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## A SECURE FUTURE

Young Deaf people are increasingly being integrated into the hearing world. More of their special schools are being closed and instead they are placed in mainstream schools or in attached special units. One effect of this process is that they lose contact with other Deaf children, with the adult Deaf Community, and with the common language and culture that are part of their heritage.

If young Deaf people are to have a secure future, they must have the right to a place in their own community and in the hearing world. But if this is to be a genuine option, they must be able to meet other Deaf children in schools that cater for their needs. In further and higher education they must have access to Sign Language interpreters. They must have access both to youth clubs and Deaf clubs. And they must have the education and training that give them the life-skills and qualifications to follow the same career opportunities as their hearing peers.



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