

Campaign for your Right to Sign

Why are we campaigning?

British Sign Language is not taught in most schools. There is no GCSE or Scottish National 4/5.

You can learn BSL outside of school but courses are really expensive.

We want to change that.

At the start of 2017, over 2,000 of you told us you wanted to learn BSL at school. You said that learning sign language would make it easier for deaf and hearing young people to chat and make friends.

Many deaf young people want to learn and use BSL and we want to make sure that wherever you are, deaf or hearing, **you can learn it.**

9 out of 10 deaf and hearing young people across the UK wanted to learn BSL in their schools. We think the governments in all four countries **need to make this happen!**

This is about your **Right to Sign**. It's easy to join our campaign, just go to www.buzz.org.uk.

Key statistics

91% of young people wanted to learn more BSL.

92% of young people thought schools should offer a BSL GCSE.

97% thought BSL should be taught in schools.

Who took part?

2,128 deaf and hearing young people aged 8–25 answered the survey. About one in three were deaf.

- **76%** of young people were from England
- **11%** came from Scotland
- a further **9%** from Wales
- and about **4%** from Northern Ireland.



So now you know what young people think across the UK, it's time to take action. Get involved at www.buzz.org.uk


Take
action

England – 90% of young people want to learn BSL in schools: tell the government to create a BSL GCSE.

Scotland – 90% of young people want to learn BSL in schools: tell the Scottish government to create a BSL National 4/5.

Wales – Four out of five young people want to learn BSL: tell your local politicians (Assembly Member) to support the Statement of Opinion.

Northern Ireland – 90% of young people in Northern Ireland want to learn more BSL: tell your local politician (Member of Legislative Assembly) to make this a priority.



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