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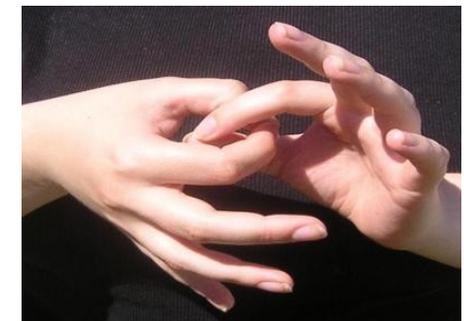


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The ENFORA project is aiming at teaching English as a second language to hearing impaired people.

Through the training courses that have been realised by the participating countries, hearing impaired learners have acquired basic knowledge in the English language.

Learning a foreign language and especially English, does not only contribute to the personal development of the hearing impaired people, but is very important for their integration in the labour market, as it is a qualification that is requested by most of, if not all, employers. The pedagogy and core curriculum of the e-learning courses have been developed by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Basic Skills Agency (BSA) of the United Kingdom. The pedagogic approach for the development of the courses is based on the Hearing Impaired people's learning style. One important feature of the e-learning courses is video instruction and explanation in each learning module in the Sign Language which fosters the hearing impaired learners' learning process.

**Summary of the project**

It is a common remark among the professionals in the fields of special education that despite of the last years' tremendous evolution of computer communication networks and of the Internet and its services and facilities, little has been done towards the direction of usage and penetration of these services within the domain of Linguistic Training for the Deaf people. The absence of material in the Sign Language and the difficulties of the Sign Language adaptation into the existing e-learning systems are the main reasons. Moreover, there is a lack of learning systems that provide training in English as a second language for the Deaf people. For this, the innovative instructive material of the DEDALOS LDV Project, which is suitably adapted for the special group of the hearing impaired people, has been used and transferred to the consortium of the proposed project. Dedalos Project was proposed in the "50 Leonardo Da Vinci innovation projects contributing to the Copenhagen process", in 2006.

It is obvious that there is great lack in the lifelong and distance ICT supported training, which supports and encourages the participation of Deaf people in the field of the linguistic training on learning English as a second language, which to be developed and designed according to the special needs of the Deaf people.

The main purpose of the project is the provision of distance ICT based learning to the Deaf People, which is to say, a way Deaf people can use e-learning as a basic means of their linguistic

training on learning English as a second language, fact that enforces this special group's fighting against linguistic exclusion.

The learning system, which consists of the educational scenario, the learning material and the used technological solutions of the DEDALOS project, is pedagogically, socially, culturally, and linguistically adapted and focused on the special needs of the Deaf people of every country-partner.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Requirements analysis and determination of the Deaf learners
- Adaptation of the innovative learning material
- Development of the learning system via ICT based learning strategies
- Establishment and reassurance of the continuous cooperative innovation transfer
- Development of mechanisms for the continuous cooperative innovation transfer

