

SIGN LANGUAGE



Getting Started...

Plan

- Have a chat to the six about what they know about sign language and if they know
- Use this as a chance for the six to find out about deaf people and how they live and communicate
- Try to set up a link with a local person who does sign language

Do

- Have an evening where the six invite someone down to teach them sign language
- Use those signs to do an activity
- The activity is not so important as long as the Cub Scouts get a chance to use sign language and thus communicate with each other.

Review

If possible try to do a feedback session of "Yes" "No" questions where the six are asked questions about how they got on and they respond by signing "Yes" or "No"

Resources:

<http://www.irishdeafsociety.ie/>

<http://www.irishdeaf.com/>

Top tips:

Find out about simple sign language that could be introduced as regular signs in scouting. These may include the normal drill signs for fall in and so on...

Communication is what makes up a community. Being able to communicate with each other means that other people will know what each other needs, wants or thinks about things.

The Celts also had basic sign language to communicate with each other as the written language wasn't all that strong. Sign language helped people communicate by way of signing what they wanted or were talking about. It was primitive but very effective



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