



CV - Sue Whitewood

Forensic Lip-Reader

Background

I am a self-employed, Forensic Lip-Reader and freelance Sign Language Interpreter. I acquired my knowledge and skill having been born into a Profoundly deaf family. Since birth I became a communicator and relied principally on sign language and lip-reading to communicate.

- Since 2008 - Qualified, Registered Sign Language Interpreter
- Since 2003 - Forensic lip-reader

Specialist Field

My specialist field is lip-reading from clips or CCTV footage. When I receive a clip, **I ask the instructing party not to disclose any information regarding the case.** When lip-reading I remain impartial and transcribe what I believe has been spoken. Once I have viewed a clip I then prepare a report and transcript. All works are prepared to 'Court Ready' standard.

Experience

I have worked for many organisations and have provided evidence for both the prosecution and the defence. I have also attended court to give evidence. I have listed some of the organisations I have worked for below:

- Various Police Departments or services
- The Football Association (FA)
- NCA - National Crime Agency

Qualifications

- Oct 2008 Post Graduate Diploma BSL/English Interpreting
University of Central Lancashire
- Sept 2005/6 British Sign Language NVQ Level 4
University Of Sussex
- Nov 1990/1 & 2003 British Sign Language Stage 1, 2 and Level 3

To date: I am not aware of any qualifications or professional bodies, in the UK, relating to the skill of Forensic Lip Reading.

Further Training Programs

- Oct 2023 Expert Witness Institute
Law for Experts – Part 1 & 2
- Jun 2023 Expert Witness Institute
Practical Court Witnessing Skills in the Criminal Justice System
- Sept 2022 Expert Witness Institute
Reliable Expert Evidence: Lessons from the courts
- March 2021 Expert Witness Institute
Experts Discussions & Joint Statements
- March 2021 Expert Witness Institute
Preparing for Virtual Hearings
- June 2020 Expert Witness Institute
Report Writing 1 & 2
- Mar 2010 Bond Solon
Law, Evidence, Procedure and Best Practice
Criminal Experts – Unit One and Two
Cross Examination Day
- Dec 2009 Bond Solon
Excellence in Report Writing & Courtroom Skills
Training

Professional Membership

- : The Expert Witness Institute (EWI)
: Individual Membership No. 3982
- : National Register of Sign Language Interpreters
: (NRCPD)
: ID No. 1002057
- : Visual Language Professionals (VLP)
: Full Member No. 0284