

EWING FOUNDATION

for deaf children

News

Winter 2021

Remembering Shirley

Very sadly, our friend and former Trustee Shirley Metherell MBE passed away in August.

Over the years, Shirley generously shared with us her experience of supporting deaf children.

In 1981, she and her husband David established The Elizabeth Foundation after their daughter was diagnosed as profoundly deaf at 22 months. Today, 40 years on, the charity is the country's single largest provider of early intervention, educational and support services for preschool children and babies with varying degrees of hearing loss.

Shirley joined us as a Trustee in 2000. Writing in our sixtieth anniversary book in 2012, she said:

'Just to play a small part in the development of an organisation where everyone including the Trustees, the Consultants and the Specialist Technicians are so committed and passionate about their work, is an absolute joy and privilege.'

We have been very fortunate to benefit not only from Shirley's expertise, but also her kindness and compassion.

Thank you so much, Shirley.



Shirley and David pictured at The Elizabeth Foundation

Sponsoring BATOD

We are delighted to sponsor the online training programme organised by the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD).



Their Continuous Professional Development series, which runs until March 2022, has included webinars on supporting the mental health, communication and language of deaf children and young people.

The next webinar, on 18 January 2022, will focus on audiology and technology.

The final webinar in the series, which takes place on 1 March 2022, is dedicated to early intervention.

Please visit www.batod.org.uk/about-us/batod-cpd-webinar-series-nov-2021-march-2022/ to find out more.

Using technology at school and at home

This year, our Technology Consultant Paul Harris delivered two successful webinars on using Oticon equipment in the classroom and at home.

Taking questions from Alison Stone, Oticon UK's Training Manager and Audiologist, Paul's presentations addressed a number of topics.

In March, he talked about remote microphones, compatibility between brands and tamper-resistant battery doors. He considered advances in signal processing, how to link hearing aids to smart devices, and issues around data logging in hearing aids.

In June, he demonstrated how to monitor transparency of frequency responses using an FP35 Hearing Aid Analyzer. He looked at using the Oticon EduMic radio aid in the classroom and at home, and explored the functions available on the Oticon smart phone app.



A teacher uses the Oticon EduMic radio microphone in the classroom

'The Ewing Foundation is a niche organisation,' he said. 'We are here to train professionals, and also to keep up with the latest technology. Please contact us to find out more.'

You can access the webinars, and accompanying EduMic sound files, here:

www.ewing-foundation.org.uk/resources/wireless-microphone-sound-files

These are among a number of free resources available on our website to help you in your work with deaf children and young people.

Please visit www.ewing-foundation.org.uk/resources to find out more.

Support us as we turn 70!

Next year, we celebrate our 70th anniversary. Over the years, donations and legacies have meant that we are able to offer our services at a heavily subsidised rate. Can you help us? By making a gift, or recommending us to your place of work or worship as a charity of choice? Please can you donate online at www.ewing-foundation.org.uk or send your cheque or CAF voucher (payable to Ewing Foundation) to the address below. Thank you.

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