

Get Ahead Project

Case Study

Louise

Louise began to lose her hearing in primary school, and by age 13 she was profoundly deaf. She had developed very effective lip reading skills, and coped extremely well with Key Stage 4, gaining a range of GCSEs with good grades.

She went to a sixth form college to study for three A levels, including art & design, and then went for interview for a BTEC Foundation Studies in Art & Design course¹.

One of the tutors on the course remembers her interview clearly; “Louise came into the interview room, put her portfolio down and said ‘I’m profoundly deaf, but that’s your problem, not mine.’ We offered her a place on the spot.”

From the Foundation Course she went to a college of art & design near London to study for a degree in Television & Theatre Design. Since graduating Louise has worked for major broadcasters and for a number of theatres.

¹ BTEC Foundation Studies in Art & Design is a one year full-time or two years part-time course which many potential art students take after A level in order to decide which specialist area of art or design they wish to study at degree level.