

Cued Speech Association UK (CSAUK) Newsletter



Complete spoken language
through vision

Best wishes for Christmas
and New Year
from all at the CSAUK office.

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Funding crisis - can you help?

by Anne Worsfold, Executive Director of CSAUK.

This is the 50th edition of our Newsletter. I feel very privileged to have been able to edit (and write large chunks!) of each one because every Newsletter has charted our progress. We have certainly come a long way from the position in 1999 when we didn't even have a website or email address (imagine!) and our first Summer Camp was attended by only one family and a handful of professionals.

Our Summer Camps, with Cued Speech lessons for parents and children, are now truly life-changing - and fun - as you can see from [Andy Houghton's wonderful video of our 2011 Summer Camp](#) www.cuedspeech.org.uk/summer-camp-2011

But we have very little funding for our work next year delivering training and Cued Speech information. This is partly because we applied - unsuccessfully - for grants to larger organisations such as the Big Lottery Fund and their extremely long application procedures lessened the time we could spend on other applications, and partly because there is simply less money available.

Can you help us raise or save money? You could:

- hold a fund-raising event (a bring & buy; a concert?)
- do a sponsored walk, climb, swim, run or ??
- buy through our on-line shop
- become a member of our Association
- recommend us to your workplace charity scheme.

Please get in touch with me if you can help.

And some good funding news!

We were delighted to receive a grant from the Big Lottery Fund for the creation of videoed resources - cued songs, stories and nursery rhymes. Cate Calder and volunteers will be creating these over the winter and we know they will be a vital - and enjoyable - resource for deaf children, their families and for professionals.

This very success illustrates one of the problems with fundraising; Lottery rules dictate that the costs of applying for the money (and Lottery applications are long) and of administering the expenditure cannot be included in the sum requested...so obtaining and spending the grant costs us money we don't have!

Bilingualism for deaf children in a sign language and a spoken language

Cued Speech is a system which gives full access to spoken languages, in the UK usually English, so it meets much the same goals as the use of hearing aids or implants - full use of English. However for many years it has been also used together with sign language and in some countries there are very specific programmes or educational philosophies which embed Cued Speech within a bilingual policy.

The CSAUK does not recommend any particular way to use Cued Speech over any other but we have had interest from others and specifically from the head of the BDA, David Buxton (who is also keen to see an improvement in deaf children's educational achievements) about the role of Cued Speech in the bilingual (i.e. BSL and English) education of deaf children.

In the UK 'Sign Bilingualism' does not usually use Cued Speech and it does not necessarily aim to deliver bilingualism as the man in the street might know it - i.e. a native-like use of two languages. But many Cued Speech users are aware that deaf children can have native-like use of both BSL and English once Cued Speech is added into the mix. Cate Calder and Anne Worsfold have written a discussion document describing how Cued Speech can be used with BSL to give complete access to both BSL and English. They would like to hear your thoughts and comments. Please get in touch - anneworsfold@cuedspeech.co.uk - to request our: 'Complete Bilingualism for deaf children - how full access to both BSL and English can be achieved'.

Thank you to our members new and old

Membership is an excellent way of supporting the vital work of the Cued Speech Association as a growing membership demonstrates that our organisation is active and valued, which in turn makes us a more attractive package to potential funders. As you can imagine in this economic climate we need all the help we can get! If you would like to support us in this way you can either download an application form from our website or contact the office and we will send a form. Also if you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your donation so that we get an extra 25p per pound donated...every little helps!

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The Cued Speech Interview

This quarter's interview with people in the Cued Speech world is with Ashley

Hodgkinson, who travelled from South Africa with her mother Mary-Anne to attend our 2011 Summer Camp. Our photo shows Ashley, who is totally deaf, crowned Miss HESC (Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre) at the Miss Deaf South Africa Beauty and Nature Pageant in October.



experience with Lynnette Dieterichs – who had two deaf autistic students - my goal is to work with deaf children with autism. I'd also like to work in the UK once I have my degree. My dream is to make a difference in Deaf Education.

Reasons to be cheerful? God has made you a unique person. There are so many things that you can do without limits.

Any reason to be miserable? No, there are always rollercoaster times in our life but you should never let anything stop you. If you do, then you will be miserable.

So, how the devil are you? I'm really loving working as a teacher assistant with pre-primary deaf children. I had a fantastic week before the pageant (being with elephants was wonderful) and the title Miss HESC also gives me the opportunity to travel and give talks and presentations on the endangered species of Africa, such as wild cats - so very good, thank you!

Have the last 12 months been good for you? It was great to close the school chapter and open the new stage of my life and explore the world while travelling to Italy and England alone before attending the Cued Speech Summer Camp - which absolutely exceeded our expectations in all areas. I felt that for the first time I was with like-minded people who really share my views of wanting a life of autonomy and being able to cope and function independently in the hearing world. The last 12 months have been so amazing!

What's coming up on the horizon? I plan to start my Bachelor of Education next year and then do an extra year in Remedial Education because, after work

When you explain Cued Speech to someone, what do you say? My mother and I both feel that Cued Speech is the first system that does not fail deaf people and we both came away from Summer Camp with incredible hope which was so inspiring as we usually are left completely frustrated by meetings or courses where there is no resolve.

And the one person who really needs to hear that is? Sadly not many in South Africa get the vision or value but we are doing our best to spread the word.

What are you reading at the moment? Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers.

Twitter or Facebook? Facebook. Don't have Twitter anymore.

Anything else to declare? I am already planning on attending the next Camp with a deaf friend.

Other news

Two-day workshop The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists gave 'Quality Assurance' status to the first 2-day Cued Speech Workshop which was held for fourteen Speech and Language Therapy students and one lecturer at the Universities at Medway campus in Kent.

The students are pictured opposite with tutor Anne Worsfold (far left).



CSAUK - now a member of the Communication Consortium

The Communication Trust, which was set up in 2007 in the light of the Bercow Review, highlights the importance of speech, language and communication needs for all children. Part-funded by the Department for Education it aims to promote best training and expertise for everyone who works with children and young people. The CSAUK has joined the 40 voluntary and community groups who contribute to the work of the Communication Trust through the Communication Consortium in the expectation that collaborative work with members will lead to greater knowledge of and increased use of Cued Speech and therefore better outcomes for deaf children. For more information on the trust's work: www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk

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Other news

American Conference

'**The Cutting Edge: Implants, Auditory Neuropathy, Literacy, Visual Phonics, and Cued Speech**' will take place on 27-29 January, 2012, at the Hilton, Chicago. It is both a professional development seminar and of interest to parents of deaf children and children with auditory neuropathy.

The organisers say: 'The topics that will be covered transcend traditional "boundaries" of philosophical and technological choices in deafness, and free mix and match Cued Speech with other successful technological and educational tools, with the objective of helping children who are deaf or have auditory neuropathy to develop age-appropriate language and literacy skills as well as the best possible speech perception abilities.'

Presenters include:

Dr. Carol LaSasso, PhD, Professor, Department of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences, Gallaudet University: "Cued Speech and Cued Language: Relevance Today for Educating Deaf Children"

Dr. Charles Berlin, PhD, Research Professor, Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, University of South Florida: "Diagnosis and Management of Auditory Neuropathy/Dys-synchrony (AN/AD) or Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorders (ANSD)"

Dr. Nancy Young, MD, Medical Director, Audiology and Cochlear Implant Programs and **Dr. Elizabeth Tournis, AuD, Doctor of Audiology** and Coordinator of Cochlear Implant Program at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital: "Cochlear Implantation in Children with Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder"

Dr. Jacqueline Leybaert, PhD, Professor, Universite libre de Bruxelles: "Five Lines of Research Converging to Support Cued Speech with Cochlear Implants"

Dr. Beverly Trezek, PhD, Assistant Professor, Literacy and Specialized Instruction, DePaul University with Allison Fraas and Nicole Frye from the Illinois School for the Deaf: "Introducing Cued Speech to Support Literacy Instruction in a Sign Bilingual Setting"

Dr. Kelly Lamar Crain, PhD, Assistant Professor, Aural Habilitation/Deaf Education, University of South Florida: "Cued Speech Across the Lifespan".

Additional sessions include:

- An introduction to the profession of cued language transliteration by Lauren Tribby Pruett, President of Language Matters, Inc.
- The opportunity to observe the Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School model Cued Speech Inclusion Program.

Although we realise you may not be able to attend this wide-reaching conference - it is useful to be aware of the breadth of experience about Cued Speech.

Information Standards certification

In common with an increasing number of leading charities, such as Cancer Research UK and the Stroke Association, we are now certified under the Information Standard scheme which was developed by the Department of Health to help the public identify trustworthy health and social care information easily. The DoH write: 'To achieve the standard, organisations have to show that their processes and systems produce information that is: accurate, impartial, balanced, evidence-based, accessible and well-written.'

The first information materials to be printed with the Information Standard quality mark will be new information sheets for parents of deaf children.

Meeting with Minister Sarah Teather

When governments propose change they consult by publishing a Green Paper which sets out changes and invites comments. Anne Worsfold responded to the Green Paper, 'Support and Aspiration: A New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability' with several concerns about the adverse effects the proposed changes would have on deaf children. Parent Sarah Collinson also raised the issues with her M.P., Sarah Woolaston, which resulted in a Westminster meeting, attended by Anne, Sarah, and a small group from Devon, with Sarah Teather the Minister of State for Children and families in the DoE and the author of the Green Paper.

The main concerns of CSAUK are around parents' access to information about educational options. We are encouraged by subsequent meetings and correspondence with officials from the DoE to think that the government really is listening.

Exeter Cue Club - Everyone, whatever their ability, is welcome at the Exeter Cue Club which is held at **The Mill on the Exe** pub (Bonhay Road, Exeter EX4 3AB, www.millontheexe.com) on the first Monday of each month (except January when it will be Monday 9th). Volunteer Christine Cottam, who is leading the club, tells us that the meetings are informal, chatty and a good opportunity to share experiences of using Cued Speech. If there is interest outside Exeter (but within driving distance of Exeter) Christine would be happy to set up another Cue Club.

New Cued Speech Website Take a look at the new website of the Persian Cued Speech Association - www.cuedspeech.ir

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NEW WAYS TO learn Cued Speech

There are various ways you can learn:

1. One- or two-day Workshops are an excellent way to start.

They cover the basics of the Cued Speech system, research and information about how to use Cued Speech.

They are suitable for: parents and professionals who wish to start to learn Cued Speech **OR** professionals who need to pass on accurate information to parents.

If you want to use Cued Speech fluently you will need to do more work after the workshop; you can do this by:

- using our free e-learning website and/or
- booking some 'Skype' sessions with a tutor and/or
- arranging or attending face-to-face tuition (see below).

The next one-day workshop, with Royal College of Speech and Language Therapist Quality Assured status, is Friday 2nd March 2012.

Workshops cost £80 per person for one day or £100 for two days OR are costed for a group (please enquire).

2. Alternatively you can begin by use our e-learning independently or book Skype sessions - the Skype tutor will help you practice with the e-learning website.

E-learning website: www.learntocue.co.uk

Skype sessions cost:

- One-to-one training - £20 per 40 minute session
- Training for your group (up to six people in three locations) - £20 per group session for 40 minutes
- Join a group of beginners or improvers - £8 per 40 minute session.

New!
Accessible tuition
through your
computer.

Your first Skype session is free

3. Training on demand. We now deliver an increasing number of courses at basic and higher levels specifically for one family or group of professionals. Don't wait until there is a course in your area; contact us to talk about organising a workshop or course for your group.

4. Summer Camp 2012. All levels from Foundation to Advanced; courses for children, a day-time crèche, comfortable accommodation and many outside activities will be offered at our annual Summer Camp. Stay on-site, camp in the grounds or travel in daily. We are still in negotiations with the venue but we expect the Summer Camp to be held from **Monday 30th July - Friday 3rd August at Bicton College, Devon**. We will confirm prices as soon as we can.

Costs a problem? Contact us - we are committed to ensuring access for all and we fundraise to subsidise costs where necessary.

For training information contact:

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To discuss training options contact Anne Worsfold:
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Cued Speech - complete spoken language through vision

Cued Speech is a simple system which uses eight handshapes in four positions near the mouth together with the lip patterns of normal speech to make spoken language fully accessible to deaf and hearing-impaired babies, children and adults.

Cued Speech Association UK (CSAUK)

is a charity which was established in 1975 to provide information about and training in Cued Speech.

This is achieved by:

- providing tuition
- creating and making available teaching materials
- maintaining standards by examining
- collecting & disseminating information about international research and good practice
- working with other organisations.

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We welcome comments, articles and news of your events. Please send copy for the next edition to Anne Worsfold by 1st March 2012.

Cued Speech was devised by the late Professor R Orin Cornett in 1966 and has been adapted into over 65 different languages and dialects.

