



DEAF YOUTH!

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BDA YOUTH
STRATEGY 2026-2029

For Deaf young people aged 13-30



STRATEGY SUMMARY
2026-2029

**WHY DID THE BDA
CREATE A YOUTH
STRATEGY?**

Deaf young people are the future of the Deaf community. But many told us they feel **isolated, left out, or not supported.**

- Deaf youth spaces have reduced.
- Support is not equal across the UK.
- Information about rights, wellbeing and the future is often unclear.

The BDA listened to Deaf young people, families and professionals. The message was clear: **Deaf young people need focused, Deaf-led support.**

That is why we created a **Youth Strategy.**



**SCAN ME
TO SEE OUR
FULL STRATEGY!**



OUR VISION

Deaf young people will be:



PROUD
to be Deaf



CONFIDENT
in BSL



CONNECTED
to other
Deaf people



READY
for their
future

**WHAT THIS STRATEGY
FOCUSES ON**

1

**DEAF IDENTITY,
LANGUAGE +
CULTURE**

- Deaf-led youth camps and events
- Safe spaces to meet other Deaf young people
- Youth-led digital BSL content
- Deaf role models and volunteering



2

**EDUCATION,
TRANSITION +
ADULTHOOD**

- Clear information about rights in BSL
- Support during school, college and work transitions
- Mentoring from Deaf adults
- Volunteering and internship opportunities



3

**MENTAL
HEALTH +
WELLBEING**

- Deaf-friendly wellbeing information in BSL
- Better signposting to support
- Peer connection to reduce isolation



4

**LEADERSHIP
VOICE +
GOVERNANCE**

- Strong BDA Youth Panel
- Real chances for Deaf young people to lead
- Youth voice in BDA decision-making



HOW WE WILL WORK



Youth-led



Deaf-first



Safe and well-supported



Working with partners



Long-term and sustainable

OUR PROMISE

This is not just a plan. It is a **commitment.**

The BDA promises to:

- Listen to Deaf young people.
- Work alongside them.
- Support their future.
- Strengthen the Deaf community.

