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The RIGHT to INFORMED CITIZENSHIP

Deaf people, like other citizens, have a right to be informed and to take part in the political life of the country. Yet they are denied these rights. Political information on television is not broadcast in Sign Language. Party conferences and election broadcasts remain unheard. Local political meetings rarely include Sign Language interpreters. Deaf people are, in effect, disenfranchised. Through this Manifesto, Deaf people now call for their enfranchisement through effective communication to them both in the visual media and in their constituencies; and urge that they be consulted about the provision of local health, education and social services.

While hearing citizens receive information from government and other sources through leaflets, advertisements, and posters, this is largely inaccessible to Deaf people. They now claim their right to receive such information in their own language on video.



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