

# Ovingdean Hall News

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Ovingdean Hall Foundation

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE

## Celebrating **TEN** years

This summer, Ovingdean Hall Foundation (OHF) is celebrating TEN years of working with wonderful charity partners and inspirational deaf children and young people. It has been an amazing journey and our supporters have been with us all the way! Thank you.

Over the past decade, we have had the opportunity to work with many charities and support a variety of education projects for deaf children and young people. As a small and adaptable funder, we have been able to support innovative pilot projects that have gone on to secure funding from other grantmakers. We have also been able to be responsive, providing much-needed emergency funding during the pandemic.

*'We would like to wish all our friends and supporters at OHF a very happy 10th anniversary,' said Julie Hughes, Chief Executive Officer of The Elizabeth Foundation. 'This wonderful milestone marks past glories and future achievements. Your work inspires deaf children to aim high and your support to parents, professionals and expert organisations allows this to happen. We are truly grateful for your passion, determination and never-ending support. We are proud to be a partner and look forward to many more years working together.'*

Our mission back in 2012 was to help deaf children and young people and build on the legacy of Ovingdean Hall School. We hope that, ten years on, OHF is a fitting tribute to the generations of students, staff, students' families and governors who made the school such a special place to live and learn. We are looking forward to continuing our work into the future and we hope that you will join us for the next stage of the journey!



OHF has supported many projects for deaf children and young people at Panathlon UK

# Here are TEN ways OHF has provided opportunities for deaf children and young people over the past TEN years...

## 1. Research

National Sensory Impairment Partnership (NatSIP)'s pioneering seven-year study exploring the educational outcomes of deaf children at school.



Research grants for postgraduates on the Audiology and Deaf Education programmes at The University of Manchester.



## 2. Activities and play

*See It Be It*, Toy Like Me's inspirational exhibition for schools highlighting the wide range of careers pursued by deaf people.



#toy like me

Toy Like Me's *See It Be It* exhibition

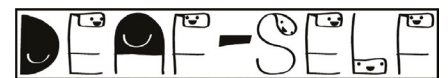
Cheshire Youth Vibe, Deafness Support Network's youth clubs in Crewe and Chester.



Remark! Community's weekly youth club for deaf children and young people in North London.



Deaf-SELF's summer play scheme in South London.



## 3. Communication Support

The Elizabeth Foundation's national *Let's Listen and Talk!* online programme to help parents to develop their deaf baby or toddler's communication skills.



Talking Hands' British Sign Language classes for deaf children and young people and their families in Sussex.



The NDCS's Young Inspectors campaign to improve online accessibility for deaf children and young people.



## 4. Equipment

Audiology technology aboard the National Deaf Children Society's Roadshow Bus.



Acoustic clouds in the dining room of Dukes Barn Activity Centre in Derbyshire



A smart board and acoustic flooring in the Information Technology classroom at Hamilton Lodge School in Brighton.



## 5. Sport



Panathlon UK's deaf sports programme including swimming galas and football, Boccia and multi-sports tournaments. 'Panathlon would like to thank OHF for their continued support of our deaf programme,' said Tony Waymouth,

Panathlon's Chief Operating Officer. 'This support has seen ongoing change across the deaf community in schools and each year new participants and new schools join. With James Dixon, England Deaf Cricketer, joining our staff this year, we are also showing how young deaf people can achieve in the wider world. It is great to see on OHF's 10th anniversary, how we have been able to contribute impact.'

A recent Panathlon swimming gala for deaf children and young people



## 6. Mental health and staying safe

We have funded a number of projects at SignHealth:

Support for the domestic abuse service for Deaf girls and women in Sussex.

Counselling sessions and online safety workshops at Heathlands School in St. Albans.

Support for the Provider Collaborative, SignHealth's initiative to bring D/deaf children's services together to offer a national 'one-stop shop' for mental health resources.

The capital D in Deaf refers to people who are culturally deaf, who primarily use sign language and who may identify as part of the Deaf community. You can find out more at [www.signhealth.org.uk/about-deafness/deaf-or-deaf/](http://www.signhealth.org.uk/about-deafness/deaf-or-deaf/)

**THE DEAF HEALTH  
CHARITY  
SIGNHEALTH**

## 7. Drama and dance

Playwriting workshops and theatre days organised by Mousetrap Theatre Projects (MTP). 'OHF has been such a fantastic partner over the last eight years, not only providing financial support but also lending expertise, enthusiasm and encouragement,' said Gayle Bryan, Deputy Director of MTP.



Virtual dance classes during lockdown led by EXIM Dance Company in Plymouth.



Adapted performances at Polka Theatre in London. OHF also funded a workshop where deaf children created part of the scenery for the newly refurbished theatre's opening show.

**POLKA**  
Where theatre begins...



Above: Deaf children designed the swamp area in Polka's opening show, *Red*

## 8. The next generation of deaf education professionals

The Con Powell Memorial Scholarships for teachers to train to become Qualified Teachers of the Deaf. Managed by the British Association of Teachers of The Deaf (BATOD), 45 Scholars have now completed their training.

Read more about our Scholars' experiences at [www.ovingdeanhall.org/our-projects/batod](http://www.ovingdeanhall.org/our-projects/batod) If you are not online, please let us know and we will be happy to post you the articles.



**AUDITORY VERBAL<sup>UK</sup>**  
Creating a sound future for deaf children

AVUK offers bursaries that are available for teachers of the deaf, audiologists, and speech and language therapists to train in Auditory Verbal therapy (AVT). AVT is a play-based approach to developing deaf children's listening and spoken language skills. Visit [www.avuk.org/training-funding-options](http://www.avuk.org/training-funding-options) to find out more.

## 9. Music

Musical Inspiration Days with Music and The Deaf at schools in Devon, Rotherham and the West Midlands.



Hearing Beethoven percussion workshops organised by Bristol Ensemble.



Early-years musical activities for parents to share with their deaf children, a joint initiative run by Sounds of Intent and Roehampton University.

Right: Musical activity booklets for deaf children and their families



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# 10. Spaces for living and learning

The new hearing test centre at The Elizabeth Foundation.



A family room within The Isobel Centre at Linden Lodge Charitable Trust, a school for children and young people with physical and sensory disabilities in South London.



A new café and accommodation refurbishments at Doncaster Deaf Trust's Communication Specialist College for 16-25 year olds.

Above: OHF has funded improvements to the living areas at Communication Specialist College Doncaster (CSCD)

A sensory room at Seashell in Greater Manchester, an organisation for children and young people with complex learning disabilities and additional communication needs.

Accommodation for the use of Further Education students at Hamilton Lodge School in Brighton.



Refurbishment of the school library and music technology studio at St John's Catholic School for the Deaf in Yorkshire.

We also funded the resurfacing of the sports court, and this helped the school deliver outdoor PE lessons during the pandemic.



## Seashell

Above: The sensory room at Seashell



Above: 'Like at home,' said one resident about the refurbished Darley Lodge at CSCD

Left: The library at St John's

This is just a summary of our work. If you would like to find out more, please contact us or visit [www.ovingdeanhall.org](http://www.ovingdeanhall.org)

# A message to our friends...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the kind and generous people who have supported our work over the years!



*'Ovingdean Hall Foundation (OHF) was formed in 2012 following the closure of Ovingdean Hall School for deaf students. As a former Headteacher of the school, and now a Trustee of the Foundation, I am so pleased that the ethos of the school continues in the many projects we have contributed to in the last 10 years.'*

*Key to our ability to carry on awarding both large and small grants are our many supporters and donors. A significant number of our regular donors originally supported the school and still support the work of the Foundation.*

*On this tenth anniversary, the staff and Trustees send our sincere thanks and appreciation to you, on behalf of the hundreds of deaf children and young people who continue to benefit from your generosity.'*

**Pauline Hughes** – Trustee.



OHF has worked with The Elizabeth Foundation (above) and Auditory Verbal UK (below) for many years



## The gift of a lifetime

We are a small charity, so every single donation, be it an annual gift or monthly Standing Order, is incredibly meaningful to us.

We are also grateful to have received legacies or gifts in memory of our friends. Wherever we can, we direct these gifts toward areas that reflect the individual's interests, such as sport, music, education or research. A bequest from Mr Lawrence Baker, an architect, was dedicated to a room within the The Isobel Centre, the new family centre

at Linden Lodge. Gifts from the friends and family of Mr Roy Vass, who loved poetry, supported drama workshops for deaf children and young people at Mousetrap Theatre Projects.

If you would like to talk to us about making a gift, or leaving a legacy or in memoriam donation, please do get in touch at the contact details below.

Thank you for thinking of us.

## A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last TEN years.

If you would like to help our work at this time, please can you donate online at [www.ovingdeanhall.org/support-us](http://www.ovingdeanhall.org/support-us) or please send your cheque or CAF voucher (payable to Ovingdean Hall Foundation) to the address below.

**Thank you very much!**

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