



Webinar about Artificial Intelligence with Mark Wheatley

Dr. Wheatley's presentation looks at AI and sign language technology through projects like SignSpeak, StorySign, and SignON, focusing on using AI for real-time translation between British Sign Language (BSL) and English. It highlights how this can improve accessibility while stressing the need to accurately reflect BSL's culture and language. Challenges include limited data, different signing styles, tokenism, and progress in creating realistic avatars. The presentation calls for ethical practices, working with the Deaf community, and making AI development more inclusive to boost accessibility and awareness.



This webinar will be presented in BSL.

Date: 3rd February

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Where:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89271826978?pwd=CiQ4zjhpgwaKjTuUKSXQPcNS24wTt.1>

and also on YouTube: [Deaf Aotearoa - YouTube](#)



Mark Wheatley is a Deaf professional and advocate with extensive experience in advancing accessibility and inclusion for the Deaf community. He has a strong background in innovative technologies, particularly AI and sign language. Mark has been involved in projects focusing on cutting-edge developments in technology for the Deaf community. He also serves on the board of directors of Signapse and is set to be actively involved in SignGPT. As the first deaf CEO of the Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD) and a former Executive Director at the European Union of the Deaf (EUD), Mark combines his advocacy passion with his technology expertise to drive transformative change.

Other upcoming events

Incorporated Societies Workshops

- Understand new law changes for Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Learn how to re-register your incorporated society before 2026

Deaf clubs, societies or sport organisations need to re-register if they want to stay as an incorporated society after 2026.

Angela Sew Hoy will present a half-day workshop at three Deaf Clubs, and one online.



Christchurch

When: 8th February

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Deaf Society of Canterbury

Wellington

When: 22nd February

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Wellington Deaf Society

Auckland

When: 8th March

Time: 10am - 2pm

Where: Deaf Society of Canterbury

Online

When: 22nd March

Time: 10am - 2pm

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