Plus, a national charity that works for and with parents.

Parenting Skills training will be delivered by Parentline Plus qualified trainers. Dates and location of training will be advised at a later date.

DPUK is developing and actively seeks applicants from across the UK to reflect the diversity of the deaf families we serve in delivering Deaf Parenting Skills courses.

Please submit your CV ASAP, along with a short letter explaining why you are interested in becoming a DPSC Trainer for DPUK and send to:

DPUK Co-coordinator, 4th Floor, Charles House, 375 Kensington High Street, London, W14 8QH.

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