

Real Arts Workshops provide bespoke creative arts workshops in Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country area that break down barriers and develop confidence and self-expression.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Easter HAF Scheme Round Up

Our Easter HAF (Holidays Activities and Food) program was a huge success, filled with creative fun and learning!

Children explored art with Minecraft drawings, Escher-inspired tessellations, and Blue Willow plate designs. They also enjoyed clay modelling and charcoal drawing.

Our Deaf role model, Gary, taught British Sign Language (BSL), including how to sign our "We Shine Together" song. Kids then made and played their own musical instruments, performing the song with both instruments and BSL! We also focused on healthy living throughout the program.

Thanks to **City of Wolverhampton Council** and the **Department for Education** for funding, and to **All Saints Action Network Ltd** for hosting. A big shout-out to our amazing staff and volunteers!

We are running **Summer HAF schemes in Dudley 4th - 8th August** and in **Wolverhampton 11th - 22nd August 2025**. Keep an eye on our social media channels over the coming weeks for more details and please share with families you think might benefit

See you this summer for more HAF activities!



Boost Your Inclusion & CSR: Embrace BSL

BSL is not just a communication tool; it's a bridge to the Deaf community and a powerful statement of commitment to accessibility and diversity.



Please **get in touch** with us if you'd like to include BSL as part of your commitment to **inclusion** or **CSR** policies.

In the meantime, you can download some free BSL resources on our website here: **Real Arts**

Interested in partnership?

Are you a group or organisation that has been successful in securing funding for some engaging and meaningful creative/cultural activities?

We provide high quality arts, crafts and BSL experiences for a wide range of customers.

Get In Touch



Deaf Awareness Week took place from 5 to 11 May. The theme for this year was "Beyond Silence," which aimed to highlight the experiences and contributions of Deaf individuals in society.

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children



We've had a wonderful time with lots of creative fun, partnering with **Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children**, a fantastic charity dedicated to providing play and leisure opportunities for disabled children and their families in Sandwell.

Over several sessions at West Bromwich Leisure Centre, we hosted engaging art and craft family sessions. Young people unleashed their creativity, making pencil cases, dot art, Minecraft-themed creations (including brilliant desk tidies!), and unique wood slice designs. We also saw them making some great diamond art and adorable yarn bumble bees! The enthusiasm and talent displayed by everyone were truly inspiring.

It was a joy to see so many fabulous creations, and we're proud to support such a valuable initiative.



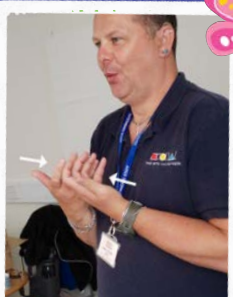
NRU at West Park Hospital Sessions

We've been running fantastic art sessions at the **Neuro Rehabilitation Unit (NRU)** at West Park Hospital, combining creativity with British Sign Language (BSL) learning.

We have taught the group essential BSL, including question forms and weather signs, emphasizing facial expressions, vocabulary, covering food, drink, and colours. Participants also embraced their artistic side, creating stunning M.C. Escher-inspired tessellations like geese and fish.

Sessions included designing canvas bags, ceramic tile decorating, creating Greek-style clay pots and terracotta pot artworks.

Huge thanks to **DDC Engineering Ltd** for funding these enriching sessions!



Honouring Memories at The HIVE College

We recently had the privilege of leading a deeply touching and creative session at The **HIVE College**.

Students poured their hearts into decorating Memory Pots – exceptional large terracotta pots, each thoughtfully designed. Half of each pot is dedicated to commemorating a student or staff member who has passed away, creating a beautiful tribute. These special pots will soon hold small trees and find their place in the college's memorial garden. It was truly inspiring to see such heartfelt creativity.



Learn to Sign a Song

British Sign Language

Would you like to learn a Sign Song?

Would you like to learn a couple of songs in BSL. You will be taught by Gary a BSL deaf tutor who is patient, amazing and brings fun into learning.

The classes are £3 per week and it is a fun way of learning BSL even if you are a beginner.

This will be held at WHG Community Room Dudley Fields (Next to Cook's Choice) 9.30am till 11.30am

This is a 4 week course starting Monday 9th then running each Monday with the option of performing the songs at the MCC Fun day on 12th July

To join scan the QR code or Email: mossleycommunityconnections@gmail.com Tel: 07900577459

Exciting news! In partnership with **MCC** (Mossley Community Connections), we're offering a **4-week course** to learn songs in BSL!

Taught by our patient and fun BSL Deaf tutor, Gary, these classes are just £3 per week. Perfect for beginners!

Starts Monday, June 9th
WHG Community Room, Dudley Fields
9:30 am - 11:30 am

You'll even have the option to perform at MCC Fun Day on July 12th!

Come learn BSL and have fun!

To join sign up **HERE** or you can contact **MCC** via their **email** or call: **07900577459**

WHAT'S COMING UP?

'Same Difference' FREE Festival



The Wolverhampton CEP (Cultural Education Partnership) and #YES youth board are excited to announce the fourth annual Same Difference Youth Festival! This free festival, led by young people for ages 11-18, is happening:

Saturday, August 2, 2025
West Park, Wolverhampton
11am - 6pm

We'll be there with three different activities at our stall, and we'd love to see you!

FREE tickets are available now! Grab yours at **HERE**

We're always on the lookout for workshop **volunteers** and **freelance artists**. Please **get in touch** and drop us a line if you're interested in working with us.

GET IN TOUCH! We'd love to work with you on creative projects for people of all ages and abilities

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