

Can you help Deaf students and their interpreters by offering **unpublished glossary definitions** for inclusion in our disability support project?

The University of Wolverhampton has received HEFCE Disabilities funding to develop an on-line British Sign Language/English **glossary for science**. The glossary is primarily designed to support Deaf students and their interpreters studying introductory undergraduate science subjects, but will also be of general interest to any student who needs additional support with specialist terminology. The project team has been working closely with the LTSNs and academics from institutions all over the UK to identify the most commonly used terms for inclusion. The glossary will cover key introductory terms in and across chemistry, physics, biology, bio-science, genetics, anatomy, environmental science, geography, geology and the most commonly used generic HE terms. It will include **plain English definitions** of around 1200 terms and video clips of the term being signed. We are also using illustrations and photographs to represent the terms, where appropriate.

Since our funding is limited and the web site will be freely available to the education community we would like **to invite academics to contribute any unpublished definitions used at HE level 0 or 1 for possible inclusion**. The relevant copyright information and source will, of course, be acknowledged.

Interested parties will be **either** sent a spreadsheet containing the terms we are hoping to include and be asked to insert their name, University or College, insert existing definitions as appropriate and confirm whether the image is freely available for indefinite use on the web site. **Or** alternatively, to save time, academics can just send unedited existing glossaries in paper or on-line format with the information for copyright purposes and the team will edit the material.

All academics will be informed as to whether or not their initial definition was included. All definitions will be critically checked for accuracy and accessibility and may be revised.

If you think you have any glossary definitions that you would be prepared to offer the project please contact Diane Peacock (Diane.Peacock@wlv.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

To get an idea of how the glossary will function and how your definitions might be used, please look at the project team's earlier HEFCE funded BSL/English Glossary for Art and Design : <http://www.artsigns.ac.uk>