



Deaf Parenting UK



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The greatest gift of all...family time

It is Christmas again... a time for festive celebrations for families and friends alike. Time once again to dig out the decorations, send Christmas cards to friends and relatives and find the perfect gifts to place under the tree for our loved ones.

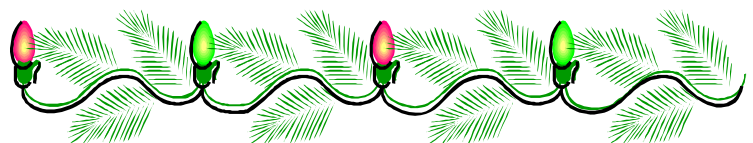
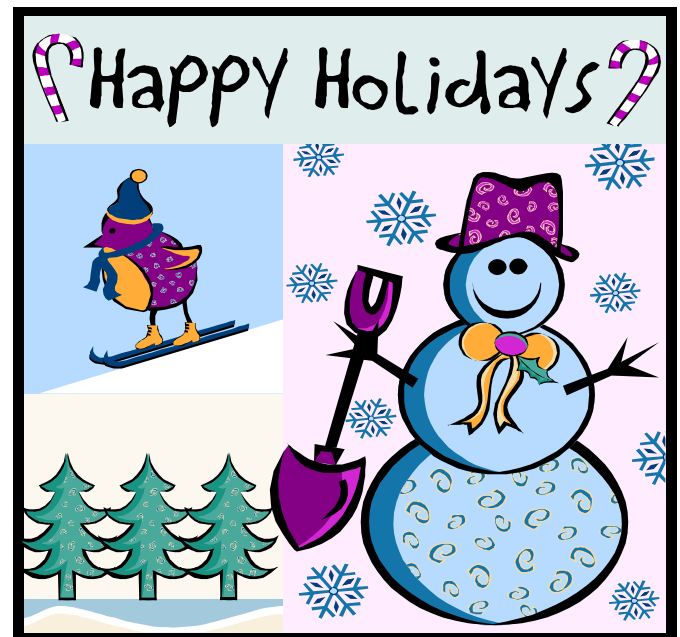
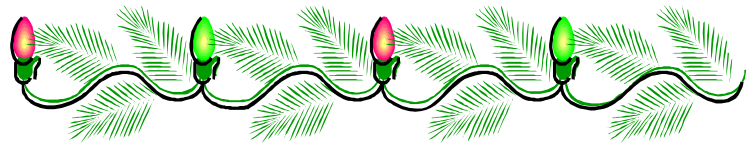
I am not one who feels inspired to clean in the springtime. So when spring rolls around... you won't find me inside the house cleaning! I am going to be outside enjoying the sunshine and early spring flowers.

While I am not a fan of the cold, I do not get SAD (seasonal affective disorder) during the festive season ... due to lack of outdoor time and sunshine. I do find myself drawn indoors most of the time and I find it sets off a sort of nesting instinct. I clean and de-clutter, and generally just try to make sure our "hibernation chamber" is comfy and clean in preparation for the festive season and the long winter months!

So tell me... do you "nest" in the winter...? What do you do...?

Whatever your plans are for Christmas, Deaf Parenting UK would like to wish you all a joyful and peaceful festive seasons ranging from Christmas, Eid, Hanuakah, & Diwali and a very Happy New Year 2012!

Nicole Campbell, DPUK Coordinator



Asif Iqbal MBE, DPUK Project Manager's Update:



Wow, how times flews so fast. Looking back since last January 2011, we have certainly achieved so much!

We have generated so many publicity and Deaf media coverage, raising profile of Deaf Parenting UK, the successes of our Deaf parenting Skills courses/ workshops to many Deaf parents, and 1:1 parenting support, and not to mention, our Deaf Parenting UK's Special celebration to celebrate our 10th year anniversary. We have received lots of support from well-known people including celebrities on our 10years anniversary and supports with our charity.

Many Deaf parents and exhibitors valued our partnership work with mainstream organisations including The Baby shows was a great success in 4 years running.

Most recently, I received a delightful feedback from a Deaf mum who used our advocacy service and fought her case and won! It was such a positive outcome and just in time for Christmas as she wrote that it couldn't come at a better time and thanked us for all the support!

The year 2012 will bring us lots of challenges and opportunities. We have secured funding from Children in Needs for family fun days once a month and funding from TSB Foundation for Deaf Parents Families Project with Children Centre, setting up support groups for Deaf parents and their children across London.

My kids were so exciting with the counting days to Christmas and helped in decorating Xmas tree with lights, tinsels, baubles and even managed to surprise us with their delightful Xmas play at school/ nursery. Christmas time.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and happy New Year and enjoy the festive seasons.

FAMILY INFORMATION TOUR



Deaf Parenting UK is delighted to be chosen to work in partnership with first ever UK and Ireland's **Family Information Tour** organised by London Family Television. The products and services that have been chosen for the **Family Information Tour** are made to enable the enrichment of the lives of families, children and young people.

Asif Iqbal MBE Project Manager explained: *"We are delighted with our partnership with Family Information Tour, ensuring that Deaf parents and other parents who visits the Tour are aware of Deaf Parenting UK and our services.*

Family Information Tour is also FREE which provide families with information, advice, support and resources at family friendly venues. It is also fantastic opportunity for Deaf Parenting UK and other charities/ organisations to showcase the best products, services and businesses to parents, children and young people."

Sofia Theophilou, Director of UK and Ireland Family Tour: *"Local Family TV is delighted to be partnering with Deaf Parenting UK on our UK and Ireland Family Information Tour. It is important that not only is information and advice is important for families but that everyone should also know about Deaf Parenting UK as charity that does so much for deaf parents. We also hope that more people will become*

volunteers or donate and we will continue to get the message across.”

The **Family Information Tour** will also showcase the following:

- **Products** - Some of which to include books and video games that will benefit parents, children and young people with educational information;
- **Seminars** - Q&A sessions with real-life experts;
- **Services:** Businesses and voluntary organisations chosen by us will exhibit information and provide advice to parents, children and young people;
- **Presenters Casting:** We have received confirmation from over 100 people who will be attending the tour for our presenter auditions. We are looking to train local children, young people and adults to present programmes in their communities;

The **Family Information Tour** will cover 9 dates across the venues at Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Exeter, Cardiff, London, Edinburgh and Belfast on Saturdays from November 2011 to April 2012, therefore giving the maximum impact benefiting families, children and young people living in the UK and Ireland, as follow:

Birmingham - 26th November 2011

Venue – Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham, B4 7SX

Manchester – 10 December 2011

Venue – Manchester Bridge Club, 30 Palatine Road, Manchester, M20 3JJ

Newcastle – 28 January 2012

Venue - Fluid Bar and Kitchen, Bealim House, 17-25 Gallowgate, NE1 4SG

Norwich – 11 February 2012

Venue – Blackfriars' Hall, Norwich St, Andrews Hall Plain, Norwich NR3 1AU

Exeter – 18 February 2012

Venue – X Centre Commercial Road Exeter EX2 4AD

Cardiff – 10 March 2012

Venue – Whitchurch Community Centre, Old Church Road, CF14 1AD

London – 24th March 2012

Venue –Christ Church United Reformed Church, Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 6ND

Edinburgh – 31 March 2012

Venue - Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

Belfast - 28 April 2012

Venue - Black Box, 18 - 22 Hill Street, BT1 2LA

DPUK & St John Deaf Club's Children Christmas Party

DPUK was delighted to be working in partnership with St John Deaf Club in organising a Children Xmas party at Green Lane. It was attended by 45 children and their families who saw a Deaf Santa and Elves on the roof of Deaf club before greeting all children of Deaf parents with Xmas presents. DPUK provided the gifts and entertainer and St John Deaf Club provided the delightful venue and foods. All children had so much fun with Crazy Daisy (entertainer) who kept them and their parents/ families entertained in between foods and activities. (photos on page 6)

Feedback from many parents found it fantastic event and want to see more of this. Watch this space.

BDA Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland

British Deaf Association invited our Chair Sabina Iqbal to give paper on "Inspiring, Empowering: Deaf without Limit" which explore her personal experience of how she became empowered, her vast career and how she became inspiring and role model for many other. She provided many thought-provoking on issues that we faces today including "Are Deaf people empowered or dependent in this current society" which continued in discussion during the Conference and their workshops.

Deaf Families Project funding by Lloyd TSB Foundation

We are delighted to announce our two years funding from Lloyd TSB Foundation for the Deaf Families Project, focusing on Deaf Parenting support groups at Children's Centre across London. The aim of the project is to outreach as many Deaf parents and ensure they have support from one of our Children's Centre including Parenting workshops, activities for Deaf parents with their children and many more.

Also with this funding, we have job opportunity for Parent Advocate on page 12 – please encourage yourself or other to apply.

London 2012 Celebration

Harrow Asian Deaf Club will be having a special celebration by hosting the **London Olympic 2012 celebration** on Saturday 3rd March 2012 from 5pm until 10pm in Harrow.

As it is London 2012 theme, we will have fantastic fun including Questions of Sport, competitions and games. The event is open to all deaf/ hearing people including young people, older people, people from all faiths, family and sport fans.

There will also be fancy dress like sport or British flag theme and refreshments/ food of

Olympic themes too so come along and dress up either with sport clothes or wear something with British flag e.g. hat/ top those have British flag.

For more information or want to come, please contact us by email: hadc@hotmail.com

DPUK Lifetime Achievement Award 2012

Don't forget the deadline for nominating the DPUK's Lifetime Achievement Awards.

What we are looking for:

A Deaf Parent who achieved a great deal in his / her lifetime, who greatly improved the quality of life and access for Deaf parents and families.

What we need from you:

Keep thinking of someone, looking *back several decades, (eg 10-100+ years)* to identify Deaf people who used their parent role in opening up new opportunities for other Deaf parents in achieving equality as hearing parents in family life.

Imagine Deaf parents in old days, over 10years ago, who the Deaf person who have support Deaf parents?

Lifetime Achievement Award Winner will be invited to attend the stunning reception in London – details to be announced nearer the time

Why not nominate yourself or someone worthy for our Lifetime Achievement Award 2012, please nominate online now (www.deafparent.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/DPUK-Award-2011-Lifetime-Achievement-Awards-nomination-form.doc) and email it to media@deafparent.org.uk

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS:
FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2012**

Discover Children's Story Centre, London's only children's museum is a place where children and their families can enjoy playing, learning and making up stories together.

25 parents and children attended the rolling exhibition programme which is currently Welcome to Monsterville – the families enjoyed the indoor Story Trail where you can dress up, make puppets and play with them, listened to stories created by an award winning illustrator Sarah McIntyre – with the support of BSL Interpreter.

A truly fantastic place to take your children, with lots of fun things to do indoors as well as outdoors and many facilities available too. Members of staff were very friendly and on hand to help where needed.

It has just been announced that Discover will be part of the **London 2012 Festival** with its project **StoryCloud**. StoryCloud is a nationwide digital project that will reach 500,000 children in their homes, schools and libraries. For more information, check out their website: www.discover.org.uk



Discover Centre, Stratford

Children dressing up – pretend play!



Story trail...

Story- telling

DPUK and St John's Deaf Club Children's Christmas Party took place from 1pm to 6pm on Sunday 11th December 2011, which was a roaring success. A team of 10 volunteers came together to provide a festive holiday event- very well attended with children of up to 10 years and entertained by Craizy Daizy, providing two hours of top entertainment with lots of party games and dancing, which got everyone in the festive spirit.

Party food of hot buffet and refreshments for both children and deaf parents went down a storm! The children were then treated to a visit from Santa and his Elf, who gave a signed Christmas story and brought gifts for each of the children in attendance

It was a fantastic event and I am very pleased to see all the families enjoying themselves so much. Thank to all the Deaf parents who came with their children, and making it such a great day!

A special thank you to the volunteers for their support, creating a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.



DPUK Future Events:

14th January 2012

DPUK Children's New Year Disco

20th January 2012

Hackney Deaf Parent Support Group – 'Play' Workshop

23rd January 2012

DPUK Workshop on Sexual Health run by Deafax

11th February 2012

DPUK Deaf Families Meet at Eddie Catz Soft Play Centre, Wimbledon

16th February 2012

Hackney Deaf Parent Support Group – 1stAid Training

17th March 2012

DPUK Flower Making for Mother's Day

7th April 2012

DPUK Easter Arts & Craft and Tea Party

DPUK Parenting Support Groups

Are you a Deaf Parent/ Deaf Parent to be?

Want to mix with other Deaf Parents & children in a family friendly environment?

Want to receive information, support and advice on parenting?

Why not come along and find out what it is all about?

Camden: 2nd Friday of every month

Time: 10am - 12 noon

When:

- Friday 13th January 2012
- Friday 10th February 2012
- Friday 9th March 2012

Where: Harmood Children Centre, 1 Forge Place, Off Ferdinand Street NW1 8DQ



Deaf Parent Support Group in Camden

Hackney: 3rd Monday of every month

Time: 12.30pm- 2.30pm

When:

- Monday 16th January 2012
- Monday 20th February 2012
- Monday 19th March 2012

Where: Comet Children Centre, 20 Halcomb Street, Hackney N1 5RF

Newham: 3rd Friday of every month

Time: 10am - 12pm

When:

- Friday 20th January 2012
- Friday 24th February 2012
- Friday 23rd March 2012
- Friday 20th April 2012

Where: Abbey Lane Children Centre, 1



Deaf Parent Support Group in Newham



Positive Parenting Programme

FREE

A GROUP FOR DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED PARENTS

Do you have children aged 2-11years?

A Positive Parenting Programme could help you to be a better parent. Groups discuss how parents can work with their children using tried and tested parenting techniques. Sessions help parents/carers to think about their parenting and ways to make changes.

This group for deaf /hearing impaired parents will consist of eight sessions and will be **supported by a BSL signer**.

Plaistow Children's Centre, E13. 9DQ.

9.30-11.30am.

Friday 6th 13th .20th .27th . January 2012.

Friday 3rd . 10th . 17th . 24th February 2012.

To book a place please text Maxine on
07881855902



DPUK Workshops



Play = Rapport, Communication, Fun, Learning, Developing Skills.

Why not come along, share your experiences & learn skills at Deaf Parenting Support Group Sessions

When?

**Monday 16th January 2012
12.30pm – 2.30pm**

Where?

Comet Children's Centre, 20 Halcomb Street, Hackney N1 5RF

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✓ Tea/Coffee Refreshments provided

The workshop will cover:

- **Dealing with unconscious casualties** (the recovery position and CPR)
- **Choking**
- **Everyday First Aid**



Do you want to know more about answering your children's question on sexual issues...?

"...Young People feel embarrassed to ask their parents about sexual health issues..."



Sexual Health Workshop for Deaf Parents

When: Monday 23rd January 2012
Time: 10am – 1pm
Where: Room 3, The Poetry School
81 Lambeth Walk London SE11 6DX

Cost: £5.00 per person

Workshop provided by Deaf Trainer from Deafax



FREE FIRST AID – 'SAVE A LIFE' WORKSHOP FOR DEAF PARENTS.

Where:

**Comet Children's Centre
20 Halcomb Street
Hackney
N1 5RF**

When:

**Monday 20th February 2012
12.30 – 2.30pm**



- ✓ 2 hours free workshop for 12 Deaf Parents
- ✓ BSL Interpretation

For more information about the above workshops Contact: Nicole Campbell, DPUK Families Project Coordinator:

SMS: 07928 842529 Fax: 0871 2643323

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

Job Advert

A number of new post has arisen within Deaf Parenting UK, and is now seeking Deaf people or professionals working with Deaf people to join their London based team.

DPUK Fundraiser



7 hours per week @ £10-13per hour dependant on experience

(6-9 months Fixed Term Contract from February 2012)

Do you understand issues that Deaf Parents/families face?

Are you willing to be a part of something rewarding that would make a difference to deaf parent's lives?

Duties

- Detailed research of grant and funding opportunities using a range of on-line resources and publications. Input accurate summaries into spreadsheets and/or databases and ensuring information is kept up to date.
- Drafting of high quality grant funding bids and tenders, in line with the requirements of potential funders or commissioners and with reference to their published guidelines and any communication with them.
- Review of funding bids and tenders providing accurate and detailed feedback to the DPUK Chair.

Essential

1. Native BSL user or hold Signature (CACDP) British Sign Language Level 2.
2. Deaf Awareness with an understanding of the challenges faced by Deaf families
3. Excellent experience of applying for funding in either a professional, voluntary or personal capacity
4. Undertaking high quality research to efficiently identify grant and funding opportunities and achieving major grant funding from trusts, foundations, lottery distributors or similar

The applicant will be responsible for maintaining high standard of delivery, professionalism and fostering a positive role model:

Closing date: Monday Friday 20th January 2012

Interviews (invitation by email) will be in London on Friday 27th January 2012.

For further information and application form – will be sent by email or fax:

DPUK Families Project Coordinator
c/o 49 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

Fax: 0871 2643323

DPUK Parent Advocate

7 hours per week @ £10 per hour

(2 years Fixed Term Contract from February 2012)



Are you an experienced parent or have experience working with Deaf Parents/families?

Do you understand issues that Deaf Parents/families face?

Are you willing to be a part of something rewarding that would make a difference to deaf parent's lives?

The applicant will be responsible for maintaining high standard of delivery, professionalism and fostering a positive role model:

Duties

- Set up and coordinate the four Deaf Parenting Support Groups across London.
- Carry out and maintain administrative duties as required by Deaf Parenting UK.
- Create marketing materials and promote the Deaf Parenting Support Groups.
- Raise Deaf Parenting Support Group Profile by attending to Information Days, Social Events, Outreach services etc.
- Liaise and work with local organisations for partnership working.

Essential

- Native BSL user or hold Signature (CACDP) British Sign Language Level 3
- Level 2 Child Care qualification or equivalent
- Deaf Aware with an understanding of the challenges faced by Deaf families
- Experience of providing information and support to deaf families and professionals working with deaf parents
- Experience with Microsoft Office 2007
- Flexible working & willing to travel.

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DPUK Children's Disco



FOR CHILDREN OF DEAF PARENTS
4YRS -10YRS

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY 2012
1PM - 5PM

St Mary's Church
Welcome Centre
8 Church End
Walthamstow
E17 9RJ



SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

COST £1.50 PER CHILD!

To book your child's place, Contact DPUK Families Project Coordinator with your full name & address, names of your child/children & Date of Birth

DEADLINE FOR TICKET REQUESTS:

FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2011

Only 50 children accepted – apply quickly to avoid disappointment

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

SMS: 07928 842529

Fax: 0871 264 3323



Deaf Parenting UK

DPUK Families Group Meet



A children's entertainment centre in Wimbledon for babies & Children up to 11 years. Allow them to let off steam, make new friends and explore the exciting adventure centre.

Saturday 11th February 2011

1- 4pm



Children in Need

at

Eddie Catz
42 Station Road
Merton
London
SW19 2LP

Nearest Underground: South Wimbledon or Colliers Wood

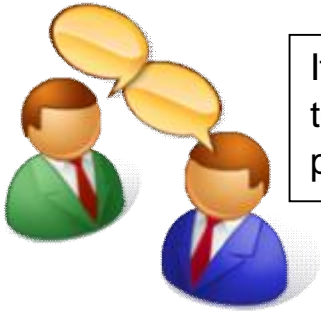
£2.00 Per Child



BOOKING FORM DEADLINE: FRIDAY 27th JANUARY 2012

Email: info@deafparent.org.uk

SMS: 07928 842529 (text message only) Fax: 0871 2643323



If there is anything in the newsletter that has inspired you, wish to comment or give feedback - Deaf Parenting UK would be pleased to hear from you!

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