We would like to express our gratitude to our partners and sponsors, who have made this event possible.
ABOUT THE VENUE - HAMILTON LODGE SCHOOL

By Graham Sheppard, Head Teacher

Hamilton Lodge School was founded on this site 65 years ago and has throughout this time been an integral part of both the Hearing and Deaf communities across Brighton and Hove and beyond. The school caters for deaf children who benefit from a child centred approach to learning including signing, spoken English and small teaching groups within a vibrant educational setting.

The school has always valued art as an important part of the curriculum as it is a way in which pupils are able to freely communicate their ideas and emotions. You will be able to appreciate from some of the exhibits on display today, that our pupils consistently produce an exciting variety of work to a very high standard. Indeed, over the years many of our pupils have achieved some excellent results in Art and Design examinations and many have gone on to succeed in Further and Higher Education.

What is particularly wonderful about the world of Art is that it breaks down the artificial barriers that society creates. As you can see around you today there is a great range of work which we are all able to enjoy and which has been produced by talented Deaf individuals from many different backgrounds.

I am absolutely delighted that Hamilton Lodge School was asked to host today’s Deaf Culture Day / Arts Festival. It gives us all a reason to gather together, to relax, to wander around and see what is on display & also to enjoy each others’ company, conversation & friendship.
The 'See Yourself!' Project

“See Yourself” is a collaborative youth project. 2 groups of young people have chosen to meet regularly over a number of months to explore what makes them tick and create something together that reflects their personalities and identities. "Everyone is Equal. No one is the same."

The first video has been created by a small group of young people attending mainstream schools in Brighton – Savannah, Bethan, Logan, Sabrina, Rafique and James. The group has been meeting up since the autumn, using art, music, discussions and games to explore ideas collaboratively with each other. The video includes still images, lyrics, music, and discussions that have been edited together to reflect their own views.

The second video has been created by a group of pupils from Ovingdean Hall School who have been meeting since February. Sam, James, Annas, Annella, Chris, Alex Georgie and Gina have used the group to explore a range of topics and ideas. The video, filmed on site at Ovingdean Hall School, captures reflections on some of their life experiences.

We are grateful to Fruitmedia for filming and producing the videos. The “See Yourself” has been initiated and facilitated by Rob Kirkwood, Occupational Therapist and research student at University of Brighton. The project has been supported by the Sensory Needs Service and the ‘Our Space’ Community of Practice. Many thanks to Bob Kingsley and Cat Evans for their time and energy, and the staff at Ovingdean Hall School for their support.

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Simon Hesselberg
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Simon has worked for the Royal Association for Deaf people as Head of the Community Development Team. His role covers several Deaf centres, clubs & communities under RAD centres based in London and the South-East. He has worked with the University of Sussex on the ‘Our Space’ project since it started 2 years ago. He is very pleased to be organising this event with them. Simon would like to emphasise that the aim of today is to promote and encourage Deaf people to display their hidden talents and become role models for both the Deaf and hearing communities. This event is the first time that we have tried to include ourselves in the Brighton Festival, so that Deaf people can feel pride in Deaf culture and arts. We hope that this will become a regular event in the future.

Gavin Lilley
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Experienced and highly qualified teacher Gavin Lilley has a passion for the enrichment of the Deaf community and its' beautiful Sign Language. He's been involved in this project for well over a year and has found it to be very fulfilling, not only for himself but for the community as a whole. He has worked with students of BSL from beginner to interpreter levels for many years. Gavin is the Director of SignForward.Ltd, a company that delivers workshops in International Sign and provides Sign Language resources for countries all over the globe. He would like to extend his best wishes to all the visitors today and hopes you will enjoy yourselves, returning home feeling very positive about the day. Please do give feedback, so we can return next year, BIGGER & BETTER!!
**Stage Programme**
10.00 Doors Open / Welcome
10.15 Introduction by Simon Hesselberg and Gavin Lilley
10.45 Unveiling of the Blue Plaque - Geoffrey Eagling
11.45 Deaf Sussex History Launch - John Walker

**LUNCH**
12.30 The 'See Yourself!' Project
   1.00 David Sands - Actor
   1.30 Kabir Kapoor - Sign Language Poet
   2.00 The 'See Yourself!' Project
   2.30 David Sands - Actor
   3.00 Kabir Kapoor - Sign Language Poet
   3.30 Evaluation by John Walker
3.45 Conclusion by Simon Hesselberg and Gavin Lilley
4.00 Doors Close

**Facilities**
There will be food and drink being served in the outdoor marquee. For the toilets, you just need to follow the signs and please do ask any of our volunteers should you require more information. CSWs and Interpreters are also available throughout the day, just look for the coloured T-shirts!

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**STALL 11**

Activities for Kids!
Parveen Dunlin & Nadia Nadarajah

Parveen and Nadia are running a stall that has a range of activities for our younger guests so you parents can enjoy browsing the stalls! The activities are suitable for kids from 3 - 11 years old, and this programme will certainly keep them happy, focused & learn new things!

**3 to 5 years old:** Sketch their hands on A3 paper
   * colour it - crayons / felt pens

**6 to 10 years old:** Handshapes on coloured paper
   * Each child must choose the 1st letter of his/her name and stick it on A3 paper
   * They have to draw: animal, things at the beach / countryside. with same alphabet on A3 sheet.

(For kids aged 11 and over, Tuija and Tatjana at Stall 10 can provide card-making tasks.)

(Materials used: Crayons, felt pens, pencils, glue / stick, safety scissors, A4 coloured papers and A3 coloured papers.)
Al-amin started education at Ovingdean Hall School where he demonstrated talent in Art and gained GCSEs. He holds Btec Level 2 Art and Design from Sussex Downs College, having achieved the highest mark in his year group and a Distinction for his portfolio. He is currently now studying National Diploma in Art and Design specialising in 3D. In his spare time Al-amin has a passion for 'Parkour' and free-running taking part in events across the country. He is inspired by artists such as Ron Arad (3D art) and David Belle (Parkhour).

This is an activity especially for those who like to engage in art and crafts. Tuija, from Finland and Tatjana from Germany, will be teaching guests how to create their own greeting cards, birthday cards or cards for any special event! Come and get these creative juices flowing, pick up a card, a pair of scissors, some glue and create something for that special someone!
This website hopes to capture the hidden histories of Deaf people living in Sussex. We have realised that Sussex is a county of firsts: the first President of the BDDA was born in Brighton, the first Deaf person to hold a PhD. lived in Worthing, and the first headboys of Mary Hare and Burwood Park Schools live in Newhaven. This website aims to capture these stories, places and people who we should remember; Deaf people do have a strong history in Sussex. The website will be launched nationally here at the Deaf Cultural Day.

Geoffrey has been doing research on the history of the Institution from its' early days in 1840 to when it was evacuated to Wivelsfield Green, Sussex, in 1941. Today will be a special day for the former Deaf Easternians, when the blue commemorative plaque is unveiled on the building that was the site of the former Institution. Over 1,000 deaf pupils were educated there under four different headmasters.

The ceremony, led by Geoffrey, starts at 11 at the Danny Sheldon House opposite Brighton College on Eastern Road.

STALL 7
Mark Radford - Author
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An ex-pupil of Ovingdean Hall School, Mark is a deaf author who has had two books published in his name. His debut novel 'Early Memory', was published in January 2006, followed by 'Game of Justice' in June 2007. A third release is due next month. Mark will be sharing his experiences as an author and talking about his books which will be for sale throughout the day. He will also be doing book signings.

STALL 8
Daniel Griffiths - Freelance Painter & Photographer
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Daniel Griffiths, originally from Cornwall has a passion for Art and Photography - a course he did at Art College, St Austell in 1991-1992. He holds a BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Art and Design, Exeter College 1992-1995 and is now a freelance painter and photographer. He now lives in Brighton and has many art hobbies, related to plastering, design and photography, some of which will be on display today.
German-born Kabir Kapoor or 'Cacao' as he likes to be called, is a up-and-coming talented Poet. His beautiful poetry is in presented in a purely visual form, that both hearing and deaf audiences can thoroughly enjoy. Kabir has directed and produced poetry in Sign Language shows, taken part in a number of successful performances both in the UK and abroad.

Kabir Kapoor
Sign Language Poet
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We are fortunate to have one of our sponsors, Action for Deafness, running a stall today. They are a local charitable organisation that offers a full range of services for all deaf & hard of hearing people, including resource centres, NHS audiology services, equipment, advocacy & youth services and a social centre in Worthing. Visit their stall for more information!

STALL 5
Action for Deafness
www.actionfordeafness.org.uk

STALL 6
Lee Kemp - Graphic Designer

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Lee has been a graphic designer for 12 years, holding both BTEC ND in Graphic Design & Photography and BTEC HND Graphic Design. He has a interest in all areas of art and design, having worked for a local government department, working on environment and landscape publicity. He gained experience in a range of media, such as watercolour illustration and outdoor photography, in his work with Landscape Group. He now works with The Paper Company where he is now the main graphic designer in-studio. He is committed to personal development, seeking more varied and challenging work. He is experienced in using: Indesign; Photoshop; Illustrator; Dreamweaver; QuarkXPress; Office and is a quick learner, able to take on board new software. He has a profound interest in photography, particularly on landscapes due to his love for the countryside.

David Sands
Actor

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We are fortunate to have the winner of the Remark! Best Actor Award (2005), David Sands, who will be doing some shows for us. He has been involved in acting for many years, after being inspired by Charlie Chaplin when he was younger. David has attended the Cambridge Arts Theatre’s Summer School four years running, been involved in several Deaf theatre and film productions including many appearances on television and online.
Saul is a fully qualified freelance Personal Trainer. He holds a Degree in Sport & Exercise Science from Sheffield Hallam University and a registered Level 3 Advanced Instructor on the REPs (Register for Exercise Professionals). He mainly works with deaf people, aiming to remove communication barriers in the gym, to increase understanding on different areas of fitness, weight management, muscle toning/build up, nutrition and many more! In the near future he hopes to carry out group training sessions at deaf clubs or individual personal training sessions at client's homes.

Hamish was born in the Orkney Isles in 1940. He became profoundly deaf due to meningitis at 10 months old.

In 1961, he graduated at Kingston School of Art (now Kingston University) as an exhibition and graphic designer. Watercolour painting was an integral part of the course. Hamish retired early in 1990 so he could devote more time to his painting. He has private collections in USA, Canada, France and Persia (now Iran). He's had four shows in the Orkney Isles, Redhill and Newhaven, also some works are at galleries in London and Reigate. Hamish's biography is titled 'My Island', the true story of a silent challenge with 100 illustrations.

Author Bryan Whalley has been writing a book on the history of Deaf Tennis. His work involved collecting signed, oral and written stories and anecdotes from past players, their children and documented evidence of past events through photographs, archival records, letters and official tournament records. It is hoped this book and the DVD will encourage the deaf community to remember and preserve the part of their history that is linked to sport, especially tennis. The history of Deaf Tennis is your story to pass on and keep alive!

Hamilton Lodge School is proud to provide the venue for the Deaf Cultural Day. They will be exhibiting some of their students' art work, including the entries for this events' poster competition. Their stall will also provide information regarding the Deaf Studies classes at the school. You can find out more from the teachers who will be running the stalls.