

OXFORD DEAF FESTIVAL

26-27 SEPTEMBER 2025

Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

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Friday 26 September

11+ Students, Schools and Families

Assembly Room

11:00–11:30 Welcome message – Action Deafness Chair, CEO and Mystery Keynote Speaker

11:45–12:30 Presentation – National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)

13:00–14:00 Presentation – Sahera Khan

14:00–15:00 Presentation – SignLive

15:00–16:00 Presentation – Lumo TV

16:00–17:00 Presentation – Action Deafness Hubs

Workshop No1

11:30–12:30 Deaf Roots and Pride – Delivered by BDA

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15:00–16:00 Parents Q&A – what can we do to be a positive role model?

Workshop No2

11:30–12:30 Blenheim Palace – Interactive workshop on Deaf history at Blenheim and the war

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Workshop No3

11:30–12:30 Opportunities in the digital world – Horlix

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15:00–16:00 Opportunities in the digital world – parents Q&A

Main Hall

11:30–17:00

Expo/Stalls– up to 60 stalls available
(If you want to book a stall, please contact festival@actiondeafness.org.uk)

Workshop No4

11:30–12:30 Sign Song – Led by Rebecca Withey

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15:00–16:00 NDCS

Art / History

11:30–17:00 Oxford Art/History Exhibition
Display of materials from Blenheim Palace and Oxford Deaf Centre

First Aid Station

First Aid station (St John Ambulance)
Relaxed Space for sensory issues

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Saturday 27 September

Open To All Public

Assembly Room

11:00–11:30 Welcome message – Action Deafness Chair, CEO and Mystery Keynote Speaker
11:30–12:30 Panel Discussion – AI and Sign Language with Signapse, BDA and Richard Bowden
13:00–14:00 Deaf Mosaic – Stephen Illiffe
14:30–15:30 SignLive
16:00–17:00 Closing messages – Action Deafness CEO & Trustees – Why Oxford deserves AD support

Workshop No1

11:30–12:30 BSL Alliance/BSL Act – led by BDA
13:00–14:00 BSL Alliance/BSL Act – led by BDA
14:15–15:15 BSL Alliance/BSL Act – led by BDA

Workshop No2

11:30–12:30 Milan 1880 and Deafhood by Dr Paddy Ladd
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display related to Oxford Deaf Club and also Blenheim Palace

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BSL Comedy Night

Friday Night

19:00–19:30 Doors open
19:30–19:50 Opening speech – AD CEO
20:00–21:00 Entertainment
21:00–21:30 Social – bar closes 21:20
21:30–21:45 Closing

Saturday Night

19:00–19:30 Doors open
19:30–20:00 Opening Speech – AD CEO
20:00–21:00 Entertainment
21:00–21:30 Break
21:30 – 22:30 Entertainment
22:30–22:45 Closing



Tickets

£30 per night

£50 for both nights



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