

I-Sign Newsletter – February 2014

CSW Development Fund

The [CSW Development Fund](#) has now closed with the final round of applications being approved this week. Since last July, £24,000 has been allocated to support the BSL skills development of over 40 CSWs and Teaching Assistants supporting BSL users in schools and colleges.

We have doubled the original target of 20 CSWs to be supported and have been able to offer each of them 1:1 distance support from Deaf Education Support Forum. In Year 2 of the project we will be collecting evaluation from the schools and colleges on the impact of the training for the children and young people being supported.

Train the Trainers

The last [Train the Trainer course](#) of Year 1 of the project was held in Wolverhampton in January. A total of 79 professionals from England have now been trained to deliver Family Sign Language to families of deaf children.

The course is now accredited through the Open College Network. In Year 2 of the project a further 6 courses will be held and is open to professionals who are at Level 3 BSL standard and have experience of working with young deaf children. For a list of locations and dates click [HERE](#).

<http://www.ndcs.org.uk/isign>

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CSW Qualification Pilot

UCLAN are continuing to take registrations for the new CSW Qualification developed by Signature which will be run in Preston from April onwards. Course fees are being heavily subsidised and it is an opportunity for those looking to become qualified CSWs or specialist TAs.

For more information click [HERE](#).