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Deaf Culture

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What Deaf culture includes

- Language (SL)
- History
- Tradition
- Attitudes and values
- Behaving rules
- Art
- Political, sports and social organizations
- Congress
- Festivals
- Journals
- Tv program

Two perspectives

- Physical handycap or ethnic diversity (medical or socio-cultural model)
  - Deficiency, communication disorder, physical handycap or illness
  - Ethnical - deaf people have their own language (SL) and culture

Stereotypes

- The picture is taken from the sample insted from reality
  - Silent martyr
  - Tottaly ignorant
  - Exotic aliens
  - Losers

Does deaf people wants to hear?

- yes, but...

Does Deaf people suffer from social deprivation?

- Most of them - no. It is surprising, but most of them (born deaf) are not missing the sounds, music or oral communication as much as hearing people thinks
- How you can miss something if you have never felt it?

Congratulations, your child is deaf!

- Hearing:
  - Is it a boy or a girl?
  - How long and how heavy is?
- Deaf:
  - Is he/she deaf or hearing?
  - Will he/she have the deaf identity?

Why Deaf people always tell what they plan to do?

- rooted habits of the Deaf community
- like other strange habits based on necessity

And why always tell their life stories as a way of apology because they were late?

- When a Deaf person is late, often tells precise chronological and logical explanation
- Unfortunately, this behavior is viewed from above by a hearing people

How deaf people attract the attention

- using light signaling
- directly & indirectly attracting attention

Direct approach:

1. **body signalising**
   - ✓ shaking hands, exaggerated movements
   - ✓ gently waving in front of speakers visual space
2. **switching on and off lights**
3. **simple features**
   - ✓ candle
   - ✓ lighter
   - ✓ match
   - ✓ battery
4. **„beanbagging“**
   - ✓ throwing light, soft objects on a person

Indirect approach:

- ✓ push a piece of paper under the door, move it left and right
- ✓ banging on the floor
- ✓ banging on the door
- ✓ hit the wall behind which there is a bed or chair (very usefull in dorms)

How to get to know

- ✓ One or two handed alphabet
- ✓ “signname” / nickname (always given by Deaf community)

Can deaf people experience music

As humans, as tempers!

Is there a literature of the Deaf

- Yes!
- fairytales, essays, journalism, memoirs, stories, poetry, drama
- Only written literature

- fign language - another dimension of literature
- video camera is “printing office” of Deaf community
- this is the only Deaf way!

Croatia: Theatre of Visual Arts and Culture of the Deaf – DLAN (Angel Naumovski)

“Planet tišine”

“Ruke koje plaču”

“Muke i jadi gluhih preprodavača privjesaka”

“Ritam, Znakovi i Rap”

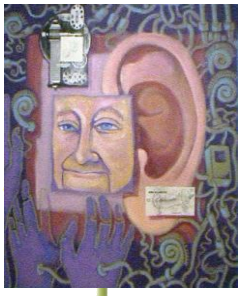
“Guliverova putovanja”

Deaf art – USA Mary Thornley

Milan, Italy 1880

Charles Bourke Wildbank

Betty G. Miller



Croatia

- Ivan Fanuko
- Zlatko Omerbegović
- Josip Vukojević
- Koča Popović
- Vanja Jović
- Vjekoslava Sošić

Journals

- *Ukratko* (Savez gluhih i nagluhih grada Zagreba)
- *Feniks 2* (sekcija mladih gluhih i nagluhih – Zagreb)
- *Pljesak jedne ruke* (Udruga Dlan – Zagreb)
- *Dodir* (HUGSO – Zagreb)
- *Varaždinski znak* (Varaždin)
- *Sjena* (Nova Gradiška)
- *Beethoven* (Samobor i Sveta Nedelja)

Deaflympics

Handball

2001. Roma
gold

2005. Melbourne
gold

2009. Taipei
gold

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