

Sport & Leisure NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Low Incidence Needs Team - Hearing Inclusion (LINT-HI) guide to inclusive D/deaf friendly fun in our local area.

We'll be sharing highlights from this year's LINT - HI activities, along with useful contacts and information to support future inclusive events and clubs.

Look out for regular updates like this in our newsletters throughout the academic year.

Gateshead Foundation Spotlight

The Gateshead Foundation has been running a successful sport group for D/deaf children in the local area.

Volunteers from LINT - HI and staff from the Foundation have given D/deaf children the chance to explore many different sports.

Our most recent sports activity was swimming, where children developed important skills with support both in and out of the pool.

To round off 2025, we held a Christmas party where children, their siblings, staff and interpreters came together to dance, eat, and celebrate a fantastic few months of friendship-building and learning new skills.

The group is completely free to attend and runs two sessions based on age 6-10 years and 11-16 years

There are still a few places so if you would like to sign your child up to future sessions, please contact Steven Thornton: steven@gfc-foundation.org.uk



BSL interpreted performances near you

Many of our local theatres offer BSL interpreted performances. It is important to note these only take place on certain days at certain times. Scan the QR code below to visit the theatre's website, where you can find a list of upcoming BSL-interpreted performances. Many theatres also offer their own accessibility schemes, which may include free carer tickets or additional discounts. We recommend checking their websites for the most up-to-date information on available support and offers.

Newcastle Theatre Royal:
www.theatreroyal.co.uk



Newcastle Tyne Theatre and Opera House:
www.tynettheatreandoperahouse.uk



The Glasshouse International Centre for Music:
www.theglasshouseicm.org



Cinema and CEA card

Subtitled versions of films are available at many of our local cinemas. These are often labelled as "OC". Your child may be eligible for a CEA card if they are over 5 years of age and meet the eligibility criteria.

This would allow a carer to go free with them to the cinema.

CEA Card: <https://www.ceacard.co.uk>



Businesses

Many local cinemas offer subtitled ("OC") screenings. If your child is over 5 and meets the eligibility criteria, they may be able to apply for a CEA Card. This card allows a carer to accompany them to the cinema free of charge.

EVENTS

Earth Defenders Day at Life Science Centre

Saturday 7 February 10:45

Life Science Centre are delighted to be able to invite you to the Earth Defenders Day at Life Science Centre in Newcastle on Saturday 7 February. This free event is for VIP invitees only and you will have exclusive access to workshops and activities as well as lunch with a scientist.

The Earth Defenders are space satellites that are working to monitor Earth's land, air and oceans.

During the day you will learn more about what these satellites do and you'll also see the first British Sign Language showing of the exciting planetarium show 'Earth Defenders'.

A buffet lunch will be provided, and there will be guest scientists joining us if you would like to chat with them about their work. The activities run 11am - 2pm and then you are welcome to stay and explore the Science Centre afterwards.

Find out more on the Life Science Centre website:
www.life.org.uk/whats-on

New Family Sign Classes by the South of Tyne and Wearside Deaf Children's Society

The South of Tyne and Wearside Deaf Children's Society are launching a new BSL family sign class thanks to a National Deaf Children's Society community grant.

- Maximum of 10 families, 6 weeks of learning BSL together - for children aged 0-5years
- Deaf role models
- Fun and play activities
- Support and advice
- Refreshments provided
- BSL interpreter on site



Starting Saturday 21 February and then Sundays 10:30-12:30. Come and learn, play and make new friends.

For more information contact:
familysignlanguagewithleah@gmail.com or
southtyneandwearside@deaf.org.uk

North East Deaf Youth Theatre

North East Deaf Youth Theatre aims to support deaf children and young people to develop their creative skills, build confidence and form new friendships.

Together with deaf arts organisation Turtléar, they will explore theatre-making including, creative writing, storytelling, acting, lighting and backstage skills to create our very own productions to share with friends and family.

Visit the website for more information:
www.unfoldingtheatre.co.uk/north-east-deaf-youth-theatre