

EWING FOUNDATION

for deaf children

News

Spring/ Summer 2019

Welcome...

...to Sarah Armstrong who joined the Ewing Foundation as Chief Executive Officer last autumn.



Sarah has a background in the charity sector. She has been a senior manager for a national charity leading in volunteering policy and practice, a regional lead for a charity raising aspirations for young people with a disability, and, in her previous role, was the Chief Executive of York CVS, an ambitious social action organisation.

'There has been a common strand to all of my work, providing a voice for people who are not always heard,' says Sarah. 'Whether that's children in the care system, young people with a disability or parents who are overwhelmed, my role has been to make sure they have the support they need to thrive.'

'With the number of deaf children in England rising, and the numbers of Teachers of the Deaf decreasing, this presents multiple challenges. I am ready to play an active role, working with the Ewing team of consultants and technicians, in meeting those challenges.'

The Ewing team is growing. We look forward to letting you know about new appointments at www.ewing-foundation.org.uk/vacancies

Training scholarships

Would you like to help deaf children get the most from their time at school?

If you are a teacher who would like to become a Teacher of the Deaf (ToD), scholarships are available for your training. The Con Powell Memorial Scholarships are managed by the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD), with support provided by the Ewing Foundation team. We are currently mentoring five scholars.

The scholarships are aimed at teachers whose local authority is not obliged to support them financially. They are funded by our partner Ovingdean Hall Foundation.

The 2019 Scholarships are open till 30th April 2019, and will re-open in January 2020.



Thank you...

To Graham Hamilton and Stevie Mayhook who left the Ewing team last summer after many years of service. In their respective roles as Specialist Audiology Technician and Education Consultant, they have helped hundreds of teachers, technicians and students in their work with deaf children.

'Ewing Foundation is a very small organisation so individual team members like Graham and Stevie have an incredible impact on our work,' said Chair Hamish McAlpine. 'We have benefited enormously by having their great expertise and commitment on our team. Thank you to both Graham and Stevie for everything they have done for Ewing, for professionals in the field and for deaf children around the country.'



Thank you to Stevie (right) and Graham (above)



Deaf Children Now Conference

2 Day Conference

Deaf Children Now: changing the conversation

From its beginnings 100 years ago, the University of Manchester's work in the field of Deaf Education and Audiology has championed the rights of all deaf children and their parents. Adopting a holistic approach that ensures all those providing services are working together to achieve this goal is as important in 2019 as it was in 1919, and even more challenging as science, technology and service delivery become more complex and varied.



24 & 25 June 2019

The Manchester Conference Centre (Pendulum Hotel)

To think about how we can work together effectively in the current climate, we invite you to a ground-breaking 2 day conference in which we actively promote collaboration and interdisciplinary working partnerships. The conference will include world-renowned specialists from the fields of Deaf Education, Audiological Science and Audiotechnology, Genetics and Neurology/Behavioural Sciences to stimulate our conversation. This is a conference where wide ranging discussions will be valued and encouraged as we seek to work together to better support deaf children and their families.

How to Register

Register at:
<https://preview.tinyurl.com/y7h3yygk>

Early Bird Registration Fee
£195.00
[up to 1 March 2019]

Standard Registration Fee
£260.00
Conference fees held at 2009 prices

Evening Gala Dinner
£35.00
Limited spaces - book early

Call for Papers

Submissions for oral presentations (15 minutes long) OR posters are invited addressing innovation, research or best practice in any of the conference themes:

- Multidisciplinary working
- Taking a holistic approach to meeting deaf children's needs
- Maximising the use of technology

We are also particularly interested in receiving submissions relating to tinnitus and balance issues in children, multilingualism and validation of very early hearing aid fitting and early intervention plus understanding and meeting the needs of deaf children with complex needs. We do, however, welcome submissions across the field.

Please submit proposals by
18th February 2019 to:
Helen.chilton@manchester.ac.uk

All proposals will be peer reviewed by committee.

Exhibitors

To exhibit please contact:
Helen.chilton@manchester.ac.uk

This is the one you cannot afford to miss, whether you are a Teacher of the Deaf, Audiologist, Medical Audiologist, Speech and Language therapist or Social Worker.

Confirmed Keynotes

- **Professor Kevin Munro:**
The University of Manchester
(Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness)
- **Professor Gary Rance:**
The University of Melbourne (Dept of Audiology & Speech Pathology)
- **Professor Brian Lamb OBE:**
National Sensory Impairment Partnership
- **Professor Connie Mayer:**
York University, Toronto
- **Dr Kai Uus:**
The University of Manchester
(Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness)
- **Dr Sue Archbold:**
Consultant on research, public policy and practice in deafness and hearing care, cochlear implantation and deaf education

Further international keynotes to be confirmed



Recent events

GLADE conference

Our group for professionals working with deaf children across the London area continues to grow. GLADE (Greater London Affiliation for Deaf Education) now has 28 affiliated provisions and schools.

Our last conference *And now for something completely different* included recent research, practical tracking systems, and new programmes and apps to support numeracy and literacy development.

There was also time for networking and for visiting the range of exhibitors.

'The support GLADE has given me over the years has been so very valuable,' said one member. *'It has helped to shape my knowledge and benefited the numerous children I have worked with over the years.'*

Affiliation of a resource provision is £50 per year and covers one place at the conference and at two network meetings, all held in London. For more information, contact Joyce at: joycesr@ewing-foundation.org.uk



One of the GLADE workshops

Supporting students

We are delighted to provide technical support to trainee Teachers of the Deaf on the University of Birmingham's Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Special Education – Hearing Impairment).



In January, the team delivered workshops to students explaining how to use a hearing aid analyser (test box) to test hearing aids and set up radio aids.

The Ewing's Jeremy Hine demonstrates a test box.

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Exploring technology

Our popular annual course, **Understanding radio aids and cochlear implants**, returned last February. Held once more at the Midlands Hearing Implant Programme at Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, this hands-on workshop focused on setting up radio aid systems with cochlear implant processors.

We also demonstrated radio aid and test box technology at BATOD North's Training Day last November. The day, which Education Consultant Trish Cope helped to organise, included a presentation from our Audiologist James Mander on different wireless systems.

To find out about the latest events, please visit www.ewing-foundation.org.uk

Quality standards



Our Clinical Audiologist and Operational Manager, James Mander has recently joined the British Academy of Audiology's Service Quality Committee as a representative from the third sector.

James will provide input on clinical guidance, direct pathways, referrals and new Improving Quality In Physiological Services standards.

He will be also involved in producing BAA responses to national projects, and National Institute of Clinical Excellence quality standards on hearing care. James will be working alongside representatives from NDCS, Action on Hearing Loss & SENSE.



MESHGuides

Over the past few years, Burwood Park Consultant Joyce Sewell-Rutter has been facilitating a special interest group in Deafness and Autism in collaboration with the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD).

Work with interested parties has now resulted in a MESHGuide for Autism and Deafness, which was funded by BATOD Foundation, and can be viewed here:
<https://www.meshguides.org/guides/node/928>

MESHGuides are designed to support teaching as an evidence-informed profession. They provide summaries of research and evidence to underpin educator's professional judgement.



Contact us

Ewing Foundation provides training, educational consultancy and technical support for professionals working with deaf children. If you would like to find out more, please contact us or visit our website www.ewing-foundation.org.uk

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