

Extended Seminar: “Mapping the Deaf community”

CUPP in partnership with Geography at University of Brighton.

19th September 2014, 1pm to 5pm. Entry free of charge and open to community members and academics. Refreshments available.

Room G7, Grand Parade site, University of Brighton, Grand Parade, Brighton, BN2 0JY.

Maps explore the spatial relationships between specific features the map aims to represent, such as political boundaries, population, physical features, natural resources, climates, elevation and economic activities. The Deaf community engage in different embodied spaces, where their experiences and consciousness are manifested in materialistic and spatial forms. The “Mapping the Deaf community” seminar brings together the current Deaf-related mapping initiatives in the UK.

Map your Bristol

Mike Gulliver, University of Bristol

The 'Map Your Bristol' project is an 18-month engagement with communities in Bristol. One of those communities is the Deaf community. The project has two main aims. The first is to make a map of 'Deaf Bristol' containing information about the history and spaces of the community in the city. The second aim is to explore how the university and the community might work together to 'coproduce' research. The project has highlighted some interesting questions about Deaf spaces in the city, and about how the university works with the Deaf community.

Conceptualizing a cultural home: Discussion on creating a foundation for Deaf-led Deaf studies.

Dai O'Brien, York St John University.

In this presentation, I will discuss the exploration of how to create or find a cultural home or foundation for Deaf studies. I will discuss what it means to feel 'at home' somewhere. Who or what makes us feel like we belong? What are the things that make something comfortable, safe, recognisably 'home'? What can we do to identify these things and how can we make sure they inform what we do?

Making maps: a means for facilitating engagement between the Deaf community and civic services.

John Walker, University of Brighton

Brighton and Hove city council awarded a grant, via Community Works, to create an on line map of the Deaf community, which captures the personal, social and civic spaces they use. The presentation will explore the idea of maps as another way to facilitate engagement between Council staff and Deaf community members, where there are language and cultural barriers.