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NEWSLETTER

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BSLTRU celebrates 30 years of research

This year sees BSLTRU celebrate 30 years of research in speech and language therapy! To mark this important milestone, we are pleased to announce the inaugural Underwood Trust Annual Lecture, taking place at Southmead Hospital in Bristol on Tuesday 12th March 2019, from 5 to 7pm.

Our guest speaker is RCSLT Research Trustee and Reader in Communication and Stroke Rehabilitation, Dr Rebecca Palmer from the University of Sheffield who will be talking about the Big CACTUS study and its origins in research from BSLTRU. For more information or to book:

<https://bsltrulecture.eventbrite.co.uk>



Dr Yvonne Wren,
Director BSLTRU

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This year, two international BSLTRU papers have received prestigious **Editors' Awards** for their outstanding quality.

Rena Lyons and Sue Roulstone received the inaugural International Closing the Gap in Cleft Research Award for their paper on the everyday experiences of children with speech and language impairments, while Yvonne Wren and Sue Roulstone, together with the Sound Start Study team, received the Journal of Speech, Learning and Hearing Research award.



The Cleft Collective
Closing the Gap in Cleft Research
A Scar Free Foundation Initiative

The Cleft Collective Speech and Language Study (CC-SL) is a national cohort study of children born with cleft palate. Carried out in partnership with the University of Bristol and the Scar Free Foundation Cleft Collective Cohort studies, we are collecting data on speech and language and relevant risk factors. Currently recruiting from 13 sites in the UK, 640 participants have been recruited to the CC-SL study to date with recruitment increasing month on month.



- ATLAS APP

Therapy Box are in the process of developing an app that will use automated language analysis tools, to help identify children with language difficulties who are likely to need speech and language therapy. With funding from the National Institute of Health and Research, **BSLTRU** are carrying out information gathering and research activities to inform the design of the app.



BSLTRU continues to work on a Nuffield Foundation grant, led by Solent NHS Trust, which aims to evaluate the clinical effectiveness of an enhanced parent-based intervention programme on outcomes in children with primary language delay in areas of social disadvantage.



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GRANTS

BSLTRU have received additional funding of **£20,000** from the **Underwood Trust**, and a further **£19,176** from **UH Bristol RCF**, to support the work on the Cleft Collective project .

PUBLICATIONS

Since April 2018 BSLTRU have had 5 papers published in peer reviewed journals, 1 in press and a further 2 have been submitted. We are also pleased to announce that in 2018, the second edition of 'Creating Practice Based Evidence: A guide for SLTs' edited by Corinne Dobinson and Yvonne Wren, will be published by JR Press and launched at our 30th celebration on the 12th March 2019 (See above).

★ OBE ★



Congratulations

to
Professor Pam Enderby Emeritus
Professor of Community Rehabilitation,
University of Sheffield, and
founder of BSLTRU, who was awarded an
OBE for her dedicated service to
speech and language therapy



On Friday 19th October 2018 at the Vassall Centre, Bristol – The **South West Speech CEN** and BSLTRU are jointly running a half day study - **Assessing speech in children from multilingual backgrounds**. For more information [Visit event page](#)

And finally, all in a good cause!



Fay Smith, administrator, BSLTRU dons her apron for the Charity Bake cake sale at Southmead Hospital



Dr Yvonne Wren, Director, BSLTRU strutting her stuff for North Bristol NHS Trust Charity 'Strictly Southmead'



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Best wishes from the BSLTRU team