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Dear RubbenA,

RE: Francis Maginn Award

Last weekend marked the British Deaf Association's (BDA) Annual General Meeting and Gala Dinner in Preston, our first face-to-face event since 2019! It was lovely to see so many faces there and a vibrant signing community, showing the importance of bringing people together.

The Gala Dinner included an Awards Ceremony, and **I am delighted to inform you that you have been awarded the Francis Maginn Award**, presented to Deaf people living in the UK, who through sheer determination and perseverance, have accomplished an exceptional achievement which can be considered a 'first' in its field. This unique contribution is very much in line with the ethos and ideology of Francis Maginn himself, founder of the BDA, in making a significant contribution to the Deaf community and improving the lives of Deaf people. Congratulations!

This award is in recognition of your work and contribution to the Deaf community and in the Deaf arts. That's quite an achievement!

Your Award will be delivered to you soon, and we will be in touch to make arrangements for this soon.

First awarded in 1998 to John McD Young, the first Deaf Chair of the BDA, you join a long list of illustrious recipients of the Francis Maginn Award, who have each made important contributions to the development and progression of the Deaf community here in the UK. I hope it will take pride of place in your home and congratulations once again.

Yours sincerely,



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