



Deafblind interpreting



easy
read

Contents

Page

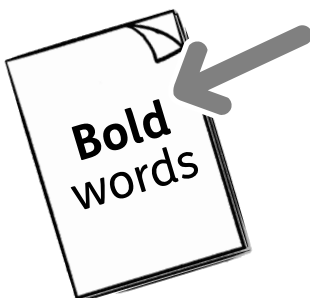
Introduction	3
--------------	---

Deafblind interpreting	4
------------------------	---

Different ways of interpreting	6
--------------------------------	---

When an interpreter is needed	8
-------------------------------	---

For more information	9
----------------------	---



In this easy read document, difficult words are in **bold**. We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are [blue and underlined](#). These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

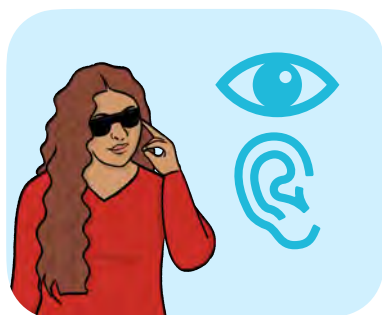
Introduction



The World Federation of the Deafblind works around the world to speak up for the **rights** of people with **deafblindness**.



Rights are the things that every person should have or be able to do, by law.



Deafblindness is a disability where you have a serious difficulty with both your hearing and your eyesight.



We have written this Easy Read information to explain more about deafblindness.

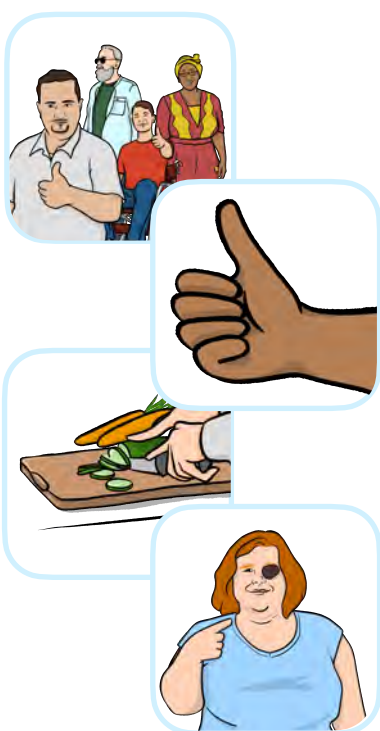
Deafblind interpreting



Interpreting means explaining some information in a way that you can understand.

People with deafblindness need someone to interpret so they can:

- take part in things.
- have a fair chance to do what they want.
- be independent and do things by themselves.
- choose what they want for themselves.

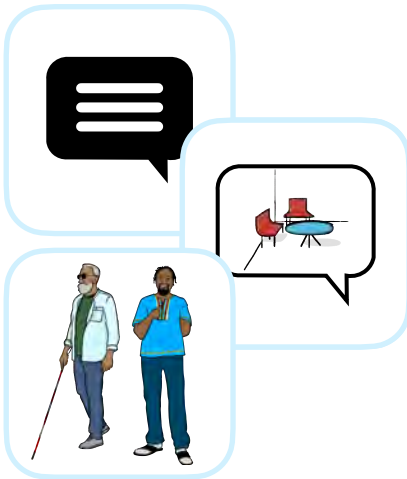


Interpreters explain to the person with deafblindness:

- what they can see.
- what they hear.



They also:



- explain what people are saying.
- explain what is around the person with deafblindness.
- help the person with deafblindness to move around safely.

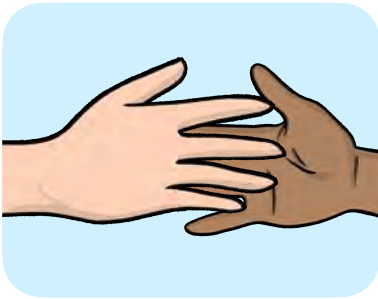


The person with deafblindness will explain to the interpreter how they should communicate with them.

Different ways of interpreting

There are different ways of interpreting.

These include:



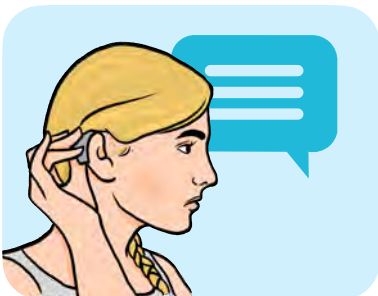
- using touch - the person with deafblindness touches the hands of the interpreter as they use sign language.



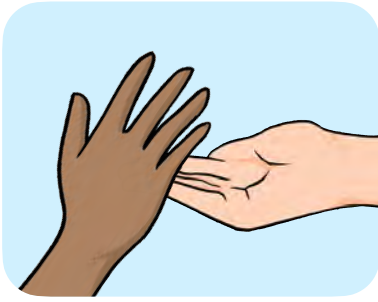
- doing sign language very close to the person with deafblindness - this works if they have a little eyesight.



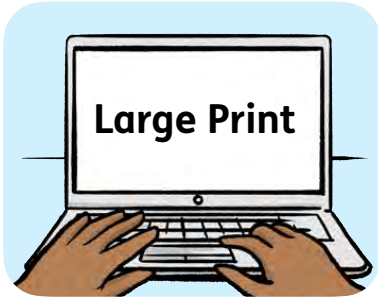
- doing sign language to more than 1 person with deafblindness - this works with people who have some eyesight.



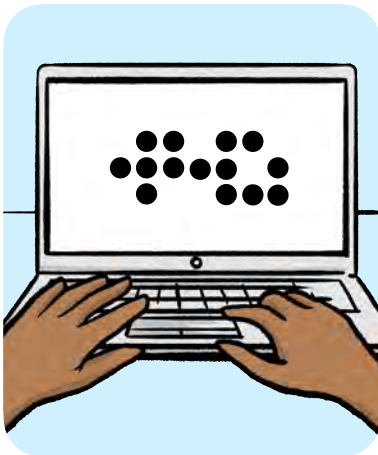
- the interpreter speaking very clearly to the person with deafblindness - the person with deafblindness may be wearing a hearing aid.



- finger spelling - the person with deafblindness touches the hands of the interpreter as they spell out the words using sign language.

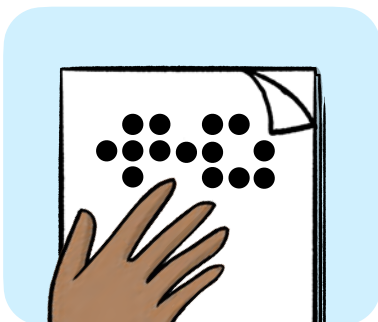


- using a special computer which can:
 - show information in very large print.



- give information using a **Braille** display.

A **Braille display** is some equipment that gives you the information from your computer using **Braille**.

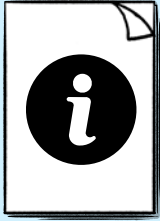


Braille is a way of writing using little bumps on paper that a blind person can feel.



The person with deafblindness will choose the best way for the interpreter to give them information.

When an interpreter is needed



The person with deafblindness will know when they need an interpreter.

They will know how much information they need to be interpreted.



People who do not have deafblindness may ask for an interpreter when they way to communicate with a person with deafblindness.

For more information



You can look at our website here:

www.wfdb.eu

If you need more information please contact us by:



- post:
WFDB
Sporveisgata 10
N-0354 Oslo
Norway



- email: team@wfdb.eu

This Easy Read information has been produced by easy-read-online.co.uk