

EWING FOUNDATION

giving deaf children a voice

News

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Celebrating sixty years

In March, the Ewing Foundation held a glittering reception at the House of Lords to mark its sixtieth year of working with deaf children.

The event, hosted by Trustee Lord Wilson of Dinton, brought together over 150 guests from not only the world of deaf education but also the film, art and music communities.

Then...

Ewing Foundation, established by construction businessman Malcolm McAlpine and his wife Sheila, is named for the audiologists Sir Alexander and Lady Irene Ewing. The Ewings were of enormous help to the McAlpines when their eldest son was born profoundly deaf in 1944. The McAlpines created the foundation so that other deaf children and families could benefit from the expertise and legacy of the Ewings.

Kevin Munro, Ewing Professor of Audiology at the University of Manchester, was one of the speakers at the event:

'The Ewings were ambassadors who made a difference. They recognised the importance of early identification and intervention, and of early involvement of the family. They were hugely influential and their impact is recognised throughout the world.'

Now...

Today, the Ewing Foundation's team of Specialist Audiology Technicians and Education Consultants work with deaf children and their teachers in the classroom. They ensure that hearing technology is working correctly, and that students and teachers can communicate effectively with one another. At the event, Ewing staff and trustees mingled with guests, talking about their work and its ongoing need.



CEO Pauline Hughes (second left) and guests at the reception



Lord Wilson (left) and Hamish McAlpine

Chairman Hamish McAlpine says:

'This very special celebration recognises the immense achievements of the past, and also the challenges and opportunities of the future. I look forward to involving our friends, old and new, in the much needed further work of this compassionate and unique charity.'

Welcome...

...to our new Trustees Ted Moore and Lindsey Rousseau, and new Specialist Audiology Technician Jeremy Hine.

Ted and Lindsey join us from the world of deaf education and children's services. Jeremy has a wealth of experience in hearing technology, and is also the parent of a deaf teenager. Congratulations too to Education Consultant Reverend Trish Cope who has semi-retired in order to focus on her commitments as a newly ordained curate.

Ewing in print

An anniversary book, featuring the reflections of Ewing Foundation staff and trustees, has been produced. When asked to sum up the organisation in a word, contributors' answers included **committed, caring, effective, enthusiastic, grass-roots and a veritable one-off!**

If you would like a free copy, please email Pauline Hughes on paulineh@ewing-foundation.org.uk or telephone 020 7837 3377.

BATOD conference

As part of their Jubilee year celebrations, the Ewing Foundation was proud to sponsor the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD) Conference in Manchester.

CEO Pauline Hughes says:

'We were keen to have an event in Manchester, where Sir Alexander and Lady Irene Ewing were based, and where the Ewing Foundation had its start. We also wanted to ensure that our celebrations directly benefited practitioners, as our core purpose is to support professionals working with deaf children. The topic - improving listening in the classroom - was a great fit!'

BATOD Foundation
improving the life chances of deaf children

Burwood Park Consultant, in association with the Ewing Foundation

Burwood Park Foundation is also part of the Ewing Foundation family. Joyce Sewell-Rutter is the Education Consultant for the Burwood Park Foundation and is managed by the Ewing Foundation.



Many deaf children and young people have additional learning needs. Joyce visits individual deaf pupils and offers advice on assessment, and strategies to support their learning and well being. A recent training event focused on the

formation of the British Association of the Teachers of the Deaf Special Interest Group in Deafness and Autism.

<http://www.batod.org.uk/index.php?id=/resources/mentalhealth/autism/autismsig-13-02-13.htm>

The Ewing Foundation is a national charity which promotes inclusion and achievement for deaf children through listening and speaking. Our team of Education Consultants and Specialist Audiology Technicians supports professionals in acquiring the skills and confidence needed to help deaf children use their residual hearing, access technology and develop natural spoken language.

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