

Yorkshire Learns To Sign For Free Coffee With coHearentVision

Yorkshire's leading charity for Deaf and Blind people teamed up with Caffè Nero in Leeds last week to give away free tea and coffee to people who ordered their drink using British Sign Language.

On 7th October, coHearentVision provided basic lessons in BSL to customers in Caffè Nero on the Headrow, who supported the charity's efforts in promoting Learn to Sign Week by providing free drinks for those that could sign their order.

Learn to Sign Week is run by the British Deaf Association and BSL is the main language for over 70,000 people in the UK. coHearentVision backed the awareness week by teaching the public some basic signs to help break down the barriers of communication with Deaf people.

Rob Young, Chief Executive at coHearentVision, said: The day we spent at Caffè Nero was a huge success, and we had a great reaction from the public.

We rely heavily on donations and support from both individuals and businesses, so we're very grateful to Caffè Nero and the public's efforts in helping us to raise awareness of Learn to Sign Week and the importance of BSL as the first language of so many people.

Jessica Hendy, one of the customers who took part, said: I've always wanted to learn sign language, so the quick lessons provided by coHearentVision were a great way of getting people involved and an interesting taster of what is to be expected on a beginners course. I would definitely like to learn more and getting my coffee for free was a great reward.

To donate or find out more about coHearentVision's services, visit www.cohearentvision.org.uk or call 0113 243 8328.

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About coHearentVision:

coHearentVision provides a dynamic social and learning environment for people with sensory loss, offering practical solutions to encourage a better quality of life, including:

- " Braille and large print service
- " Audio description services
- " A deafblind unit to provide comprehensive support to deafblind people, their carers and families
- " Sign language interpreting service
- " A lively youth development service
- " Counselling and support
- " Symbolic Language Service for those with learning disabilities
- " Social facilities and activities

coHearentVision also delivers a range of accredited courses and qualifications to help people satisfy the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 & 2004, including:

- " Taster Course, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 in British Sign Language
- " Business training in Sensory Awareness, encompassing Blind Awareness, Deaf Awareness, Hard of Hearing Awareness and Deafblind Awareness skills.

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