

I am Deaf Let's talk

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AOTEAROA
TĀNGATA TŪRI



KIA ORA

Ko Chañel

ahau and I am proud to be Deaf, Māori and Queer!

I whakapapa to Ngāti Porou, Ngāruahine and Ngāti Ruanui. Growing up I had different kinds of education experiences- mainstream, Deaf school and Deaf units. Now working in education my journey has brought me to my languages and communities mean a lot to me and I am grateful to be a part of them.

Please check out the QR code below which will link you to all of the signs in action.





Deaf Aotearoa

Deaf Aotearoa is the Disabled Person's Organisation (DPO) representing the voice of Deaf people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are the national service provider for Deaf people and their whanau. We are the NZ representative to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).

We work with Deaf communities, families with deaf children, government agencies and other organisations to increase awareness, promote NZSL and advocate for the human rights of Deaf people.

Deaf Aotearoa's services include:

Children and Youth:

Our First Signs service supports families with Deaf and hard of hearing children aged 0-5 years to develop NZSL and an understanding of being Deaf in Aotearoa, in the comfort of their home with whanau and community. Our Youth service supports families and young people as they develop their Deaf identity.

Adults and Seniors:

We support Deaf people aged 16yrs (not in full time school) and over, in a variety of ways: pre and post-employment, Needs Assessments, 1:1 support, advocacy and representation, service co-ordination, access to assistive equipment and Adult Community Education (ACE). We also provide a Disability Information Advisory Service (DIAS) to the Deaf community and public with Deaf-related enquiries and support.



iSign:

Our nationwide interpreter booking agency.

Translation:

We work with government departments and other organisations to translate their documents, resources and videos into NZSL.

Deaf Awareness workshops:

We support organisations to develop their understanding of the Deaf community and NZSL. We aim to make Aotearoa a more accessible and inclusive place to be.

Deaf Aotearoa is community focussed and surpluses go back to the Deaf community by way of sponsorships and donations.

For more information visit deaf.org.nz



**Every May, Deaf Aotearoa organises
NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK –
a celebration of one of the country's
official languages.**

NZSL Week is a chance for the Deaf community to stand proud as Deaf, and to celebrate their language and culture.

It also works to break down barriers, fears and misconceptions. NZSL Week lets Deaf New Zealanders put their hands up and be seen!

Our vision for NZSL Week is to increase awareness and understanding of NZSL and the Deaf community, and to empower and strengthen the Deaf community.



**For more information visit
nzsignlanguage.nz**



tips to remember when **COMMUNICATING WITH DEAF PEOPLE**



We are just like you! We go to school/university, work, play sport, hang with friends.

Some Deaf people communicate using New Zealand Sign Language and some using spoken language and some use multiple languages.

Just ask us how we prefer to communicate – it can vary depending on the setting i.e. 1:1 vs large group gathering. Some of us listen through our eyes and some of us listen through listening devices.

Remember New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) is a real language – it's not just 'English on your hands'. So, it takes some time and effort to learn our language – but it's fun and worth it!

Make sure:

- You maintain eye contact and don't cover your mouth or turn your back to us
- You use more gesture and facial expression but don't shout or over exaggerate your mouth movements
- You learn NZSL from the Deaf community – there are community classes all over Aotearoa as well as apps and websites that can help you along the way.

**NZSL is for everyone and together we can make NZSL thrive.
Let's do it! Hands up, and give it a go!**

Using a NZSL interpreter is the best way to ensure full communication occurs. Booking an interpreter is easy and quick and will avoid communication breakdowns.

**TO BOOK AN INTERPRETER contact iSign:
www.isign.co.nz 0800 934 683 or Free TXT: 3359
bookings@isign.co.nz**





A few tips for **SIGN LANGUAGE LEARNERS:**

FACIAL EXPRESSIONS

Facial expressions are an important aspect of NZSL. In spoken languages, intonation is used to indicate what kind of sentence it is – a question or statement. NZSL shows intonation using facial expressions. Having a plain facial expression is like speaking with a monotonous voice. It's boring!

HAND POSITION

Articulating signs correctly is important – one small change to a handshape or location can make all the difference to your message.

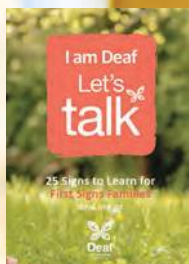
WHICH HAND TO USE?

Your dominant hand (the one you write with) will be the most active hand. For some signs you'll need to use both hands.



*It's helpful to
see the signs in action
– you can look up videos
for these signs in the
NZSL Dictionary online
at nzsl.nz or download
the app from Google
Play and the Apple
App store.*





OTHER BOOKLETS IN THE SERIES are available online at nzsignlanguage.nz/resources/lets-talk-booklets/

For hard copies please email nzsl@deaf.org.nz

25 Signs to Learn for **Education**

This is one of a series of booklets designed to introduce you to NZSL. It gives you a practical opportunity to quickly learn some basic vocabulary relevant to your environment.

Learn these signs and use them as often as you can. Tell your friends about them and share the wonderful gift of NZSL. Then you'll understand why 20,000 New Zealanders use it every day!

OTHER BOOKLETS:

25 Signs to Learn with Your Family

25 Signs to Learn for Medical Situations

25 Signs to Learn at Work

25 Signs to Learn for the Weekend

25 Signs to Learn for Māori Concepts

25 Signs to Learn for First Signs Families

25 Signs to Learn for Bars and Restaurants

25 Signs to Learn for Emergencies



Aroha mai

Sorry/excuse me





Ngā mihi nui

Thanks so much





Haere rā

Goodbye – speaker is staying



NB. Refer to NZSL video for different use of the sign in a phrase.



E noho rā

Goodbye – speaker is leaving



NB. Refer to NZSL video for different use of the sign in a phrase.



Mā te wā

Bye for now/
see you later



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Kia pai tō rā

hāwae



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Tēnā koe

Hello (to one)





Ata Mārie

Morning





Kei te pēhea koe?
How are you?





Kei te pai
Good





Ko ____ ahau
I am





āe
yes





Kāore anō
ahau kia _____

Not yet





Kaiako

Teacher





Ahokore

Wifi





Kapomata

Screenshot





Pūrere Device





Takiuru

Log on





Tuihono Online





Ako Learn





Whakarongo

Listen





Waiata

Sing





Pukapuka Book





Tuhia

Write





Kōrero

Speak



Thanks!

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