

Come and join us at NRASLI!



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Question 1: What's NRASLI?

NRASLI, which stands for National Research Association for Sign Language Interpretation, was established in June 1974 and incorporated in July 2010. It has more than 10,000 members across the country and branches in each of the 47 prefectures of Japan.



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Working with organizations involved in deaf movements including Japanese Federation of the Deaf and the general public, NRASLI researches, discusses and transmits information aiming for the protection of lives and rights of deaf people, in the spirit of learning about sign language, interpretation, interpreters and challenges of the deaf community from lives of deaf people.

Question 2: What does NRASLI do?

We learn and study with deaf people and deaf associations about sign language, deaf people and issues about interpretation, and work to spread information and improve social system.

Among various activities, we hold Summer Session, Winter Workshop and NRASLI School in various parts of the country. Through these occasions, we are seeking to provide learning opportunities and information necessary to promote activities of branches and local districts.

In addition, we put out Quarterly Magazine and Newsletter regularly, publish books and sell them on orders.

Question 3: What are requirements for membership?

You can join NRASLI just when you are interested in sign language or informed about deaf people.

There is no requirement like learning experience or qualification. You can get into our act and work with us toward the improvement of welfare for deaf people and status of interpreters, even if you can't sign.



Office worker, student, nursery teacher, housewife, nurse, self-employed, interpreter, etc.

Question 4: What are benefits for NRASLI members?

The biggest one is the opportunity to meet various people. When you join us, you will realize presence of a lot of colleagues, and then you can learn much about sign language and deaf people. To be more specific, you get 4 Quarterly Magazines a year and can participate in exclusive workshops for members. Also, you can get discounts on registration fees for Summer

NRASLI School



Winter Workshop

Quarterly Magazine

Session and Winter Workshop. Pleasurable activities bring you signing skills and wider circle of friends.

Question 5: How's it different from sign language circles?

They are the same at heart. Sign language circles are study groups that hearing people who have learned sign language formed earlier, supporting deaf people. Circles, working with local deaf associations, have been acting in various ways in local communities including activities related to sign language, deaf people and petitions. However, as the activities grew wider, it became evident that some of the issues can't be tackled locally and

resolved by just one circle or one individual. Therefore, people involved in sign language launched a movement to set up a national organization to progress studies and activities and solve problems. Those circles supporting local activities made NRASLI get to where it is now.



NRASLI?
Circle?

NRASLI works to provide support for local activities to address their issues and difficulties with much information and national solidarity.

Question 6: How much is the membership fee?

Annual membership fee is ¥8,000. Additionally, most of the branches charge branch fee, result in somewhere around ¥10,000 a year in total.



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