

Including young Deaf people in the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015

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British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015

- Passed in Scottish Parliament on Thursday 17th September 2015.
- Received Royal Assent from the Queen on 22nd October 2015.

BSL National Plan

- National Plan published by 22nd October 2017.
- Local Authority Plans published by October 2018.
- 1st Progress Report by October 2020.



October 2017
– 1st National
Plan

October 2018
– 1st Authority
Plans

October 2020
– 1st Progress
Report



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National Advisory Group

- National Advisory Group (NAG) established by Scottish Ministers in early 2016
- Total of 21 representatives
 - 11 BSL representatives
 - 9 public body representatives
 - 1 Scottish Government representative

Deaf Sector Partnership

- Deaf Sector Partnership (DSP) is a consortium of five organisations
 - Deaf Action
 - British Deaf Association (BDA) Scotland
 - Deafblind Scotland
 - National Deaf Children’s Society (NDCS) Scotland
 - Scottish Council on Deafness



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- Linking with schools / youth services
- Workshops
- Events – partnership working with NDCS
- Support for Youth NAG (YNAG)



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Findings

- Engagement
 - Schools
 - Young D/deaf people
- Confidence in young D/deaf people
- YNAG representatives

Challenges

- Geographical reach
 - North east Scotland
 - Rural areas
- Time
- Social media engagement



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Recommendations

- Preparation
- Accessibility
- Face to face meetings
- Increase in geographic representation