



# Exhibitor Focus



## ABOUT THE HEARING SUPPORT SERVICE

The Hearing Support Service is part of Orkney Islands Council's Pupil Support Service and they are based at Papdale House, Kirkwall. The Hearing Support Service is staffed by Barbara Balcombe, who is a qualified Teacher of the Deaf.

Barbara is able to provide information and inspiration regarding British Sign Language (BSL) and Deaf Awareness in the workplace, as well as a career choice.

At the Orkney Careers Fair there will be a chance to develop your awareness around signs of deafness, communicating with Deaf people and their inclusion in our workplaces and communities. You will also be able to try out some BSL and learn some signs.

### HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

Within education, there is a formal referral process in place.

If you are an employer, you can contact Barbara on an informal basis regarding support.

### WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

The Hearing Support Service can provide resources regarding Deaf Awareness and BSL.

They can also deliver session to individuals, groups and classes.

### WHO CAN ACCESS SUPPORT

The Hearing Support Service supports those with Hearing Loss in Education. They also support the wider community to be informed regarding communicating with Deaf people.

The service can also support communication with Deaf people and BSL.

### CONTACT

For more information, contact Barbara on:

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## WHERE TO FIND THEM AT THE ORKNEY CAREERS FAIR:

**STAND 4**