

5. Celebrating BSL Culture

BSL will be recognised and celebrated as a language and a rich culture, and BSL users will have full access to the cultural life of Edinburgh with equal opportunities to enjoy and contribute to culture and the arts.

Culture can improve the life chances of all people at every stage of life. Our actions focus on supporting access, participation and opportunities for careers in the cultural and creative sectors.

Action areas

- Continue to support **professional pathways** for BSL users to consider careers in culture, through volunteering opportunities, career talks or internships.
- Continue to run **deaf awareness staff training** sessions.
- Look for opportunities to **highlight BSL and Deaf culture in our collections**, and to actively seek to collect material that reflects BSL and Deaf culture in Edinburgh to add to our collections.
- Explore options and costs for **hand-held tablets** which can be used in the Council's museums to access a BSL tour.
- Explore options and costs for **making Council museum events available** to BSL users (e.g. films with BSL added).
- Engage with BSL users to consider the most appropriate **fire alerts** in Council venues.