



Jamaica Association for the Deaf

Empowering the Deaf since 1938

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In 1938, the Jamaica Association for the Deaf (JAD), was founded on the premise that all Deaf individuals once given the opportunity and requisite support can be highly productive nation builders. Today that concept is entrenched in the culture of the organisation as every project is executed with that intent.

JAD's work and endeavours include the following:

- **Business Activities - Social Enterprise** – JAD operates three social enterprises that contribute to its sustainability by providing employment, and also generate income which support the overall management and execution of the various JAD offerings.
 - **JAD Binders** – Offers a full range of fine hand binding services including book restoration, presentation, memorabilia and general binding.
 - **JAD Hearing Services** – Provides a range of hearing healthcare services and products including diagnostic hearing assessments, noise plugs and hearing aids to the public.
 - **Jamaican Sign Language (JSL) Services** – JAD provides JSL training and JSL Interpreting services to the public.
- **JAD Schools for the Deaf** – JAD utilises a bilingual approach to the education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children which uses both JSL and the written form of English. JAD operates seven (7) Deaf educational institutions including primary, secondary and vocational levels.
- **Social Services Division (SSD)** – JADs SSD provides a wide variety of services to meet the needs and improve the overall quality of life of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing persons. JAD provides members of the Deaf community with support for workforce integration, community development and advocacy, family support and guidance and assessment services.

