

Busy year as always, with classes, talks, workshops, conferences and networking.

Signing sessions at Bishop David Shepherd school were very successful and they now have practice sessions every Friday using my dvd.. we had been shortlisted out of thousands of groups for the Spirit of Merseyside award.. We were interviewed and the school children were invited to be filmed . we should receive the dvd of that recording soon.

Diversity days at Southport college and Smedley hydro. We had Stalls to raise awareness and give out 100's of fingerspelling charts , bookmarks etc. Workshops for brownies and guides and adult groups.

Elizabeth McInnes from CVS has been a great support to us, especially help with funding applications. She was unable to accept our invitation as she was going on holiday. Anne Hindley did accept our invitation, this was a way of thanking her for all the years we used the Temperence Institute for our afternoon classes for Free,. The awards evening was special and our Group, Won the " Spirit of Merseyside" award, write -ups and Photos were in the papers and are on our web site..

The awards were organised by Community Foundation , who gave us our "Grass roots " funding Marian centre : **venue cost** is paid until 2011. **Mavis to Attend B.S.L Level 2.** And organising **Our 1st SignWriting Workshop** 27th Aug 2010. Five of our members attended. Great success ,we had 5 paying from London, Birmingham, Manchester and Preston.

£6,100 BIG lottery Funding made a nice present for Christmas 2009.this funding covers general running costs of the group and includes Level 3 B.S.L course /exams for Mavis.

THANKs: My sincere Thanks go to Mavis , she is always willing to go to help me and to go with me to conferences.. She does all the laminating of the resources that I make . She is always willing to make the tea and wash up . I would not be able to achieve what I do without her. A truly invaluable volunteer., **another Volunteer** we couldn't manage without is **Tony Wright** Thanks for Hosting and looking after our Website. Small token of our thanks.. (Envelope)

Celebration Meal funded by Grassroots. Members will celebrate our 7th Birthday as a constituted group and being an Award winning group. Date to be arranged.

We will be arranging an awareness day soon ..

Treasurers Report.

Accounts. Healthy Bank account .

Duchy of Lancaster gave us £150

Community Foundation £1,550

Big lottery £6,115

Community foundation paid the rent for the 2nd year and our last Christmas party.

We Will receive the last payment soon, for 3rd year rent and Christmas party.

last December Big Lottery paid for runnings costs , BSL 3 for Mavis and other items

Our SignWriting workshop brought in £500. My talks and Workshop another £100

We have sold dictionaries , dvd's and Special "A.E.I.O.U" gloves that have helped towards making some income, we need to keep pushing sales of the dvd's and aim for regular income as funding is getting more difficult to find and there are more groups applying for the same pot of money..We are planning to have another SignWriting workshop to help boost our income.

This year our accountant is Nicky Pugh at C.V.S. there is £25 charge for them now . The balance at the end of August £6,282 . this will cover running costs for the rest of this year. Mavis's level 3 course, a metal storage cupboard for our resources, a laptop , the rent..and an event to raise awareness to the needs for communication skills.