

Oxford BSL

Deaf Awareness training and accessibility consultancy for businesses of all sizes

About Oxford BSL

I offer Deaf Awareness training and accessibility consultancy for businesses of all sizes. As someone with moderate-to-severe hearing loss, I've experienced first-hand the barriers people like me face every day. Hearing loss is the second most common disability in the UK, yet many people don't know how to communicate effectively with us or make their workplaces accessible. I wanted to change that, to become an advocate, raising awareness and helping to make the world a little more equitable for the 18 million people in the UK with hearing loss

Challenges & Growth

My biggest challenge was upskilling myself in entrepreneurship so I could confidently turn my passion into a viable service. My main goal is to provide training and consultancy services to twenty businesses within the next year.

Next steps

I'm developing a self-led eLearning module on Deaf Awareness, launching in November 2025, which I aim to have CPD accredited. Looking ahead, I'm also working on a start-up support project for people with hearing loss, helping others like me build confidence and independence. I'm genuinely excited for what 2026 will bring.

Support from Enterprise Oxfordshire Business

The SPARK programme provided me with a really good grounding in all things business, from business basics to one-to-one support with advisors. It gave me the confidence to take the leap and start my own business. I also joined the Foundations to Growth and Accelerator programmes, which offered further mentoring, fresh ideas, and invaluable contacts. Many people I met through these programmes became early clients who believed in my mission.

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The amount of knowledge provided in these programmes, that didn't cost me anything, is such a valuable resource. My business would never have come to fruition if I hadn't had the support I've received.

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