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## manifesto



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## INFORMATION

**Telephone access** Deaf people have a right to use the telephone system, yet 200,000 of them are unable to use it. The means now exist to remedy this - the Deaf Communicating Terminal - that has a keyboard to type the message and a display strip on which to read it. This gives Deaf people access to the national and international telephone networks. To make this right a reality, Deaf people now require: i) all local authorities to meet their obligations to provide DCT's; ii) a national emergency number equivalent to the hearing user's '999'.

**Television access** for Deaf people, television is an essential way of getting access to information, education, entertainment and the arts. Being visual, television is ideal for communicating to Deaf people through British Sign Language and sub-titles, yet few programmes use these methods. Deaf viewers call, for the fullest possible access to television through Sign Language and sub-titling. In particular, Deaf viewers call for access to the main daily news bulletin and to televised broadcasts from Parliament.



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