

Ovingdean Hall News

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Shout out to teachers!

News of fantastic projects supported by OHF has been widely shared in **special online events** for Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People (QToDs).

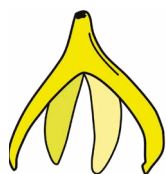
Shout About It is the name of a series of webinars delivered by our charity partner Ewing Foundation, an organisation that has been working with deaf children and young people

and their teachers since 1952. And this year, our Ewing colleagues dedicated their free online teacher training to some important projects supported by OHF...

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Staying safe



**School of
Sexuality
Education**

The first webinar was presented by Dolly Padalia, Chief Executive Officer of School of Sexuality Education (SSE).

The award-winning charity helps schools to provide age-appropriate, inclusive and trauma-informed Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) programmes, promoting education as a means to prevent sexual violence, tackle taboos and social injustices, and create a safer and kinder environment for all young people.

OHF has funded SSE's project to develop comprehensive RSE programmes for deaf young people.

'Thanks to your support, alongside the wonderful backing of your charity partner Ewing Foundation and their Education Advisor Clare Prior, we successfully completed our RSE pilot programme for QToDs,' said Dolly.

The pilot has led to the creation of bespoke workshops, training and resources for communicating the core principles of RSE to deaf young people. The workshops, which focus on issues such as consent, sexual health and body-image,



SSE promotes positive body-image

have all been scaffolded within a progressive programme relating to age range and language and learning needs.

'Feedback from workshops has highlighted increased confidence, deeper understanding, and a stronger sense of preparedness to deliver inclusive RSE,' said Dolly.

Dolly was joined by Ed Bradley, a QToD who has helped to test the pilot. *'The themes are key to keeping our young d/Deaf people safe and preparing them for adulthood,'* he said.

'All questions felt valued and were answered honestly,' said one teacher.

Inspiring the next generation

#toy
like
me

In their webinar, Rebecca Atkinson and Karen Newell, co-founders of arts and play organisation *Toy Like Me*, shared an amazing new resource to showcase the wide range of careers pursued by deaf adults.

The *See It Be It* board game features 80 deaf role models and their weird, wonderful and plain normal jobs. OHF has helped to fund over 900 free copies of the game for teachers to share with their students.

Over 100 teachers signed up for a free copy after the webinar, with one telling us: 'See It Be It is such a positive and engaging way to open up conversations, help students recognise their strengths, and reinforce the message that being deaf does not limit what they can achieve.'



The *See It Be It* board game

Focus on ear health



Jen Royds, Trustee and co-founder of Glue Ear Together, talked about the small charity's website glueeartogether.org.uk aimed at educating parents, carers and early years practitioners about glue ear.

Jen fulfilled the vital role of parental voice on the National Institute of Care Excellence committee to review the latest guidelines on otitis media with effusion in under 12s (commonly known as glue ear).

During her presentation, Jen gave valuable information for attendees to share with families and early years settings to promote positive outcomes for children with glue ear.

'So informative and an excellent website to signpost parents and carers to,' one teacher told us.

Katy Mitchell, an Education Adviser at Ewing Foundation, is also a co-founder of Glue Ear Together.

Early support

Julie Hughes, Chief Executive Officer of The Elizabeth Foundation, introduced *Let's Listen and Talk*, an evidence-based online resource that connects family-centred early intervention with home-based learning.



It integrates early communication development with interactive activities, tailored resources, and professional guidance to foster strong communication skills for deaf children from infancy through pre-school. Over 1,600 people have now signed up for *Let's Listen and Talk*. 'An exceptional resource which I look forward to using and sharing with parents,' said one teacher who attended Julie's webinar.

Thank you to our Ewing colleagues and charity presenters for sharing news of these valuable projects with teachers. And a huge thank you to our friends for supporting our work with deaf children and young people.

Thank you very much!

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