

# Professional Learning Program

Victorian  
Deaf Education  
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## Language, Culture and Identity: supporting positive development of adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing

Presented by Dr Louisa Willoughby

### On-demand Presentation



In this presentation, Dr Louisa Willoughby will discuss language and cultural issues facing adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing and the link to identity development, peer group formation and social connection.

This presentation will provide an overview of the key language/ communicative and cultural issues facing adolescents who are DHH from both majority and minority language/ cultural backgrounds. Dr Willoughby's presentation will also explore the ways in which these issues contribute to identity development, peer group formation and feelings of general social connection.

#### Learning Outcomes

Participants will:

- Gain an increased awareness of issues relating to language, culture and identity experienced by adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Engage with subject research to guide evidence-based practice in exploring positive interventions
- Learn to identify the various resources and community memberships open to adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Share practical examples to engage in peer learning and reflection

*Fully online, self-paced learning accessible for 4 weeks following registration*

*Victorian Department of Education staff can access this learning free of charge. The cost for non-Department staff is \$25.00 incl. GST.*

*Participants who successfully complete this Presentation will receive a certificate noting 1 hour of professional learning.*

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