

Interpreter Awareness



Working with interpreters at an interview. The interpreter will arrive 15 minutes prior to the interview to allow the time to talk to you and cover deaf awareness with the interviewer.

When you meet the interpreter show them the copy of your CV. Go through all of it with them. This way your interpreter will understand your working history and allow for a fluid conversation between you, the interpreter and interviewer.



Make sure the interpreter knows something about the companies you worked for and area. The interpreter may not know the area at all:



- Is it local or far away?



- Is it a large company or small?



- Were you in a big team or small?

All of this information will help.

The interpreter is there to deliver what the interviewer is saying taking into account cultural differences for example:

If the interviewer asks: "Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time"
the interpreter would sign: 5 years – work same company you? What job title you want then?!

It helps you understand the type of answer the interviewer is looking for.

Finally the interpreter is not here to give personal opinion or feedback on your interview.

Complaints: If you are not happy with your interpreter make sure you tell the interviewer so they can go back to the person or agency.

Good Luck! Everyone wants you to succeed.