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E-NEWSLETTER OF THE OTICON FOUNDATION IN NEW ZEALAND



Welcome to The Foundation's first e-newsletter. Read Karen Pullar's editorial and the many stories from our grant recipients.

The Right to Sign — Deaf Awareness Week and Human Rights

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) is one of our official languages, yet mainstream culture sees very little of it in daily life. Disability Rights Commissioner Paul Gibson recently reported on the impact this invisibility has on Deaf people's access to many areas of life, highlighting the lack of interpreters and lack of support resources in the education system.

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Grants made in 2013 and how to apply for 2014, [read more here ...](#)

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Healthy Hearing at the Special Olympics

Dr Jeanine Doherty, Regional Clinical Adviser for Special Olympics Healthy Hearing, is working towards future-proofing access to hearing health screening for athletes with cognitive impairment.

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Judy and Nikita go to Eriksholm

Recent audiology graduates Judy Lee and Nikita Kumar had what they describe as 'the experience of a lifetime' when they attended the July Eriksholm Summer Camp in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Supporting the right to communicate

The Hearing Association is adding to its educational arsenal – 10,000 educational posters with communication tips will soon be distributed from their 34 offices nationwide.

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OFHEC Auckland University

Reporting on the recent OFHEC Spring Symposium: Global Hearing Health ...

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Canterbury University

Assessment and diagnostic equipment of balance disorders was recently upgraded ...

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Katie Bridger wins audiology prize

Research into secondary school teachers' sensitivity to noise wins Katie Bridger the Oticon Foundation Auckland University Audiology Prize.

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NFD human rights advocacy

NFD CEO Louise Carroll reports on the Foundation's human rights advocacy programme for Deaf and hearing impaired New Zealanders.

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Supporting research and the exchange of ideas

Recent grants made to support travel to attend conferences and study groups.

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Samoan language booklet helps children care for hearing aids

Au Meafaalogo is helping Samoan children care for their hearing instruments.

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The Oticon Foundation of New Zealand was established in October 1976. Income generated from the Foundation's investments is distributed to groups and organisations seeking financial support for projects that benefit the hearing impaired.

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