



Southampton BSL Fest Events Programme
Tuesday 22nd – Sunday 27th April 2025



Date	Event	Location	Time	Notes and Ticket details
Preparatory Events and Events Held / Starting before the BSL Fest Week starts				
17 Feb	Deaf Awareness for John Hansard Gallery (JHG) staff	JHG	10.30am – 1.00pm	Delivered by BSL Celebration free of charge as part of partnership working with the JHG.
21 March	Deaf Awareness training for Mayflower Studios staff	Mayflower Studios	9.30am – 11.45am	Delivered by BSL Celebration free of charge as part of partnership working with Mayflower Studios
Mar / April	Art workshops with children from local partner schools	JHG Active space / at the school	As agreed	Workshop led by Vicky Barber-Crimes. Sponsored by the JHG as part of partnership working.
22 March	Volunteers' Training Address: Nightingale Avenue, Eastleigh SO50 9JH	St Francis Hall	10am – 4pm	Lunch provided and travel expenses paid. For BSL Party in the Square volunteers.
April-May 2025	BSL Art exhibition by professional artists and works from children generated through school workshops.	JHG Mezzanine	Normal Gallery opening hours	Free entry – open to all Workshops with local partner schools.
	BSL Digital exhibition by a deaf professional Artist / Film maker	JHG Foyer Digital Array	Normal Gallery opening hours	Free entry – open to all

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Tuesday 22 April	Opening Event	tbc	10am	Free, open to all
	BSL Drama Night: screening of <i>The Promise</i> , followed by Q and A with Paula Garfield, Artistic Director, Deafinitely Theatre	Mayflower Studios Studio 22	Arrive at 7.00 7.30– 10.00pm	Tickets £6, including booking fee – book through MAST Mayflower Studios Suitable for 16 years +
Wednesday 23 April	BSL Inclusive Practices Reception for Business and Community Leaders – see different effective ways to include BSL signers	Mayflower Studios Studio 2	10.00am – 12noon	Free, by invitation / request. Contact hello@bslcelebration.com Maximum: 50 Includes a special performance by FUSE Theatre
	BSL Art and Culture Night – tour the special Art Exhibition, see BSL performances and a special talk on BSL History	JHG	Arrive at 6.15 6.30 – 8.30pm	Tickets free, book via hello@bslcelebration.com Hosted by Gavin Lilley, Deaf Comedian 60 tickets maximum, pay bar available.
Thursday 24 April	BSL Nursery Rhyme Time	Central Library	10.30 – 11.15am	Free, open to all little people, deaf and hearing, and their accompanying adults – turn up and join us!
	School workshop – BSL Positivity Address: Cuckoo Lane, Fareham PO14 3PH	Crofton Anne Dale Federation	2.00 – 3.00pm	Delivered by BSL Celebration – community outreach Claire C and Christine W?
	BSL Film Night – <i>Power in Our Hands</i> , followed by a discussion led by Claire Cummings and Gavin Lilley	Mayflower Studios Studio 2	Arrive at 7.00 7.30 - 10.00pm	Tickets £6, including booking fee – book through Mayflower Studios, Suitable for all ages
Friday 25 April	BSL PT Session with India Morse	Mayflower Studios Studio 3	11am – 12pm	Free / donation – book through Mayflower Studios
	BSL Open Pub	PREEZ – bar on Guildhall Square	From 7.00pm to last orders!	All welcome - meet friendly faces from the deaf community and practice your signing.

Saturday 26 April	BSL Party in the Square Staged programme at 10.30am – 4.00pm Drop-in Family Circus Workshop. See below for stalls	Guildhall Square SO14 7DU	9am – 5pm	Free and open to all – come and join us Family friendly programme includes theatre, DJ, cooking and fitness.
	Finger Spelling Table Top activity	JHG Foyer	11am – 4pm	Drop-in, free to all. Small charge for polaroid photo
	BSL Space to Create - Family Friendly Art Workshop with Vicky Barber-Crimes	JHG Active space	11am – 1pm	Free – sponsored by the JHG
	BSL Art Exhibition Tour and Creative Workshop led by Martin Glover	JHG galleries & Active space	1.30pm – 4pm	Free – sponsored by the JHG
	BSL Comedy with Gavin Lilley and Fellow Performers	Mayflower Studios Studio 1	Arrive at 7pm 8pm – 10pm	Tickets £20 / £15 students – book via Mayflower Studios website
Sun 27	To be confirmed			

BSL Celebration merchandise for sale on control stall

* Stalls: SignLive, BDA, BSL courses, Signly,
Deaf Students UK, Watermill Theatre, CSSEF
Plus Deaf Artists selling wonderful creations

Food Van – The Deaf Chefs

Programme and stall-holders subject to change

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