






Benefits...



-  Improve your Auslan skills in a relaxed environment
-  Chat with other people learning and using Auslan
-  Practise your Auslan with a Deaf person
-  Ask the Deaf facilitator questions about Auslan
-  Find out more about this amazing language



For over 140 years, Deaf Children Australia has been enriching the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children and adults.

We provide information, advocacy, support services and educational resources.

As a not-for-profit organisation, our service is made possible with the support of volunteers, the community, business and government grants.

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Auslan Coffee Shop Program (National Program)

**An opportunity
for the
families
of
deaf and hard
of hearing children
and
young people
to practise their
Auslan skills**



*Alife
to be
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The Program...

Deaf Children Australia is committed to supporting families who wish to learn Auslan. We have a number of programs in place to support families with a deaf or hard of hearing child. One of these is called the "Auslan Coffee Shop". They provide family members and carers who wish to learn Auslan with a relaxed and social way to practice and develop their signing.

What does it involve?

Each week for one hour a Deaf Auslan tutor will be at a coffee shop in your area. Families are invited to join the tutor for coffee and a chat in Auslan with the tutor and other families.

Do I need to know Auslan?

It is helpful to know some signing at a very basic level, be it Signed English, Auslan or Makaton. The purpose of the coffee shop is for you to come and practice your signing and learn more about Auslan in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

How much will it cost?

The only cost is the food and drinks you buy. Deaf Children Australia will not charge for people to be involved. Families will be registered in the Auslan tuition list on our client services data base.

Can a close relative or friend come?

If your friend or relative knows some signing and wishes to practice too, they are welcome to join in.

What do we talk about?

The Auslan tutor will lead the discussion about current events or news. Families are also welcome to introduce their own topics.

How many people will be involved?

We would prefer to keep the maximum at about eight people. If there is enough interest Deaf Children Australia would consider setting up another coffee shop in a similar location.

How do I find out more?

If you would like more information or would like to start an Auslan Coffee Shop, please contact the **Helpline on 1800 645 916 or email at helpline@deafchildren.org.au** For the visually impaired this brochure is available in large print format. Please contact the Helpline to request a copy.



Expression of Interest Form

Please return this section to Deaf Children Australia if you would like more information or if you would like to join an Auslan Coffee Shop.

Your Name:

Your Address:

Daytime Contact Phone No.:

Email Address:

Mail To:

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