



Staff and volunteer training and information session

'Insights into the Deafblind world'

Saturday 24th October 11am – 3pm

Able Australia is holding a training and information day for anyone currently working with or interested in working with the deafblind community in a supportive capacity.

This is a free, Auslan interpreted event and Able Australia encourages anyone who is a volunteer or wants to become a volunteer with Able Australia, or those considering a career in disability services, Auslan interpreting or other human services type roles to attend the session in order to prepare you for future scenarios with people experiencing vision and hearing impairments.

Where: Jenny Florence room, Level 3 Ross house, 247 Flinders lane, City

When: 11am - 3pm on Saturday 24th October 2009

Cost: FREE - Lunch and morning tea provided

RSVP date: Friday 16th October

This one day training session will cover topics including:

Morning session

- What is deafblindness: causes and effects
- Life for a Deafblind person
- Communication strategies and Deafblind sign language skills: Manual finger spelling, visual frame & tactile communication

12 – 1pm LUNCH

(sandwiches provided – please let me know if you have any dietary requirements)

Afternoon session

- Guiding a Deafblind person: Practical skills
- Effectively working with a Deafblind person
- Volunteering opportunities, Discussion and feedback

The session will be co – hosted by a member of the Deafblind community and able staff members. You will have the opportunity to practice guiding and communicating as well as ask questions throughout the session.

At the end of the session we hope you will feel informed and ultimately more confident in supporting Deafblind people. We hope to see you there!

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