

# Deaf Sector Partnership

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## BSL National Advisory Group – members (March 2016)

The Scottish Government has released information about BSL representatives and public body representatives who sit on the British Sign Language National Advisory Group (BSL NAG).

Public body representatives (9)

Sarah Davidson, SG Director General Local Government and Communities (also Co-chair)

Colin Spivey, Scottish Government Learning Directorate

Louise MacLennan NHS National Services on behalf of the NHS Equality and Diversity Leads Network

Elaine Savory, NHS Ayrshire and Arran on behalf of the NHS Equality and Diversity Leads Network

John Urquhart, COSLA on behalf of the Scottish Councils Equality Network

Audrey Cameron, North Lanarkshire Council on behalf of the Scottish Councils Equality Network

Maggie Maxwell, Creative Scotland on behalf of the Non-Departmental Public Bodies Equality Forum

Halena Gauntlett Scottish Funding Council, on behalf of the NDPB Equality Forum, and to provide a link with HE/FE institutions

Stephanie Rose, Police Scotland, on behalf of the Justice Agencies Working Group on Interpretation and Translation

Deaf BSL representatives (10)



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Alison Marshall was born Deaf and began to lose her sight at age 12 with Usher Syndrome. Alison volunteers for 'Usher's Social' – bringing together Deafblind people from all over Scotland

Andrew Kay recently returned from working in the civil service in England to his native Scotland to champion BSL as a native language – a first language for many Deaf people

Brian McCann works as an equality and diversity training officer for a local authority, and is the father of five Deaf children who use BSL.

Charlotte Addison works at an Additional Supported Learning school in Glasgow. She comes from a Deaf family, has a Deaf husband, and three hearing children.

Debra Wherrett grew up using BSL, but as her vision deteriorated, she began using Hands on BSL. She teaches Deafblind Communication and Deafblind Awareness.

Leona Glennie has used BSL all her life, and is losing her sight due to Usher Syndrome. She works for a Deaf and Blind charity in Aberdeen.

Moira Ross grew up with a hearing family, is married to a Deaf BSL husband and has three boys, one of whom is Deaf. Moira is studying drama at university.

Natalie Greenall – has vast experience volunteering with Deaf children and young people with additional support needs. Natalie is a new mum to a Deaf boy.

Youth NAG rep 1 (tbc on 19 March 2016)

Youth NAG rep 2 (tbc on 19 March 2016)

Hearing parent of a Deaf child (1)

Lesley Ann Martin is a hearing parent of a Deaf child who uses BSL and works for a local authority as a Pupil Support Assistant. Lesley has devoted 10 years of her time for a local Deaf children's charity.

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