



THE ADVANCE CENTRE FOR DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED TERTIARY STUDENTS

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What's On Top

It's been a busy time at the Advance Centre over the last few months. But July seems to have been exceptionally hectic.

We've run workshops at both UNITEC and AUT on the subject of Interpreter Evaluations and what format these should take as well as why they should be undertaken.

Delys has come away with a large collection of ideas and will be collating them and presenting them to both Wendy Russell and Kyle Macfadyen in due course. If any other TELs or interpreters would like to hold a similar workshop or get copies of the notes please contact us by email and we'll send them electronically.



Interpreters at the UNITEC workshop on interpreter evaluations

Tania has completed the Transition Book which is available on our website along with all our other resources. We also have a document called the Learning Booklet added to the website so don't forget to take a look.

Along with developing resources, delivering workshops and liaising with students, coordinators and interpreters Tania and Delys have both been attending conferences and organising meetings with as many stakeholder groups as they can. Delys attended the Federation for Parents of Deaf Children conference at the Waipuna Lodge in Auckland where a display was set up containing information for interested parties and both Delys and Tania attended the Disability in Tertiary education conference in Greymouth/Shantytown. Both of these events were very worthwhile in terms of raising the profile of the Centre and networking with stakeholders at different levels. Our line dancing skills leave a lot to be desired though. (Hopefully photos of that won't make their way into public viewing.☺)



Static Display at Fed. for Parents of Deaf Children conference

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships coming up which students may wish to apply for.

Quest for Excellence, AUT Community Partnership Award Scholarship for Deaf, Blue Lagoon Charitable Trust, Deaf Studies (for Vic Uni in Wgtn), M G Martin Charitable Trust, Mary Adeline Allen, Sir Roy McKenzie and KDEC 60th Reunion.

Details of these are available on our website under student information. Most close September or October. Read the criteria carefully and remember if you would like some assistance in applying feel free to contact us at the Advance Centre.

Interpreter Shortage

As you are probably aware interpreters have been very 'thin on the ground' this year. In one respect it shows that the number of Deaf students entering tertiary education is growing, and that can only be a good thing. Unfortunately it also means that some of those students have to cope with insufficient or no interpreter support for some or all of their classes. The problem was highlighted by CPIT when they had to deny access to a Deaf student because of lack of interpreting resources. The matter has been brought to Ruth Dyson's notice so we just have to wait and see what progress can be made. Meanwhile it would be helpful if TElS could keep track of how many students have gaps in their interpreting service and how many hours that adds up to be. That should also include classes that would ideally be teamed but can't be.

Farewell to Kayan Ng, welcome to Debbie Brown

We would like to acknowledge Kayan Ng's fantastic input to our service. Kayan worked as an administrator for the Advance Centre throughout 2007, but left us earlier this year to pursue full-time postgraduate study.

Life Unlimited Hearing Therapy administrator Debbie Brown is now carrying out our administrative work. Welcome Debbie!

Last but not Least

If you have any upcoming events you would like us to know about or have ideas for workshops, resources or anything else you think we could use to improve our services to you please feel free to email us at advance@life.nzl.org