

# Are you interested in training to become an interpreter?

Herefordshire Council's language service, Herefordshire Language Network, is offering training for potential interpreters and the application process is now open.

For the first time, this unaccredited 'foundation training' course will be delivered remotely by video, over a number of sessions. Dates will be decided once participants have been selected, but it will run throughout January and February 2021.

The training is an excellent starting point for anyone who has ever considered interpreting. Once you've completed the training, it could lead to paid work in the county.

Anyone interested in applying will need a very high level of fluency in English and any other language. We welcome all languages, but at the moment the network is particularly keen to hear from speakers of Kurdish, Pashto, Vietnamese, Turkish and Lithuanian. British Sign Language (BSL) is also welcome.

Since 2009, the council has trained over 200 people in interpreting and translation skills, which allows them to work for the Herefordshire Language Network. The network currently manages around 250 assignments every month for public services and voluntary organisations.

The deadline for applications is **Monday 7 December**, and the fee is just £30. To find out more about the criteria for applying, and to download an application form, please visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/language](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/language), or call 01432 260216.

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