

American Sign Language Basics

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Date/Time: Mondays; Jan 22; 10:00 – noon

First class: Monday, Jan 22 (6-8 Session/s)

Location: Crossman Centre

Participants: Min: 6; Max: 12

Course Outline: Introduction to American Sign Language Basics for those who want to communicate with the deaf or for the fun of learning a new language – Lessons would be catered to basics of communication that the hearing may use when meeting a deaf person. The outline would include signs for greetings, family, activities, and interests that apply to the students' lifestyle.

Instructor Bio: Kathern Geldart, the instructor, is a deaf native of Moncton. Her first language was home signs, then Maritime Sign Language, and lastly American Sign Language. Today she uses ASL and sometimes a bit of MSL to communicate with signers. She used to teach ASL part time for about 8 years and one term before the COVID pandemic hit, she taught ASL a class to the TSC students at the Dieppe Library.

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Classroom Comportment. Active class participation is welcomed and encouraged by TSC. We request that class members remain mindful of the level of comfort of their fellow students and the volunteer instructors as they participate in discussion.