

# EWING FOUNDATION

for deaf children

# News

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## New strapline

We are proud to introduce our new strapline, 'for deaf children.'

'These words better communicate our purpose to those who are not familiar with our work,' says Pauline Hughes, Chief Executive. 'We want more people to know about us, to use our services and support us as a charity, so a clear identity is essential.'

## MBE for Trustee

Congratulations to our Trustee Shirley Metherell and her husband David who have been awarded MBEs in the New Year's Honours list.

The couple set up The Elizabeth Foundation, a charity for deaf children, in 1981. It is named after their daughter who is profoundly deaf.

'The foundation started in our sitting room with four other mums and babies and now we have our own family centre,' says Shirley.



Shirley and David Metherell MBE  
Photo courtesy of The Elizabeth Foundation

'David and I would like to like to dedicate our MBEs to all the wonderful parents of very young deaf children who have welcomed us into their lives over the years, and who we have had the honour to help and support.'

## Training the teachers of tomorrow



Ovingdean Hall  
Foundation



Our sister charity and grant-maker Ovingdean Hall Foundation is investing in the future of deaf education by funding five scholarships per year for teachers training to be Teachers of the Deaf.

The scholarships will be managed by British Association of Teachers of the

Deaf (BATOD), and named in memory of their first President and the Ewing Foundation's first CEO Con Powell. Ewing Foundation staff will support scholars in their studies.

'Teaching deaf children requires knowledge about deafness, the psychological implications of hearing loss and how that loss impacts upon listening, literacy and education, as well

as communication with the world at large,' says Trustee Ted Moore. 'Qualified Teachers of the Deaf are urgently required to help deaf children and young people to overcome these educational and social difficulties.'

The first five scholars start this September. Please visit [www.batod.org.uk](http://www.batod.org.uk) and click on Resources to find out more.

## Linking listening to language

We are holding a training event at the Seashell Trust in Cheadle on 27 June 2014.

The day is aimed at staff working with deaf pupils and includes:

- **Audiological foundations for listening**
- **Using speech discrimination tests effectively**
- **Understanding and assessing children's listening development**
- **Planning for progress in listening and language**

There will be an opportunity to view assessment resources and share ideas and strategies with other delegates.

A complimentary copy of our Getting it Right DVD with training notes is available for delegates.

The Seashell Trust is at 160 -166 Stanley Road, Cheadle, SK8 6RQ. The event on 27 June takes place between 9.30 and 3.30. The price is £40.

For more information or to reserve a place: tel/text Trish Cope 07703 470101

## Welcome

....to our new staff member. **Carina Newman** has been a Teacher of the Deaf and Educational Audiologist for 26 years. She joins the team as Education Consultant for the Midlands, North of England and Scotland.

Carina has considerable experience supporting deaf children in homes and schools, and in the fitting and evaluating of radio aids to babies and children of all ages.

# Train to be an Audiology Technician



Audiology equipment being demonstrated on the BTEC course (inset and below)

**Our popular BTEC Advanced Award for Audiology Technicians in Educational Settings, organised in conjunction with Mary Hare Training Services, is now running with its fourth cohort of students.**



Most students are already school IT/ Science Technicians, or Teaching Assistants supporting deaf learners.

The course syllabus covers: Listening and Learning, Personal Amplification Systems, Fault-finding and Problem Solving, and Administration and Information Sharing.

If you would like to find out more, please visit [www.ewing-foundation.org.uk](http://www.ewing-foundation.org.uk) and click on **Training and Universities/Training Providers**.

Alternatively, please contact Frances at Mary Hare Training Services on 01635 244355 or [f.mcmenemy@maryhare.org.uk](mailto:f.mcmenemy@maryhare.org.uk)

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**Thank you.**