



Thank you for your support

Though it's been a year like no other, with thanks to your kind support, we are proud to look back on 2020-2021 as a year in which we made a difference to more than 44,000 children.

Covid and the lockdowns it entailed made the past year an especially challenging time for children who struggle with speaking and understanding. Missing out on months of school and opportunities to interact will have further damaged their educational outcomes, mental health and social skills. With 1.5 million children across the UK struggling with speaking and understanding right now, supporting these children and their families has never been more important.

We are incredibly proud of how our team have risen to the challenges of the past twelve months and adapted to new ways of working so that tens of thousands of children would get the help they need. Here we've picked out some of our highlights from the year, none of which would have been possible without you. We are so grateful to our supporters, volunteers, donors, funders and friends.

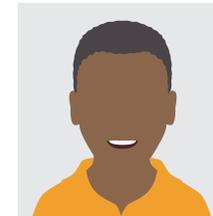
Your support is invaluable in enabling us to make such a difference to the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you.

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135 pupils

with complex language disorders attended our specialist schools, Dawn House and Meath School.



245 children and young people

took part in our regional projects such as Tots Talking.



13,097 children and young people

took part in our interventions in early years settings and schools.



1,384 children

from families were advised on our free helpline.



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“Josh is happy and secure in the school. I can clearly see the benefit attending Meath School has on him in terms of learning, social skills and speech and language.” – Parent

In 2020-2021, we reached over 6,100 professionals who work with children.



2,685 attended our free training webinars on 'Speech, Language and Communication Needs in Early Years Settings' and Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).



said they will change their practice as a result of I CAN training.

Innovating with teletherapy

6-week evidence based therapy programme designed to empower parents and carers of 2 ½ - 4 year olds with delayed language

- Tips and strategies
- Child centred
- Video demonstrations
- Discussion activities



100% of families agreed that they feel more confident in supporting their child with talking and listening.

Educating professionals about little-known conditions



1,231 professionals attended our DLD webinars



2,769 views of our webinar recordings

99% of practitioners said they had learnt some strategies that they could use to support a child with DLD in their classroom.



Thank you for the difference you've made

"This course has been life changing for my family. It has completely changed the relationship I have with my child... I learned to have patience and wait." – Parent

Parent after taking part in our teletherapy programme

"I feel that I have gained a much clearer understanding of this condition. Lots of info, lots of resource links, presenter was excellent - clear, precise and made it interesting."

Educator after attending one of our DLD webinars



Thank you

In the year that was, we are exceptionally grateful for all the wonderful support that was afforded to us and the children and families we serve. **Thank you for making a difference!**

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