

# CHSWG Update Report

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## Local Engagement Team Update

The Local Engagement team are delighted to share our new CHSWG page which can be found at <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/chswgs>. We will regularly be adding new resources for you to use as we progress which we hope will be helpful. Please do have a look and let us know if you think there is anything that you would find useful to have on there.

Over the next few months, we will be continuing to run our CHSWG workshops:

**Parents as Partners** - for parents who want to join CHSWG or who may already be members but want to find out more about the role of supporting local service improvement.

**Professionals Working Together at CHSWGs** - for professionals working with deaf children, who want to join CHSWG or who may already be members but want to find out more about the role of supporting local service improvement.

The links to register for these workshops are on our [CHSWG page](#).

## Other news for services

### Education

#### Support to families to learn sign language

We are sometimes asked what we think should form part of a local authority offer to support families with deaf children to learn sign language if they would like to. Our [position paper](#) sets out what we would see as key points to consider. We welcome any feedback on the paper.

#### Secondary Education Networking Group

This session which was due to take place on Thursday 10th November – 4-5.15pm has now been postponed. Further details will be released in future updates. In the meantime, please feel free to register your interest by emailing [membership@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:membership@ndcs.org.uk).

#### Educational Membership

A paid organisational membership is designed to provide school settings with ongoing knowledge and skills to best support the needs of children with Glue Ear, deaf children, and children with other forms of hearing loss.

Benefits include a one-hour information and training session with our Roadshow Team per year, discount on training, an extensive Deaf Friendly Teaching Guide and much more. [Find out more](#).

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<p><b>Audiology</b></p>	<p><b>BAA Conference – our resources a big hit with audiologists!</b></p> <p>The team who attended the BAA Conference at the MCC in Manchester on the 13th and 14th of October 2022 were delighted to see so many of you and would like to say ‘thank you’ for stopping by to chat.</p> <p>From the conversations our team had with many audiologists at the conference it became clear that our resources have been greatly missed during the pandemic and are now in high demand. We’d just like to remind you that you can order print resources online at <a href="http://www.ndcs.org.uk/resources">www.ndcs.org.uk/resources</a>. To place an order you will need to be signed into your web account. If you do not yet have a web account, please go to <a href="https://www.ndcs.org.uk/membership/register/">https://www.ndcs.org.uk/membership/register/</a> and if you do have a web account but are having issues signing in, please email <a href="mailto:membership@ndcs.org.uk">membership@ndcs.org.uk</a>. If you have any questions about our resources or would like to share feedback on a resource, please email <a href="mailto:informationteam@ndcs.org.uk">informationteam@ndcs.org.uk</a>.</p>
<p><b>Other health</b></p>	<p><b>Genetic testing and information</b></p> <p>Our <a href="#">blog</a> summarises the results of a recent survey that sought to find out more about the information needs of families about genetics, genetic testing, and future technologies.</p>
<p><b>Multi-agency</b></p>	<p><b>The National Deaf Children's Society Professional Community is live</b></p> <p>This is a closed Facebook group primarily for professionals in education, health and social care working with deaf children and their families. It is a place where professionals can provide feedback to us about our work, and a space for professionals from different disciplines to come together and discuss topics relating to working with deaf children. You can join the group <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Scotland news

### Let's get deafness in the Scottish education conversation

The Scottish Government consultation on the future vision for education is open till December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for response from learners, parents and carers, practitioners, and those in the wider community. We want to make sure that deaf children's experiences are recognised as part of this process, and the third question in the survey is a great opportunity to do this. The survey is here <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-on-education/consultation/intro/> and a BSL version of the questions is available <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16QMZAiT-5M>.

### Scottish audiology consultation coming soon

The National Audiology Review (<https://www.gov.scot/groups/national-audiology-review-group/>) will soon be gathering views of the quality and effectiveness of current audiology services in Scotland in order to identify recommendations for improvements that can be made to paediatric and adult audiology. This

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consultation process is still being developed – we will circulate the survey and other opportunities to contribute as soon as they become available, but in the meantime if you have any comments or suggestions about current and future provision contact the NDCS Scotland Campaigns team [campaigns.scotland@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:campaigns.scotland@ndcs.org.uk).

## Information on National Deaf Children's Society national campaigns

### Parent open letter

Two parents of deaf children, Shikha and Juliet, have written an open letter to the Government calling for more Teachers of the Deaf.

Shikha and Juliet are concerned that the Government's review of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system in England doesn't mention specialist staff. This is despite the fact that numbers of Teachers of the Deaf have dropped by 17% since 2011.

Shikha and Juliet are asking the Government to take urgent steps to change this. You can support their campaign by signing their letter and sharing it with families of deaf children.

[Sign the letter here.](#)

## Resources and training

### New and updated resources

We have a new resource for higher education staff called '[Deaf-friendly higher education](#)' which has replaced 'Supporting the achievement of deaf young people in higher education'.

Don't forget that you can see our full range of resources for professionals in the [information for professionals section](#) of our website.

### Register your interest for our 2023 conference

Focusing on participation and decision making, learn how to empower deaf children and young people (10 to 25 years) at our upcoming **online conference on 22 March 2023, 9am to 5pm**. We will bring together young people, expert leaders and practitioners to share best practice for supporting deaf children and young people to make decisions about their futures and have greater control of their lives.

To receive updates about the conference and be the first to know when tickets are available, please register your details. [Find out more and register.](#)

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## Free e-learning modules

Our free e-learning modules are a great way to improve your knowledge and achieve CPD credits at a time and place to suit you. They take from 10 minutes to one hour to complete. [More info.](#)

## New dates for CPD accredited training workshops

Our expert trainers deliver interactive workshops that will help you support deaf children and young people to achieve their potential.

- Raising a Deaf Child Facilitator Training  
Online, 18 and 25 January 2023, 2pm to 3.30pm or 26 April and 3 May 2023, 1pm to 2.30pm, £70.  
Improve your support for families with deaf children and young people through our facilitator training. [Find out more](#)
- Healthy Minds  
Online, 2 and 9 February 2023, 1pm to 4pm or 8, 15, 22 and 29 June 2023, 1pm to 2.30pm, £90.  
Learn how to run activities to help support the emotional health and wellbeing of deaf children and young people. [Find out more](#)
- Supporting Deaf Children in Early Years Settings  
Online, 23 February 2023, 6pm to 7.30pm or 7 June 2023, 6pm to 7.30pm, £40.  
Learn how to fully include deaf children in the life of your early years setting. [Find out more](#)
- Deaf Awareness for Early Years Practitioners  
Online, 2 March 2023, 6pm to 7.30pm or 13 July 2023, 6pm to 7.30pm, £20.  
Learn how to confidently support children with hearing loss in your setting. [Find out more](#)

## Reminder from the Membership team

The e-learning module training platform and your membership web account on the [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk) website are not linked, therefore you will need to set up a login for both accounts separately.

If you have any problems with accessing your training portal account, please email [training@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:training@ndcs.org.uk) and for your membership web account, please email [membership@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:membership@ndcs.org.uk).

## Events and support for parents, deaf children and young people

### Family Sign Language Courses (one to one)

Applications for our next one to one Family Sign Language courses will open on our [website](#) on 21 November to the 4 December 2022. We welcome applications from professionals and families. Places are limited and prioritised for families with the greatest need. For further information see our [website](#) which includes eligibility criteria. For all Family Sign Language enquiries, please email [fsl@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:fsl@ndcs.org.uk)

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## New: Group Online Family Sign Language Course

Our new **'Signing from the Start'** Group Online Course is now open for bookings on the [website](#). This six week course starts on Tuesday 31 January 2023, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm and is for Parents and Carers only of deaf children age 0-3 years.

Topics include numbers and colours, family, emotions, food, play time and routines, as well as an introduction to BSL and finger spelling. There will be an opportunity to learn regional signs, led by our experienced deaf tutors from across the UK and to pick up useful tips from our guest speakers.

Please would you kindly share this information with families and professionals that you work with. Professionals can book on behalf of families with their permission.

If you have any queries at all, please email [fsl@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:fsl@ndcs.org.uk).

## Events for 14 to 18

- [CV Writing with Qube Learning](#) (online event), 3 November
- [Interview skills with Qube Learning](#) (online event), 10 November
- [Introduction to careers in Investment Management](#) (online event), 17 November
- [Get Ready for your Future](#) (in person, Birmingham), 19 November
- [Travelling Independently](#) (online event), 23 November

## Events for 18 to 25

- [Your Future: Deaf Role Models in TV, Media and Journalism](#) (online webinar), 26 October
- [Your Future: Deaf Role Models in Business and Finance](#) (online webinar), 30 November

There are also several recordings available from previous Your Future (deaf role model) webinars, available [here](#). These are accessible for ages 13-25 to watch on demand (they will just need to register to watch). Topics include Education, Healthcare, Drama/Theatre and Dance, Engineering and Music.

## Events for parents, carers and families

There is a broad range of in person and online events on offer including an in person Family sign language weekend, New to Hearing Loss in person and online events, Baby and Toddler sessions, Parents as Partners, Information and Advice sessions as well as online courses including Raising a Deaf Child, and Family Sign Language [Find out more](#).

## Parent/Carer Membership

Membership is free for any [parent of a child](#) who has some form of hearing loss. Members will be welcomed into a supportive community of more than 35,000 families and gain access to our extensive range of resources and services.

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## Deaf Young Person Membership

Membership is free for [deaf young people aged 18-25](#). Membership offers opportunities to meet other deaf young people, learn new skills at our events, receive regular updates with tips and opportunities to campaign for change, use our technology loan scheme, and be the first to hear about volunteering roles with us and through external organisations.

## New Chatbot launched

We are pleased to announce we have recently launched a Chatbot on our website. The service is designed to support parents of deaf children to quickly find the information that they need, and to answer any questions that they may have. The chatbot is available on [our website](#) now.

## Contact

Email us at [localengagement@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:localengagement@ndcs.org.uk)