SignWriting Vision 2030

for the future of Sutton SignWriting

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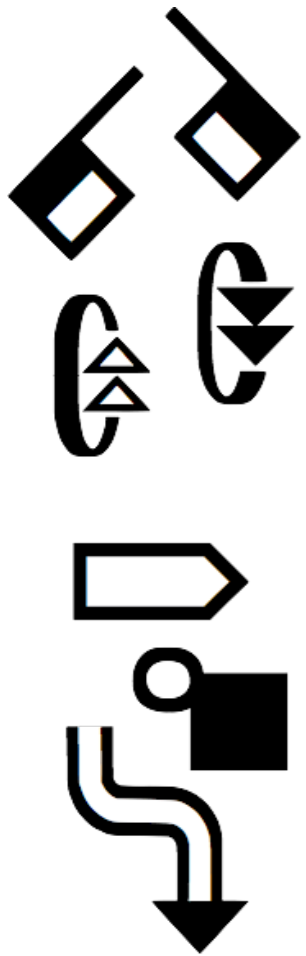
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SignWriting Vision 2030

across the globe, a common script for all sign languages, a developmental powerhouse, connecting sign language disciplines with text

This presentation will discuss...

Who are Val and Steve?

What is the Center for Sutton Movement Writing?

What is SignWriting Vision 2030?

What are the three pillars?

What are the eight objectives?

What are the programs?

Hi, I'm Steve!

sign language user
friend of the deaf
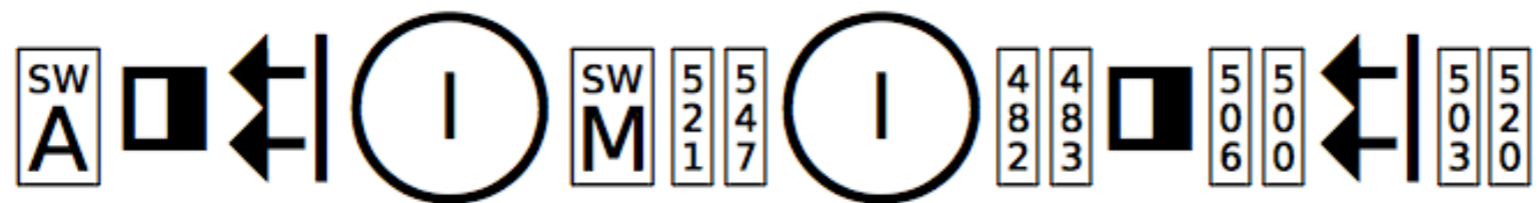SignWriting Evangelist

14 years ago, I started a collaboration with Valerie Sutton, the inventor of SignWriting.

Together, we created the Sutton SignWriting Standards of 2010, 2012, and 2017. These standards will be useful far into the future.

2010, 2012, 2017

I am the encoder of Sutton SignWriting

A hundred years from now, properly encoded Sutton SignWriting text will still be legible.

ase-US-Sgnw

My Friend Val

Valerie Sutton

Born	Valerie Sutton 22 February 1951 (age 67) Manhattan, New York City
Nationality	American
Occupation	Developer, Dancer
Relatives	Pam (sister)

1966	Valerie Sutton invents DanceWriting
1974	Valerie Sutton invents SignWriting

From the beginning, Valerie Sutton has encouraged writers of every sign language.

http://valeriesutton.com/

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valerie_Sutton

The Center for Sutton Movement Writing

a 501c3 educational non-profit

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1974	The Center for Sutton Movement Writing is founded
1976	The CSMW becomes California Tax-Exempt
1978	The CSMW becomes US Federal Tax-Exempt
2004	Steve Slevinski hired as consultant

Val and Steve have worked together through the non-profit, along with many others, to develop and promote the use of SignWriting for all sign languages.

Around the world, over 140 sign languages have been identified
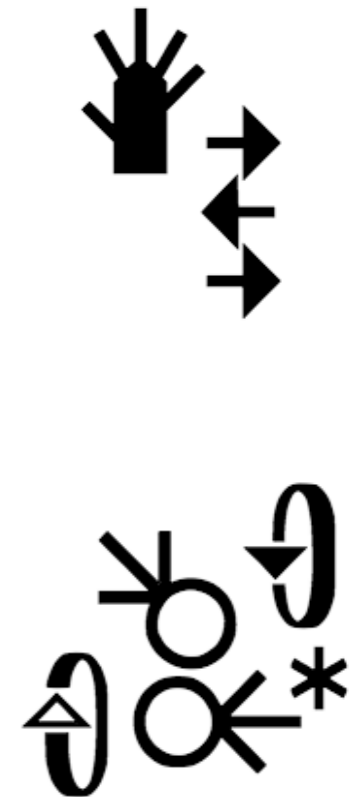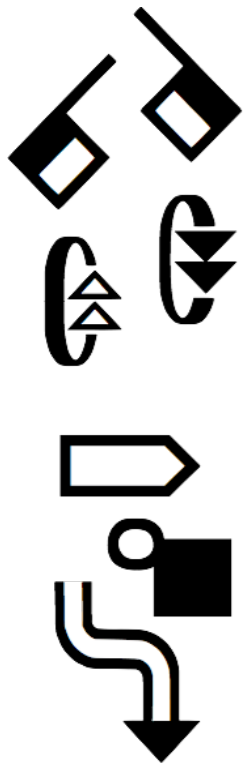
Brazil	ISO 3166-1	Two letter country codes	BR
Brazilian Sign Language	ISO 639-3	Three letter language codes	bzs

SignWriting in Brazil

http://signwriting.org/brazil

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SignWriting is used in 18 Federal Universities and 12 public schools.

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The History of SignWriting in Brazil on TV INES.

TV INES

http://tvines.ines.gov.br/?p=16704

80 sign languages are written with SignWriting

afg-AF	csn-CO	ase-HT	mfs-MX	rsl-RU
sqk-AL	cse-CZ	hsh-HU	xml-MY	sdl-SA
aed-AR	gsg-DE	bfi-IE	nsi-NG	swl-SE
asq-AT	dsl-DK	isg-IE	ncs-NI	ysl-SI
asf-AU	ecs-EC	isr-IL	dse-NL	svk-SK
sfb-BE	eso-EE	ins-IN	nsl-NO	esn-SV
vgt-BE	esl-EG	icl-IS	nsp-NP	tsq-TH
bqn-BG	csc-ES	ise-IT	nzs-NZ	tse-TN
bvl-BO	ssp-ES	jos-JO	prl-PE	tsm-TR
bzs-BR	eth-ET	jsl-JP	psp-PH	tss-TW
fcs-CA	fse-FI	xki-KE	pks-PK	ukl-UA
sgg-CH	fsl-FR	kvk-KR	pso-PL	ase-US
slf-CH	bfi-GB	lls-LT	psr-PT	ugy-UY
ssr-CH	gss-GR	lsl-LV	pys-PY	vsl-VE
csg-CL	gsm-GT	mdl-MT	ils-QU	hos-VN
csl-CN	hds-HN	ase-MW	rms-RO	sfs-ZA

Sutton SignWriting	ISO 15924	Four letter script code	**Sgnw**

The 10 largest dictionaries have over 4,600 signs each
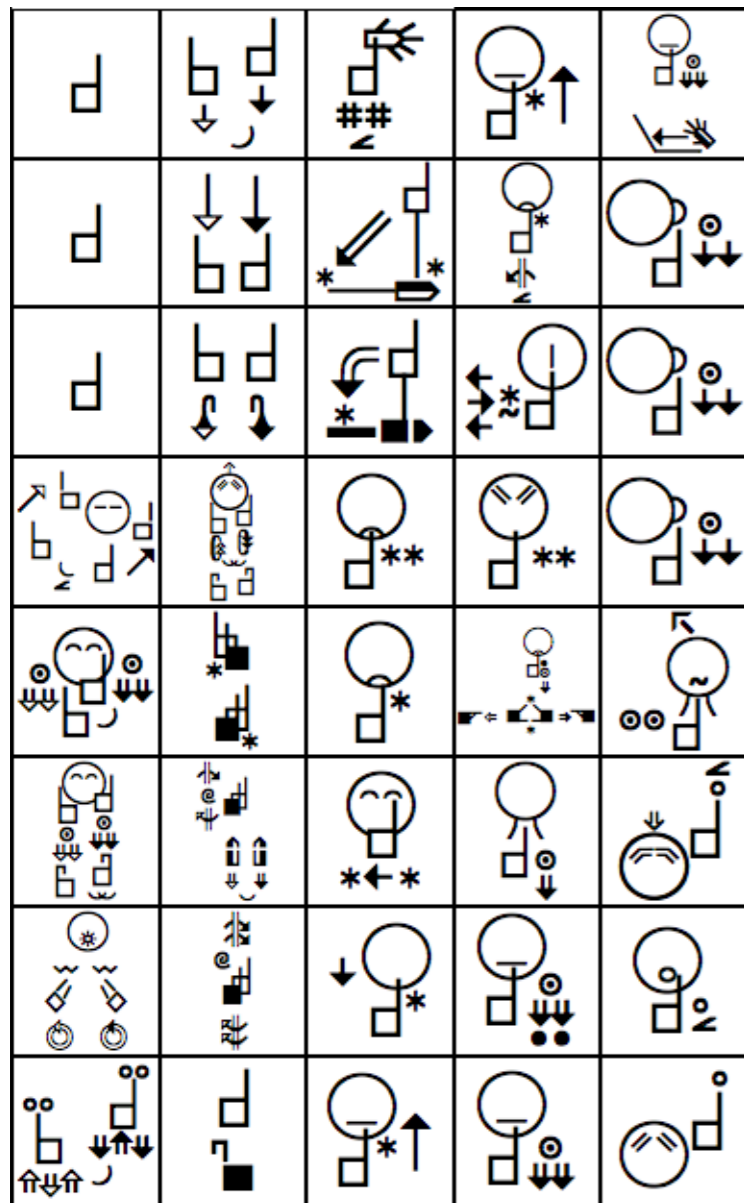
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10789	ase-US
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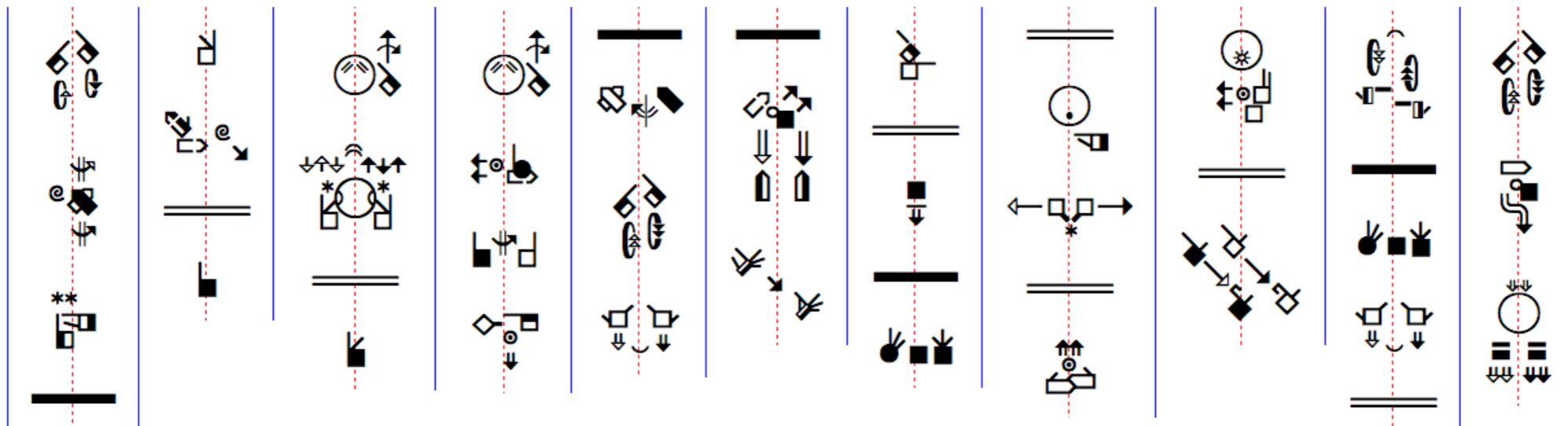https://www.ethnologue.com/browse/codes
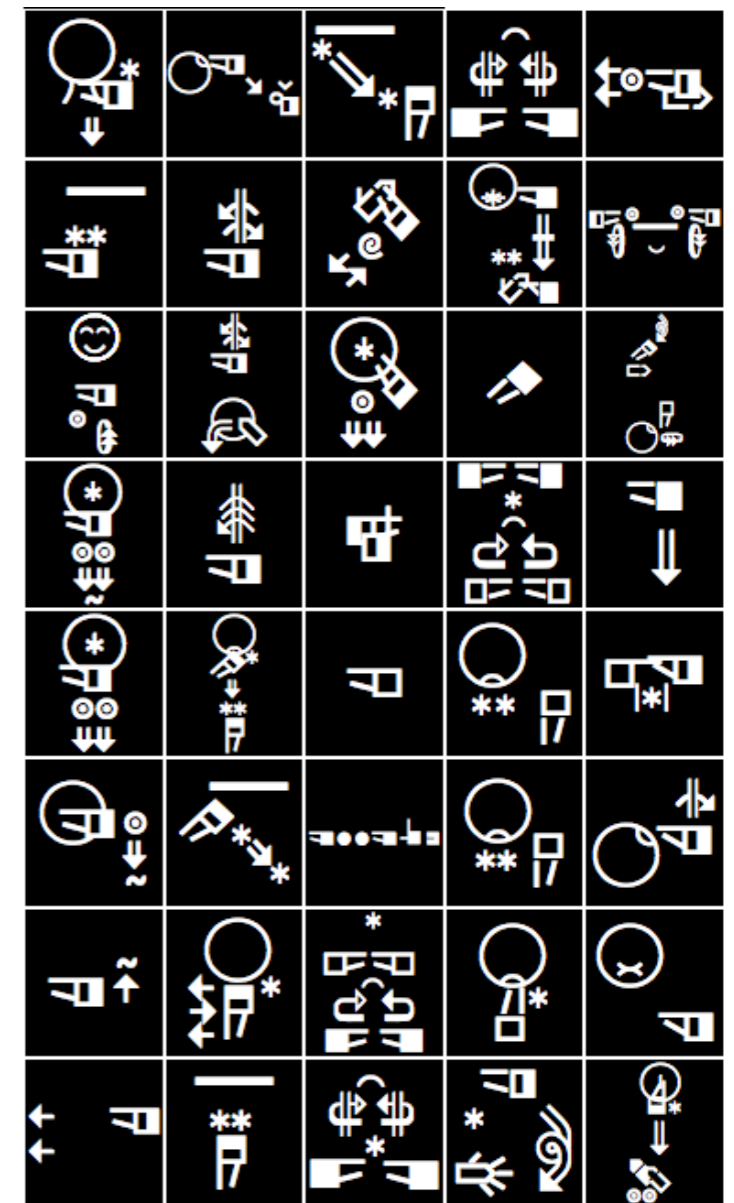
Before I was Involved

| 1974 - 1986 | SignWriting is written exclusively by hand |
1981 - 1984	Publishing efforts with stencils and wax transfers
1986 - 1995	Computer encoding with keyboarding
2002	Advanced sorting with printed dictionaries

My History with SignWriting

2004	Drag-and-drop user interface
2006	ISO 15924 Script Code Sgnw
2010	International SignWriting Alphabet 2010 (ISWA 2010)
2012	Formal SignWriting in ASCII (FSW)
2015	Sutton SignWriting Block added to Unicode Standard
2017	SignWriting in Unicode (SWU)

Project of note

The American Sign Language Wikipedia
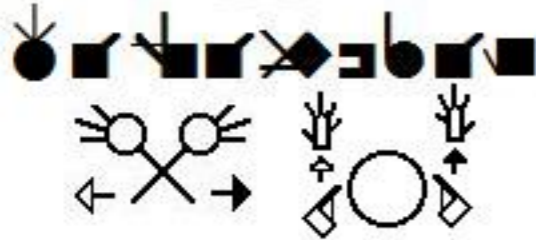
A long term project that will benefit every sign language

The ASL Wikipedia has over 50 articles.

https://incubator.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wp/ase

http://www.signwriting.org/encyclopedia/

Project of note

The SignTyp project and linguistic coding system

20,000 videos from 25 countries.

Organized sets for analysis.

SignWriting conversion to SignTyp linguistic coding system.

So far, 8,000 full transcriptions with SignWriting.

http://signtyp.uconn.edu/

SignWriting Free

$0 a month

Everyone is free to use SignWriting.

We support free culture and
the creation of free culture works.

If you are financially able, become part of
the team to fund continuing developments.

https://www.patreon.com/signwriting

What is SignWriting Vision 2030?

This is our vision of the future that is ambitious yet achievable. It expresses our long-term goals and expectations. It reflects our strengths and capabilities.

Our Strengths

a common script for all sign languages

a developmental powerhouse

connecting sign language disciplines with text

The Pillars of
SignWriting Vision 2030

Vibrant Communities

Sustainable Economics

Ambitious Groups

Pillar 1: Vibrant Communities

Strong Roots	Focusing our efforts on multiple generations of writers and teachers.
Fulfilling Lives	Promoting culture and entertainment. Stimulating thought and communication.
Strong Foundations	Caring for our children and students. Empowering deaf communities.

Pillar 2: Sustainable Economics

Free Writing — Encouraging people to write by hand or computer with free tools and resources.

Non-Profit Support — Boosting the financial support of the non-profit so we can expand our efforts.

Long-Term Success — Realizing long-term success requires continuity and sustained development.

Pillar 3: Ambitious Groups

Effective

Committing to literacy in primary languages for mental development.

Generous

Creating meaning and value in our lives while sharing with others and society.

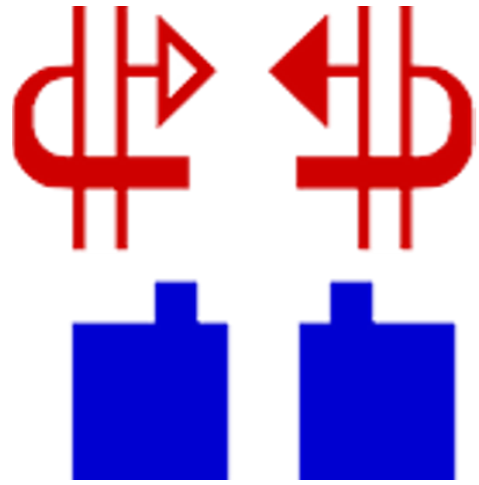# Our Programs

Community Building

We will continue to support all writers of sign language with the SignWriting script.

Economic Vitality

We will expand our fundraising efforts so that we can sustain our mission into the future.

Group Empowerment

We will provide resources to groups and encourage connections between them for the benefit of all.

SignWriting Team

$1 a month or more

SignWriting is a proven success for education, literature, and research.

SignWriting is not an economic success because we give everything away for free.

We need your support, and the support of people you know, for 2019 and beyond.

https://www.patreon.com/signwriting

Donating to the non-profit

The Center for Sutton Movement Writing is
tax-exempt for California and for US Federal

http://movementwriting.org/csmw/

Donations will help with the work of the non-profit:

Book donations
Educational material
Teaching and instruction
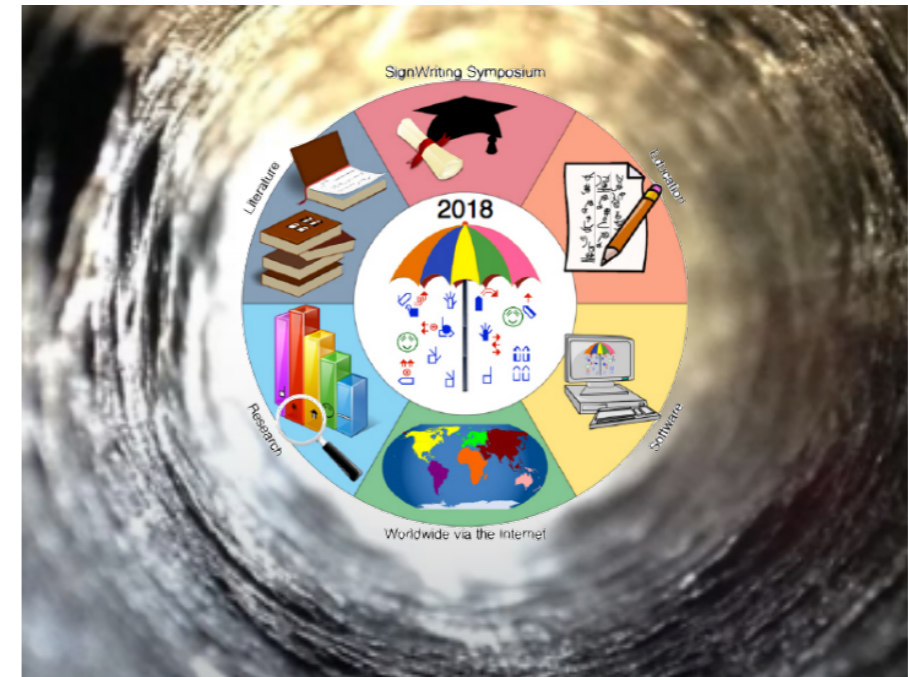Resources and websites
Non-profit administration
Legal documents and taxes

http://signwriting.org/donate/

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Inspired by the Saudi Vision 2030

http://vision2030.gov.sa/en

Building communities and bridges

https://deafunity.org/2018/07/deaf-perspectives-on-the-saudi-arabia-vision-2030