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News

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Scholarships for training



The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD) is managing five scholarships for teachers to train to become Teachers of the Deaf.

The Memorial Scholarships, named after BATOD's first president and the Ewing Foundation's first Chief Executive Con Powell, are aimed at teachers whose Local Authority or school is not obliged to support them financially.

Scholars will be supported by Ewing Foundation staff. Applications close on 31 March 2018, re-opening January 2019. Please visit www.batod.org.uk/information/training-as-a-teacher-of-the-deaf

Deafness and Autism event



The next Deafness and Autism Special Interest Group event will take place on 18 April 2018 at The Bridge Conference Centre in London.

This annual event which is a collaboration between the BATOD and Burwood Park Foundation is designed to help parents and professionals to support deaf children on the autistic spectrum.

The theme of this year's training day is Closer Collaboration with Practical Strategies. Please contact Joyce Sewell-Rutter on burwoodpark@ewing-foundation.org.uk to book your place (standard ticket £100, BATOD members £95 and parents £20).

Thank you Ken

A special thank you to Specialist Audiology Technician Ken Higgins who has retired after a spectacular 29 years of service.

Ken said, *'Working at the Ewing Foundation has been so interesting, rewarding and challenging. I would like to thank the Foundation for the opportunity to follow this work and for opening up a new world to me.'*

'What an incredible man Ken is,' said Chair Hamish McAlpine. *'He's devoted his life to helping deaf children and making their lives better. Without him the world would be a sorrier place.'*



Ken, second right, pictured with the other Ewing Foundation Specialist Audiology Technicians.

Train to become an Audiology Technician

21st March 2018 sees the start of the eighth BTEC Advanced Award for Audiology Technicians in Educational Settings, run in partnership with Mary Hare Courses. This one-year course continues to be a popular way for a range of professionals to develop and update their knowledge and skills in taking care of learners' audiological equipment.

As well as continuing to support deaf learners in their settings, recent progression routes have included joining the NHS as a trainee Audiology Assistant and deciding to train as a Teacher of the Deaf. For more information, please contact Frances McMenemy f.mcmenemy@maryhare.org.uk

Growth of GLADE

GLADE (Greater London Affiliation for Deaf Education), our networking group for professionals working with deaf children in resource provisions, held its third annual conference last November.

The theme of the day was *Bridging the Gap: Fact or Fantasy?* and included presentations and an exhibition from suppliers to the deaf education sector.

Membership of this fast-growing group is £50 pa. 'Wish I'd joined GLADE earlier,' said one delegate, and 'GLADE gets better and better,' said another. Please contact info@ovingdeanhall.org.uk to find out more.



In February, Ewing Foundation staff delivered a workshop on working with radio aids and cochlear implants.

Specialist Audiology Technicians Paul Harris and Jeremy Hine, together with Clinical Audiologist James Mander,

participated in the event which was organised by The Midlands Hearing Implant Programme – Children's Service at Aston University, Birmingham.

They shared updates on radio aids for the latest cochlear implant products such as

the Cochlear N7 system, Med-EL Sonnet and Advanced Bionics. This was a very hands-on day giving participants the opportunity to test the systems both subjectively and objectively in the test box using the special leads produced by Connevens. They also focused on more recent wireless microphones, including the Roger Touch Screen and Cochlear Mini Microphone 2+.

This event is held annually and we are always happy to organise additional dates during the year. If you are interested in attending please contact Justine Maggs: mhip.clinicalsupport@nhs.net



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