

# ydag and dvg newsletter

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ydag = Young DELTA Adult Group | dvg = DELTA Volunteers Group

Issue 5

Previous issue, new member, website, See Hear, DELTA's Chattering...

## PREVIOUS ISSUE

Thank you for your responses – it was great to hear that you enjoyed reading the previous e-newsletter.

- Two of you suggested that I should consider using pdf version. One of you said it would look more professional. However it should be noted that not everyone have adobe program so I will still use doc version for those who have word program.
- Two of you were concerned about the group being divided into two; ydag and dvg. The idea of having a dv group was to develop the yda group by having meetings to discuss future events and means to attract newcomers.
- One of you came up with an idea that the newsletter should contain a simple logo. A very good suggestion and I would need help from a 'graphic designer'. If you wish to help design a logo then please do so and send your design to me.
- One of you recommended a website for all members to have a chat and get to know each other. See below for further information.
- Few of you said that I have done a good job with the newsletter. Thank you 😊

## NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Sarah Allen. Sarah has a severe hearing loss and used to help out at Colchester Summer School a few years ago. Sarah writes:

My Name is Sarah Allen. I am 29 years old. I was born in Lowestoft Suffolk. I have a moderate severe hearing loss. I come from a Deaf family, my father and two brothers are also deaf. Mother is hearing. I went to mainstream school and later moved on to OHS (Ovingdean Hall School, Brighton) to further my education as support in mainstream wasn't so good. I did well at OHS and was able to achieve my NNEB Diploma in Nursery Nursing. I am a nursery nurse and have been working in range of different nurseries. I am now working at the Uni Of East Anglia (UEA Day Nursery in Norwich) where I work with the two to three year olds. I am living in Norwich, right near Norwich Football Ground. My interests are going to my local church, helping out at my local deaf centres, supporting different deaf charities and being a proud Auntie to my four year old niece. I heard of DELTA through going to OHS and helped out of 4 Summer Schools in Colchester. I am keen to get back to supporting DELTA and meeting other young deaf adults. I am looking forward to meeting you and the rest of the team and members at some point this year.

We look forward to meeting you too Sarah.

## YDAG / DVG WEBSITE

Sarah wrote to say it would be a good idea if we have a message board where people can chat to other ydag members.

I can tell you that a website was suggested at the previous meeting and it was decided that our fellow Hiten Laad was to look up on this. I have asked Hiten to report to us on this and here is his reply:

Hello Ian. Well to be honest I have not started making plan for making a website.

All I can say is that I will talk to someone who know more about this especially creating a chat room. Really, I could create our YDAG website straight away, but there is a yearly fee for ownership of website address domain and I aint paying it.....which is why in the March meeting, I asked to talk to the guys or company that did the official DELTA website. But Elizabeth and Hannah started talking MSN chat room that we can use so I thought we didn't need the website chat room then!!

Anyway, we need to be clear on what we want on the website. If you want, I will set up the idea format of YDAG website from next and present it to DELTA before promoting the website.

Thanks for your reply Hiten. If you have any thoughts for the website / message board or would like to help Hiten then please contact him at [hlaad@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hlaad@yahoo.co.uk).

If you wish to see the minutes of the previous meeting held in March please contact me for a copy. The date for the next meeting is yet to be decided.



### **REIGATE TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE 2006**

A reminder to say that DELTA Bike Ride 2006 event will take place on Sunday 25 June 2006. DELTA young volunteers' bike ride team is seeking new members to join them.

Come on folks – get your bikes out and join us to cycle down to Brighton. Think of sun, sand and sea!

Or you can assist DELTA on the day by helping at one of the bike route check-points or at Ovingdean Hall School in Brighton (finishing line).

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

### **SEE HEAR PROGRAMME**

Our fellow Steve Matthews was interviewed on the See Hear programme (shown on BBC2) on Saturday 1 April 2006. The topic was based on deaf children in mainstream school. Did you watch it?

Some of you have viewed the programme and wrote emails to exchange your thoughts. Below I print a few comments (with permissions):

#### Edward Rex

Congratulations to Steve for giving a glowing report and recommendation on oralism! His comments, I think, was the only positive thing about oralism and mainstreaming in the whole of the programme. Yes, I know mainstreaming may not be for SOME deaf people, but See Hear kept saying that Mainstreaming is wrong and there should be segregated deaf schools for ALL deaf people. The hard of hearing boy told us there were emotional and social problems with oralism - sure there are, but it CAN be overcome.

### Christopher Kreuzer

Thank you very much for the e-mail telling me about the See Hear program about deaf education on BBC2 on Saturday 1st April. I found it very interesting, though there didn't seem to be that much about oralism, but more about how mainstreaming and integration has worked (or not) for deaf children who use sign language. If, as you say, the first program extolled the virtues of sign language education, then I think this program was more about whether or not the current system works, but with only a passing mention of oralism.

### Laura Ellison

I have to say I'm very disappointed in See Hear.. I really thought they'd give a fair amount of both versions of BSL-lism and oralism and I couldn't help but feel they cut a lot out of what Steve said.

Well done Steve for doing his best. We have a 'celebrity' in the fellowship!

### **SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US**

Since the previous Issue I received no items or articles from anyone. Remember I cannot do all the hard work myself alone so your contributions would be most welcomed.

Have you got any news to share? Is anyone about to become a 'celebrity'? Please let us know!

### **TIN COLLECTING EVENT – DEAF AWARENESS WEEK**

In previous Issue Laura McAuley asked for volunteers to help rattle tins and give away DELTA wristbands in The Shires shopping centre in Leicester. As the response was not positive, the event has been cancelled.

However Laura will be contacting Edward Rex, our fundraising fellow, to come up with something for us to do later in the year, possibly over the summer holiday months when more people may be available to help. So you have been warned...

### **DELTA'S E-NEWSLETTER 'CHATTERING'**

Last month DELTA launched their new volume e-newsletter called 'Chattering'. This is on a monthly basis and will keep you updated on news and activities that are taking place across the UK. If you did not receive this and would like to be on the mailing list please contact DELTA at [enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk).

### **WHISPER FROM DELTA**

Hi Guys. Just to update you on a few things. We still need volunteers for the East Midlands day at Conkers on the Saturday 10 June and we are also holding a family day in Bolton, North West region on the same day so we need helpers for that as well. Please contact me if you are able to help at either.

We still have some places left for summer school helpers so if you want to help and join in the fun please fill in your forms now and send them off and don't forget to reply to Ruth about her 21st party! The age limit to be a helper is 17, however, if you are younger and want to be involved in some way we are holding a secondary weekend in Northampton for 12 – 16 year olds and their parents. Parents will attend workshops and teens will have a host of activities such as high ropes and team building. More info to follow in the next newsletter.

We are also hoping to hold an activity weekend for just teens but we have to raise some money first...so come on you guys think of lots of fundraising ideas and get to it!!  
[wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk).

That's all for now keep up the good work Ian... *Wendy* x

**... AND IT IS GOODNIGHT FROM ME**



That's all for now folks. Please do keep in touch.

Regards,

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