

terptree get out onto the marketplace for Deaf Awareness Week!

You may have seen Victoria Gibson of terptree on a stall in Newbury marketplace on Thursday 8th May, teaching people how to spell their names in sign language, she may have even taught you! This was in aid of Deaf Awareness Week 5-11 May 2008.

There are an estimated 9 million deaf people in the UK making it very important for businesses to provide accessible services. It is also the service providers' duty under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) to make a 'reasonable adjustment' to their service so that deaf and disabled people can use the service.

This could be by taking simple steps like having a Minicom/textphone so that deaf people can call into the service; making sure information is in Plain English and offering BSL/English interpreters when necessary. These are all areas in which terptree can advise and provide training in.

Are you interested in learning some basic sign language?

Read on to find out about terptree, an innovative business that has lots to offer.....!

Victoria Gibson started using sign language at the age of 14, when her cousin was born Deaf into a hearing family. "The whole family took an active interest in learning sign language in order to communicate with Max. It was only when I was 18 that I made the decision to train as a British Sign Language (BSL)/English Interpreter".

Victoria then trained as an interpreter, becoming qualified in 2005 and establishing terptree in September 2006; a growing Berkshire-based business that provides services for the benefit of Deaf people; interpreting, training and consultancy.

Take a look at www.terptree.co.uk for more information about terptree. You can also find out what they have been up to, by looking at the News section, which also has a website link for terptree's blog and sign language vlog - video log.

terptree are running fun introductory BSL taster sessions in Newbury on:

- Thursday 29th July 10 - 12pm and 1 - 3pm
- Wednesday 20th August 7 - 9pm

If you would like to find out more information, contact Victoria Gibson at victoria@terptree.co.uk or on 07968 969 488.