

# Deaf Parenting UK Conference 2010: 'Are We Equal?'



Deaf Parenting UK



(Accessing to Health, Social Services and to our Children's Education)

On Wednesday 7th July 2010, 9.30am - 3.00pm at  
The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.



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

**Deaf Parenting UK** is delighted to host their next **Deaf Parenting UK Conference 2010: Are We Equal?** The theme of the conference will focus on the three key areas: Health, Social Services and Children's Education.

The conference will offer an exciting programme of speakers and family fun activities for children of Deaf parents as well as an excellent opportunity for all to meet with other Deaf parents, families and professionals. The aim is to work together to find a way to move forward, ensuring Deaf Parents have **equal access to Health, Social Services and to their children's education.**

***"Limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment"***

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## Aim

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 across Health, Social Services and Children's Education;
- Access to Health, Social Services and children's education is vital for many Deaf parents but are Deaf parents equal?
- Deaf parents to be informed about their rights and entitlements.

The conference will offer the opportunity for Deaf parents and professionals to have a debate on what should happen to ensure the needs of Deaf parents are met and enable them to be 'equal to any other parents in accessing the services'. To enable Deaf parents and service providers to put forward questions to the panel members on the subject of accessing Health, Social Services and Children's Education.

## Key Messages

The 'Question time' is a great opportunity for Deaf Parents and Service Providers to raise concerns about equal access to services, primarily focusing on Health, Social Services and Children's Education with those who can put into effect positive change. It is a great opportunity to influence Decision Makers and Service Providers nationwide, who need a better understanding of the Deaf Parent's experiences of access to Health, Social Services and their Children's Education.

## Benefits

The panel and professionals will develop an understanding of the needs of deaf parents and their view about their children needs.

## 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 each other. ***Please book your child(s) places in advance to confirm numbers.***

## Directions

By tube - The nearest tube station is Holloway road station (Piccadilly line). On leaving the station turn left and walks under the railway bridge for 5 minutes. The Resource Centre is found next door to Waitrose on the opposite side of the road and can be reached by using the Pedestrian Crossing. Buses: 4,17,29,43,153,253, 259, 271, 279 and stop within a short walk to the Resource Centre.

## Programme

<b>9:30 – 10:00am</b>	Arrival, registration coffee/tea
<b>10:00 – 10:10am</b>	<b>Opening address</b> - Professor Waqar Ahmed, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise, Middlesex University & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador
<b>10:10 - 10:20am</b>	Sabina Iqbal, Chair/Founder of Deaf Parenting UK
<b>10:20 – 10:40 am</b>	Surinder Sharma, National Director, Equality & Human Rights, Department of Health
<b>10:40 - 11:00am</b>	<b><i>"Help me do it my way"</i></b> Anne Bristow, The Joint -Chair of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services' Physical Disabilities & Sensory Network
<b>11.00 - 11.15am</b>	Break
<b>11:15 – 11.30am</b>	<b><i>"Do social care services work for Deaf parents?"</i></b> Professor Alys Young, The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, The University of Manchester & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador

**11:30 - 11:45am** Jeff McWhinney, Managing Director of Significan't (UK) Ltd & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador

**11:45 – 12:30pm** Open Discussion

**12:30 – 1:30pm** Lunch

**1.00 – 1.20pm** AGM

**1.30 – 2.15pm** Workshop

**Workshop A: 'Healthy Child Programme - What it Means for Parents'**  
Penny Allsop, Healthy Child Programme Policy Lead, Department of Health

**Facilitators** Simeon Hart, Deaf Parenting UK Trustee and Sunil Sahasrabudhe, ISLanDs University of Central Lancashire

**Workshop B: To be confirmed**

**Facilitators** Penny Beschizza, Deaf Parenting UK Trustee and Sibaji Panda, ISLanDs, University of Central Lancashire

**2.15 – 3.00pm** **Workshops Summary & Closing remark**  
Chair by Dr Lesley Jones, Senior Lecturer in Social Science, Hull York Medical School, University of York & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador

**3.00pm** Close

**Next step**

If you would like to attend the event, please return the attached reply leaflet slip or email [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk). Tickets will be issued on a first come, first serve basis.

**Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5 Professionals/ service providers £80 Students £10**

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

**E-Fax: 0871 2643323 Email: [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk) Website: [www.deafparent.org.uk](http://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 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel/Textphone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5 Students £10 Professionals/ service providers. £80**

**No. of Child(s) ..... Age .....**

**Cheque payment:** Please enclose a cheque made payable to **Deaf Parenting UK**, no later than **25<sup>th</sup> June 2010** to **Deaf Parenting UK**, c/o Gary Morgan, 49 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD

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

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