**Bridging the Access Gap in North Yorkshire**

A new initiative to encourage more healthcare and non-clinical staff and volunteers, to take up sign language as an extra language and skill will be available in the Autumn. Signs4Life are showcasing this local initiative to help healthcare professionals, to communicate and engage with their colleagues, patients, and members of the public, who may have hearing impairments.

“There are over 9 million deaf and hard of hearing people registered in the UK," explains Ms Sara Phillips, Signs4Life tutor.

If you would like further information about the forthcoming events in North Yorkshire and surrounding areas, please get in touch with Aniqa Jahan on 07964 019 764 or via email [aniqa.jahan@signs4life.org](mailto:aniqa.jahan@signs4life.org)