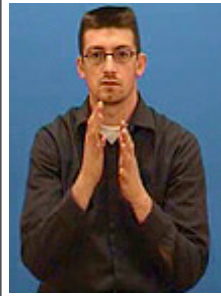
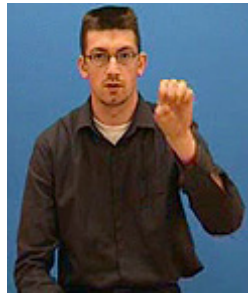
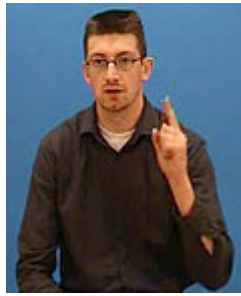


**The First European  
SignWriting Symposium 2005**  
Het Eerste Europese GebarenSchrift Symposium 2005



**Brussels, Belgium, July 21-22**  
European SignWriters Unite!



**1. When?**

**July 21-22, 2005**  
First Session Begins 9:00am on July 21st



**2. Where?**

**Brussels, Belgium**  
The Symposium will be held at:  
**Kasterlinden School**  
Dilbeekstraat 1,  
1082 Sint-Agatha-Berchem  
  
Sint-Agatha-Berchem is near Brussels.



**3. Why?**

**European SignWriters Unite!**  
A lot of teachers and developers in Europe have discovered SignWriting and feel the need to share their questions and experiences with others. How do we use SignWriting in education? Which computer programs do I need? Why are SignSpellings important? There are a lot of questions about SignWriting, and it's time an organization spreads information and gives SignWriting the recognition it deserves!



**4. How much?**

**FREE!**  
Hotel accomodation, food and possible interpreters will be at your own expense.



**5. Who Can Attend?**

**Limited to 30 Participants**  
The Symposium space is donated to us by the Kasterlinden School. The school has requested no more than 30 participants. So SignWriting users should sign up quickly!  
  
**We will do our best to find room for you....**  
Are you a teacher who uses SignWriting? Or have you made amazing discoveries or developed fantastic software for SignWriting? In other words, if you feel you can contribute to this symposium or you are struggling with the same questions written above, contact us, and we will try to make room for you!

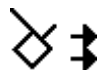


## 6. Hotels

### Hotels near Brussels

Look for hotels to make reservations yourself:  
<http://www.brussels-hotels.com>

If you wish to stay close to the place where the Symposium is held, try to find a hotel in or near **Sint-Agatha-Berchem**.



## 7. Big Celebration July 21st!

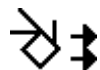
### Spectacular Event on July 21st!

This year Belgium is celebrating its 175th birthday! The Belgian Independence Day is the 21st of July. And the 21st is also the first day of our First European SignWriting Symposium!

So we will celebrate this by being able to attend a GREAT spectacular event in Brussels on the evening of July 21st together!

For those who wish to know more about the history of Belgium, there is an exhibition in Brussels about the Belgian struggle for independence, and how Belgium became a country 175 years ago. And on the web, you can also find information in English, Dutch, German and French on these websites:

<http://www.expo-madeinbelgium.be/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Belgium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Belgium)



## 8. Registration

### How to Register for Symposium

Write to:  
**Kathleen Heylen and Sara Geudens**  
[katjesaar@hotmail.com](mailto:katjesaar@hotmail.com)

Send us an email message, and answer these questions:

1. What is your current occupation or study?
2. What are your reasons for wanting to attend the symposium?
3. What are you more interested in: SignWriting for Deaf Education, or SignWriting software development?
4. Are you hearing or Deaf? If you are hearing, do you understand English very well, well, or not so well?



## 9. Organizing Committee

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