



PRESS INFORMATION - Issued
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HEADLINE: Sign Now Re-Launch web site in time for Deaf Awareness Week

Sign Now's continued expansion sees the company move to larger offices within the Grangemouth Enterprise Centre. The move also coincides with the launch of the On-Line BSL Interpreting Agency. Organisations using Interpreters for face-to-face Interpretation know how expensive this can be and with a minimum call out charge of two hours it can often be wasteful of time and resources. Sign Now's On Line Interpretation service is designed to help where short inputs are required. On-Line is perfect for meetings with the Bank, at the Hospital or the Doctor's surgery. On-Line is not meant to replace face-to-face Interpretation services but is a cost effective way to add support for deaf people who want to go about their daily business with ease. Director of Sign Now, Andrew Thomson said, "With a charge of only £30 for 30 minutes, On-line BSL Interpretation can save organisations large amounts of money." Sign Now has seen increased trade from the business sector as more and more organisations see the benefit of videoconferencing to help with reducing their carbon footprint and as a way to keep in touch with colleagues in different locations.

Sign Now also recently re-launched its web site – www.sign-now.com as part of promoting Deaf Awareness Week which runs from on 4th to 10th May. Sign Now provide a comprehensive range of services, working in partnership with local authorities, health boards, police and other agencies to ensure that deaf people can access a wide range information and service. One such partnership that the Grangemouth based company Sign Now and Falkirk Council have created is a Deaf Community mini web site which can be found at <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/online/deafcommunity/default.asp> Other recent work includes a Hate Crime video for Central Scotland Police – see the video on our sister web site – www.sign-tube.com/video/783/Central-Scotland-Police--Hate-Crime

Thomson, founder of Sign Now winner of the Stelios Disabled Entrepreneur Award in November 2008 and one of the Independent's top 100 Happy People, said, "It is essential that deaf people can access information and have access to quality services in the same way as any other member of society. We are currently establishing a partnership with ScotRail to provide information for deaf people about their services for the disabled and have linked up with The Travel Company in Edinburgh to provide a travel agency service using a combination of BSL and spoken English to ease holiday and travel arrangements. As we expand our services we aim to become the first choice for all public and private sector organisations who wish to access the deaf community."

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