



Specific interests: Useful contacts

If more information is required about a specific area of communication therapy, it is useful to have at hand a list of contacts that might be able to help.

On the following pages are details of relevant organisations. Again, the list is not exhaustive but hopefully will provide a starting point for further information gathering.

In addition, the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) has specialist advisers and a national network of special interest groups (SIG). For further information about either of these, contact the RCSLT on info@rcslt.org or look on <http://www.rcslt.org>.

Alternative/Augmentative Communication

Communication Matters (also known as ISAAC in UK)

The ACE Centre,
92 Windmill Road,
Oxford OX3 7DR,
Tel: 0845 456 8211

International +44 131 467 7487

admin@communicationmatters.org.uk
<http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk>

- A national voluntary organisation concerned with the needs of people with severe communication difficulties
 - Membership open to all involved in this field
 - Provides information and support with AAC systems
 - Publishes a journal three times a year

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC)

49 The Donway West
Suite 308
Toronto, ON
M3C 3M9
Canada

Tel: +1 416 385-0351

Fax: +1 416 385-0352

Email: mona.zaccak@isaac-online.org
<http://www.isaac-online.org>



- Produces ISAAC Bulletin and Journal of Alternative Communication Outlook
- Provides sponsored membership for those applying from the least developed countries

Makaton Overseas

Makaton Vocabulary Development Project,
Manor House,
46 London Road,
Blackwater,
Camberley,
Surrey GU17 0AA
Tel: 01276 606760
Fax: 01276 36725

<http://www.makaton.org>

info@makaton.org or training@makaton.org

- Makaton Vocabulary has been adapted into different languages/cultures eg Urdu
- If you want to adapt the Makaton Vocabulary, this must be done through MVDP
 - List of Makaton Trainers available in various countries on <http://www.makaton.org/international/international.htm>

Signalong

The Signalong Group
Communication and Language Centre
All Saints Hospital,
Magpie Hall Road,
Chatham,
Kent, ME4 5NG
Tel. 0845 4508422

Email info@signalong.org.uk

Internet <http://www.signalong.org.uk>

- A sign-supporting system, based on British Sign Language for the Deaf, used to support and develop communication in people with learning difficulties
 - Provides a training and advisory service, in signing and language development
- The Signalong series consists of a basic vocabulary, PSE (Personal, Social and Emotional), and an introduction to the workplace
 - Available in English, French and German



South West Total Communication Network

Clare Tarling
Dorset People First
2, Herringston Barn
Dorchester
Dorset
DT2 9PU
Tel: 01305 257600

Email: clare@dorsetpeoplefirst.co.uk
<http://www.totalcommunication.co.uk>

- Researching and developing the use of figures and symbols, particularly for people with learning difficulties.
 - Publishes books of signs and symbols.

Widget Literacy Symbol (previously Rebus)

Widget Software
26 Queen St
Cublington
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 7NA
Tel: 01926 333680

[http://www.widget.com/
contact@symbolworld.org](http://www.widget.com/contact@symbolworld.org)

- Free on-line resources for symbol readers from the Children's Society through www.Askability.org.uk



Autism and Learning Difficulties

British Institute of Learning Disabilities

Campion House
Green Street
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
United Kingdom
DY10 1JL
Tel: 01562 723 010
Email: enquiries@bild.org.uk

- Has useful leaflets e.g. on challenging behaviour, information about learning difficulties for parent trainers etc.
 - Current awareness service: new materials, resources etc.
 - Journals

Concord Video and Film Council Limited

201 Felixstowe Road,
Ipswich,
Suffolk, IP3 9BJ
Tel: 01473 726012 / Fax: 01473 715754
www.concordmedia.co.uk

- Mainly social issues, developing countries, distributes Oxfam/SCF films
 - Catalogues available

Downs Syndrome Association

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk
Email info@downs-syndrome.org.uk
Tel 0845 230 0372 / Fax 0845 230 0373

- Packs for parents/ teachers

Inclusion International

Knowledge Dock. 2nd Floor. Room 3 University of East London Docklands
Campus London E16 2RD Great Britain
Tel: +44 (0) 208 223 7709
Tel: +44 (0) 208 223 6081
E-mail: info@inclusion-international.org
www.inclusion-international.org



- Publishes a magazine, 'Getting There' - an international update on inclusive education
- Gives information on current international issues on website

International Autistic Research Organisation

49 Orchard Avenue
Shirley
Croydon CR0 7NE

Tel: 020 8777 0095

Fax: 020 8776 2362

E-mail: iaro@autismresearch.wanadoo.co.uk

Website: www.iaro.org.uk

- Collates information on updated research in autism.
- Produces newsletter - four times a year. Can subscribe.
 - Funds research into autism.
- Involved with partners in many different countries.

Mencap

123 Golden Lane
London EC17 0RT

Tel: 020 7454 0454 / Fax: 020 7608 3254

Email: mailto:information@mencap.org.uk

www.mencap.org.uk

- Has an information department and book shop.
 - Produces a newsletter.
- Members of Inclusion International.

National Association for Special Educational Needs (NASEN)

Business Village,
Amber Close,
Amington,
Near Tamworth,
Staffs E77 4RP

Tel: 01827 311500

Email: welcome@nasen.org.uk

www.nasen.org.uk

- British organisation to promote development, education, welfare, and rehabilitation of children and young people with special educational needs
 - Specialist advice
- British journals and magazines



- Publications very useful: language and literacy books, and staff development series

National Autistic Society

393 City Road,
London EC1V 1NE
Tel: 020 7903 3599

E-mail: nas@clus1.ulcc.ac.uk
www.nas.org.uk

- Has a network of specialist schools and centres
- Also has an advisory and information service; produces leaflets and booklets; and organises conferences and short courses
 - Encourages and supports research projects



www.iicpindia.org

- Produces information leaflets, books and newsletters on different aspects of cerebral palsy. Very accessible
 - Extensive website

Scope

P.O. Box 833,
Milton Keynes, MK12 5NW
Tel: 0800 626216 (helpline)

<http://www.scope.org.uk>

Information on printed publications response@scope.org.uk or call 0808 800 3333

- Have a useful collection of leaflets: What is cerebral palsy?/ You and your child / How are you feeling?/ Helping your child to learn/ A message for friends and family. Collectively, in a pack called 'When a child has cerebral palsy'. Can be obtained individually, and form a basis from which to develop locally appropriate leaflets.





Cleft palate

Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA)

First Floor
Green Man Tower
332B Goswell Road
London
EC1V 7LQ
Phone: 020 7833 4883
Fax: 020 7833 5999
Email: info@clapa.com
www.clapa.com

- Has publications list for information for parents.
 - Parent groups throughout the UK.
- Involved in education, research and policy.

Cleft – Bridging the Gap

14 Brandon Mews
Barbican
London
EC2Y 8BE
Tel: +44 (0)20 76282606
Email: info@cleft.org.uk
www.cleft.org.uk

Let's face it

72 Victoria Avenue
Westgate on Sea
Kent CT8 8BH
Tel: 01843 833724
www.lets-face-it.org.uk

- Help and guidance for people with facial disfigurement

Operation Smile

4th Floor, Horatio House
77 Fulham Palace Road
London W6 8JA
Tel: 0844 581 1110 (calls charged at a local rate)
+44 208 576 5660
Fax: 020 8576 5601
Email: info@operationsmile.org.uk



www.operationsmile.org.uk
www.operationsmile.org.uk/missions/map (for worldwide offices)

Smile Train
www.smiletrain.org

- Providing surgery in developing countries



Sensory Impairment: Hearing and Vision

Breakthrough Trust

Alan Geale House, West Hill Campus
The Close, Bristol Road,
Birmingham B29 6LN
Tel: 0121 472 6447
E-mail: bkthudhi@aol.com

- Information on Deaf-Hearing Integration

The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

Email: international@batod.org.uk
www.batod.org.uk

- BATOD deals with all professional aspects of the education of deaf children and their teachers

Cued Speech Association UK

9 Jawbone Hill
Dartmouth
Devon
TQ6 9RW
Tel: 01803 832 784
Fax: 01803 835 311
Email info@cuedspeech.co.uk
www.cuedspeech.org.uk

Deafblind South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)23 342-0757
Email: chairperson@deafblindsa.co.za
www.deafblindsa.co.za

Hearing International

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Teikyo University School of Medicine,
Kaga 2-11-1
Itabashi-ku,
Tokyo, 173 Japan
Tel: 813-3964-1211 / Fax: 813-3964-0659



Email: jis@med.teikyo-u.ac.jp
www.hearinginter.com

- A quarterly publication networking the centres for the prevention of deafness and hearing impairment around the world

Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deafblind
Municipal Secondary School, South Wing,
Ground Floor, N. M. Joshi Marg, Near 'S' Bridge,
Byculla (West), Mumbai - 400 011,
Tel: 2038 7052 / 2301 9215
Telefax: 2301 8211
Email: hkidbind@hathway.com
www.helenkelleridb-mumbai.org

National Centre for Cued Speech
29-30, Watling Street,
Canterbury,
Kent CT1 2VD
Tel: 01227 450757

National Deaf Children's Society
15, Dufferin Street,
London EC1Y 8UR
Tel: 020 7490 8656
Minicom: 020 7490 8656
Fax: 020 7251 5020
Email: ndcs@ndcs.org.uk
www.ndcs.org.uk

- Publishes leaflets 'Help for Parents of Deaf Children' and 'Medical Aspects of Childhood Deafness' which could be modified for particular countries

Royal National Institute for the Blind
224, Great Portland Street,
London W1N 6AA
Tel: 020 7388 1266
Email: helpline@rnib.org.uk
www.rnib.org.uk

- Information on equipment, Moon, Braille, games, leaflets, etc
Royal National Institute for the Deaf



19, Featherstone Street,
London EC1
Tel: 020 7296 8000
Email: informationline@rnid.org.uk
www.rnid.org.uk

- Leaflets, grant information
- 'Sound Barrier' magazine, information on equipment/aids

Sense - National Association for Deaf/Blind
101 Pentonville Road
London, N1 9LG.
Tel: 0845 127 0060
Textphone: 0845 127 0062
Fax: 0845 127 0061
Email: info@sense.org.uk
www.sense.org.uk

- Information leaflets

Sense International (India)
2nd Floor, Administrative Block
Andhjan Mandal Campus,
Opp. Indian Institute of Management (IIM),
Vastrapur,
Ahmedabad- 380015.
Phone : +91-79-2630 1282
Fax : +91-79-2630 1590
www.senseintindia.org

Sound Seekers
Commonwealth Society for the Deaf
34, Buckingham Palace Road,
London SW1W 0RE
Tel: 020 7233 5700
Fax: 020 7233 5800
Email: chiefexec@sound-seekers.org.uk
www.sound-seekers.org.uk

- Supports deaf people, particularly children in over 30 developing countries of the Commonwealth.
- Aims to give aid to individual schools, providing training for teachers, technicians and audiologists



- Provides aids/ audiological equipment to schools
- Sends 'working parties' of specialists to advise and instruct teachers of the hearing impaired
- Has developed treatment kits for infective otitis media for primary health care workers, charts and medicines
- Supports a project for solar powered hearing aid

WHO Collaborating Centre Prevention of Deafness Programme (formerly Hearing Impairment Research Group)

International Health Division,
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine,
Pembroke Place,
Liverpool L3 5QA
Tel: 0151 708 9393

<http://apps.who.int/whocc>

- Research centre for causes of deafness in developing countries and simple treatment for otitis media
 - Establishing a bibliography of unpublished studies of deafness in developing countries
- Links with S.C.F.; R.N.I.D.; Centre for Audiology, Education of the Deaf and Speech Pathology, Manchester University; and Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, and will provide information
- Might be useful for therapists interested in research. Prepared to review proposals
- Produces a newsletter 'Hearing Network News'*, free for all workers involved in hearing impairment and development in developing countries.

The Woodford Foundation

9 College Hill,
Shrewsbury, SY1 1LZ
Tel: 01743 364644

Email: info@woodfordfoundation.org.uk
www.woodfordfoundation.org.uk

- Promoting education of the deaf/blind in developing countries

World Federation for the Deaf

General Secretariat,
P.O.Box 65,
SF-00401 Helsinki,
Finland

Email: Info@<mailto:info@wfd@kl-deaf.fi>
www.wfdeaf.org



- Established in 1951 to represent deaf people world-wide
 - Information service, especially research
- Aims to improve living and working conditions, education and access to information for deaf people
- Publishes W.D.F. News four times a year. Encourages deaf people to write the News
 - Arranges world conference every four years
 - Contact Information Office

World Federation of the Deaf/Blind

Snehvidevej 13
DK-9400 Noerresundby
Denmark
Ph: +45 98 19 20 99
Fax: +45 98 19 20 57
www.wfdb.org



Others

AphasiaHelp

www.aphasiahelp.org

- Easy to read basic information for both helpers and people with aphasia

Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH)

42 Park Road
Peterborough
PE1 2UQ

Tel: 0845 450 7755

Fax: (01733) 555985

Email: helpline@asbah.org

www.spinabifidaassociation.org

British Stammering Association

15, Old Road,
London E2 9PJ

Tel: 020 8983 1003

Email: mail@stammering.org

www.stammering.org

Connect

16 - 18 Marshalsea Road
London
SE1 1HL

Tel: 020 7367 0840

Email: info@ukconnect.org

www.ukconnect.org

- Useful information on projects around aphasia

Dyspraxia Foundation

8, West Alley,
Hitchin, Herts

Tel: 01462 454 986

Email: dyspraxia@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk



Epilepsy Action

Regional Office,
New Anstey House,
Gate Way Drive
Yeadon
LEEDS
LS19 7XY

Tel: 0113 243 9393 / Helpline: 0808 800 5050

Email: helpline@epilepsy.org.uk or epilepsy@epilepsy.org.uk

www.epilepsy.org.uk

- Books, leaflets, videos

Muscular Dystrophy Campaign

61 Southwark Street
London SE1 0HL
020 7803 4800

info@muscular-dystrophy.org

www.muscular-dystrophy.org

- Fact sheets, leaflets

National Association of Laryngectomee Clubs (NALC)

Lower Ground Floor
152 Buckingham Palace Road
London
SW1W 9TR

Tel: 020 7730 8585

www.laryngectomy.org.uk

Parkinsons Disease Society

Parkinson's Disease Society
215 Vauxhall Bridge Road
London
SW1V 1EJ

Tel: 020 7931 8080

Fax: 020 7233 9908 / 020 7963 9360

Email: enquiries@parkinsons.org.uk

www.parkinsons.org.uk



Speakability (previously **Action for Dysphasic Adults**)
1 Royal Street
London

SE1 7LLTel: 020 7261 9572

Fax: 020 7928 9542

Email: speakability@speakability.org.uk

www.speakability.org.uk