



# Deaf Awareness Week

6–12 May 2019

Celebrating role models



## When you meet a deaf person

- Face the person while you are speaking, don't turn away
- Speak clearly without shouting
- Repeat yourself if necessary
- Never say 'It doesn't matter'
- If the person doesn't understand you, don't give up!
- Write it down or draw a picture
- Speak one at a time, don't talk over each other
- Keep your mouth visible
- Smile and relax
- Don't speak too quickly or too slowly
- Please use gestures

At least  
**24,000 people**  
in the UK use British  
Sign Language (BSL)  
as their main  
language

There are  
**11 million people**  
with hearing loss  
across the UK

There are  
**50,000 children**  
with hearing loss  
across the UK

#DAWrolemodels2019

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