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SUPERSTARS
SIGNATURE ANNUAL AWARDS

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Signature Annual Awards is delighted to welcome
NRCPD as a proud sponsor of this evening's
registered communication support professionals

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NRCPD

The National Registers of Communication Professionals
working with Deaf and Deafblind People

CHAIR'S WELCOME

Good evening. Welcome to Leeds and to our ninth Signature Annual Awards.

This evening is all about our inspiring finalists; every one of you has shown incredible dedication, resilience and initiative to create change for the better.

Signature has been a driving force for deaf communication for more than 36 years now. It's because of the work of people like our finalists here tonight that we can continue to grow and provide those life changing opportunities for so many people. Congratulations to you all.

I would like to wish all of our guests a very enjoyable and memorable evening.

PAUL KEEN

CHAIR, SIGNATURE

LOUISE MINCHIN

We are delighted to welcome hugely respected and well-known journalist, broadcaster and TV presenter Louise Minchin to host this evening's Signature Annual Awards.

It was her love of language that led Louise to study Spanish at university. Today, she presents breakfast news on the UK's most watched morning TV programme.

As well as interviewing some of the world's most famous people, she has also announced some of the world's greatest news in recent years to millions of viewers worldwide.

We are honoured to have Louise here with us this evening.



SUPPORTING EDUCATION AWARD

PRESENTED BY LIZ DUNCAN

FINALISTS

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Whose training enabled a deafblind student to successfully compete in national competitions

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LUCY SEDDON

A support worker with new ideas who inspires students to learn and progress

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JANE SIMIA

A proud and accomplished SLI who started her BSL journey to communicate with her foster child

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WENDY FIELD

Who gives her all to help a deaf child overcome social and communication barriers

EMERGING TEACHER AWARD

PRESENTED BY JOHN WALKER

FINALISTS

ZAYNE THOMSON

A young teacher inspiring his students with fun and modern methods

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LORNA FORRESTER

A proud and dedicated BSL teacher with incredible excitement and passion for her role

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SARAH PRUDHOE

For unwavering determination and passion since beginning her teaching journey

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ANNA HERRIMAN

A fun and exciting teacher who students love to learn and progress with

EXPERIENCED TEACHER AWARD

PRESENTED BY MARK HOPKINSON

FINALISTS

PIP JOHNS

A role model teacher who works hard to understand her students individually

...

CAROLINE PALMER

For supporting students by encouraging socialising outside of her fun, interactive lessons

...

ANN JILLINGS

Who uses signed songs in class for vocabulary learning and encourages learning regional signs

DEBBIE JERVIS

Who is providing local deafblind intervenors with high quality, effective BSL skills

...

KATE FOWLER

For inspiring students to use their skills to support the deaf community

...

JULIE ROBINSON

Whose students adore her mix of traditional learning with modern approaches



EMPLOYEE CHAMPION AWARD

PRESENTED BY ALAN BLUNT

FINALISTS

DAVID EDGINGTON

A personal trainer making fitness more accessible for deaf people via social media

...

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST

Who created a communication guide and app enabling paramedics to communicate better

...

MAX BUXTON

For his campaign work to have BSL recognised in Functional Skills qualifications

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

PRESENTED BY IAN ROBINSON

FINALISTS

MARTIN MCCLEAN & DAN SUMNERS

For campaign work to make apprenticeships entry requirements accessible to native BSL users

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LINDA THOMSON

For her commitment to training high quality sign language interpreters in Scotland

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EMMA CASWELL

Using her years of experience in teaching BSL to improve and maintain the quality of our qualifications

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ANDY IRVINE

Who always takes a positive approach to providing high-quality deaf awareness training



LEADERSHIP AWARD

PRESENTED BY PAUL KEEN

FINALISTS

GERARD SWAN

The committed and passionate leader of the Certificate and Diploma in Deafblind Studies

...

PETER JACKSON

Whose lifelong passion led to his position as a leader and expert of Deaf history

...

AMANDA SMITH

A senior lecturer in BSL and Deaf Studies who is fantastically admired by her students

...

IAN DUNCAN

Who launched the Deaf Active charity for inclusive youth and play services, training, and jobs



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

PRESENTED BY LINDSAY FOSTER

FINALISTS

GENIE NETWORKS

Deaf family centre providing a safe and fun environment for families to learn and play together

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ACCESS BEDFORD

Improving health and reducing social isolation in the Bedford deaf community

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NDCS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Ambassadors and lobby makers campaigning in the interest of deaf young people

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SIGN IT HEAR

Providing effective training and advice to break down barriers and improve communication

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