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The RIGHT to WORK

In the competitive and discriminatory world of work, unemployment and under-employment are part of Deaf people's inheritance. Deaf job applicants are less likely to be interviewed or appointed, while those in work are less likely to be given tasks commensurate with their abilities and potential.

Deaf people have the right to the same employment opportunities as hearing people - to the same assessment and vocational training, work experience schemes, careers advice and re-training, promotion opportunities, and participation in trade union and other work-place activities.

If these rights are to be enjoyed, and if Deaf people are to compete on equal terms with their hearing colleagues, they must also have the right of access at the work-place to Sign Language interpreters, as well as to the benefits of the latest technical and communication aids.





