



Helping to break down  
communication  
barriers for people  
who are deaf or  
hard of hearing



Living confidently with  
deafness and hearing loss

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# What we do

GDA provides a range of support and activities for Deaf and hard of hearing people across Gloucestershire



## Listening aid equipment

Including amplifying telephones, doorbell alerts, personal listeners and TV listeners. Whether at home or work, listening aid equipment will help keep you in touch.

## Hearing aid maintenance

New batteries, and routine cleaning and re-tubing of your NHS aids at a clinic near you. This service is supported by the Hearing Services department of Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## Communications support

BSL interpreting is so much more than simply translating one language to another and the communications support goes both ways, for the deaf person and the hearing professional.

## Deaf awareness training

Award-winning training for businesses to understand deafness better. We guarantee it will transform the way you communicate with your customers and/or clients.

*"Colleagues say it has given them an excellent insight into what life is like for people they know who are deaf or hard of hearing, and that this will change how they care for - and work with - people with hearing loss."* L.L. Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust

## Children, young people and families

There are more than 400 deaf or hard of hearing children and young people in Gloucestershire today and our priority is to help them build confidence in a social and relaxed environment. It all starts with our two dedicated clubs, CDCC for the under 8's, and GDYZ for older children going through to young adults.



Hearing siblings and friends are welcome as well.

## Information, advocacy and employment

GDA is the only organisation in Gloucestershire able to offer support across the board for Deaf sign language users. That includes help with letter writing, making phone calls and even finding a job.

In 2015, GDA was awarded 'Best Social Enterprise' at the Gloucestershire Business Show for our work around deaf employment.

## Community activities

At GDA we pride ourselves on our strong community spirit.

Whether you, or someone you know, was born deaf or has become deaf over time through age or illness, we host regular social activities from lip-reading classes, hard of hearing clubs, to Deaf lunch club and our Friendship Circle.

## Community centre room hire

GDA's community centre offers an attractive and disabled friendly place to socialise or hold a meeting.

Recently refurbished to a high standard and with on-site parking.

# We need you...

GDA relies on the generosity of individuals and businesses to ensure the future of their life-transforming services and social activities.

## Get involved

Fundraising for charity doesn't have to mean jumping out of a plane or running a marathon. There are lots of other ways that you can help. Why not

- hold a coffee and cake morning
- host a raffle draw
- sell unwanted items
- ask your local pub to hold a quiz night in aid of GDA
- set yourself a challenge - maybe give something up for a month or walk a mile everyday for a two months
- make GDA your company's charity partner
- set up a monthly donation



However you choose to support GDA, we're here to help you.

## Where your money will go

**£10**

could help pay for a housebound person to access GDA's popular social activities, like our hard of hearing and deaf clubs, using our Transport Fund.

**OR**

it could help pay for GDA's vital drop-in support sessions, which offer help for deaf sign language users with telephone calls, writing letters and form filling.

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