**BOOMTOWN DEAF/ info for website/ 2018.**

**ACCESS/DEAF/impaired hearing**

**This year Boomtown Access is working with Deaf Events UK and Deaf Zone to provide support for deaf and hearing impaired visitors across site. Our plans are as follows :-**

**1. Based in The Meadow campsite will be a Deafzone marquee staffed from 2 pm – 6 pm Thursday – Sunday, to provide information, with an interpreter present. Any questions, requests, queries or suggestions can be brought here.**

**2. On the main entry day of Thursday there will be a hearing loop at the South Gate box office. Anyone who has previously informed us of their needs and then arrive, will be brought through this entrance. Anyone who has these needs and has not informed us of their arrival, can still be re-directed to this gate.**

**3. During the event on the Friday – Sunday inclusive Hearing loops will be up and running in both information points, and available for the main medical and welfare centres.**

**4. There will be a small pool of interpreters on site that will be able to travel around site as necessary, and to get to performances if requested. They will work out a programme of the performances that they hope to cover, and this will be published both in the Deafzone Marquee and hopefully on the website. If you wish to request an interpreter for a specific performance, then please do either contact us via** [**access@boomtownfair.co.uk**](mailto:access@boomtownfair.co.uk) **or via our facebook page:-** [**https://www.facebook.com/groups/deafzoneboomtown/**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/deafzoneboomtown/) **We will do what we can to oblige.**

**5. If there is a large demand for signing at any specific performance, then we may set up on the disabled viewing platform.**

**5. A Boomtown Deafzone Facebook page has been set up – details as above – please do use this for any questions or queries, or just for communications, before or during the event.**

**6. Paddy Ladd, one of our Deaf crew, will be giving a talk at Speakers Corner at 4 pm on Friday 10th August, that everyone will be welcome to attend and contribute to. Paddy is a seasoned campaigner for the Rights of Deaf people. Details of the talk are below.**

**7. Deaf Support is available in emergency situations 24/7. If you need this, then please go to the nearest steward who will be able to get a message to us.**

**8. Each Deaf or hearing impaired person who receives PIPS or DLA (or presents a doctor letter) can apply to bring on site their own PA, who would be expected to provide for their personal communications around site.**

**9. This is our first year of Boomtown joining up with Deaf Zone and Deaf Events UK to provide these facilities. Any feedback, ideas, support or comments are most welcome for future development.**

**Thankyou, Jos, Jason and Paddy.**

DeafZone UK works to provide Deaf access to music events via British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting, and also to educate the public about Deaf and BSL issues. We are very pleased to be working with Boomtown for the first time. We will be based in the Deafzone marquee in the Meadow and open between 2 and 6pm everyday, so come and find us there to book interpreters or for a chat about anything Deaf or Sign Language related !

We will also be giving a presentation on Friday August 10th at Speakers' Corner, at 4.00pm, so do come along :-

'Sleepwalking Into Eugenics ? Sign Language Peoples and Genetic Engineering.  
  
Very few people are aware that rapid developments in genetic engineering are taking societies  
unheedingly into the abyss of eugenics.  
  
One group of people most directly affected are Deaf communities, otherwise known as  
Sign Language Peoples (SLPs) of the world.  
  
SLPs believe that their existence benefits the human race through their sign languages and artforms,  
and that removing them from the earth via eugenics is a genocidal act that should be prevented  
by the UN.   
  
Tomorrow it could be us - the week after it could be LGBTQ people. And after that.... ?  
Join us to learn about our lives and discuss these implications