



Grant successes !!!

BSLTRU is funded entirely through research grants. This funding enables us to carry out research which informs our work as speech and language therapists and contributes to the lives of those with communication or swallowing impairments and those who care for them.

We are pleased to report success in our funding application to the NIHR i4i Scheme with our partners, Therapy Box! The 24 month Language Explorer study will lead to the development of software which can automatically transcribe and analyse children's language samples. For more information, visit <https://www.therapy-box.co.uk/atlas>

We are also thrilled to have been selected by the Heather van der Lely for one of their PhD studentship awards. The funding will cover tuition and living expenses for a PhD student to carry out work investigating children's early language environments and their role in promoting language development. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more news about this and information on how to apply soon.



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter for 2019!

It is an exciting time for BSLTRU with lots of new studies starting and new roles for SLTs and researchers.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to hear more about opportunities as they become available.



Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Research .Vol 61, Issue 2, pages 324 – 344
"Well-Being and Resilience in Children With Speech and Language Disorders,"

Congratulations! to Rena Lyons and **Sue Roulstone**, this article has been selected by the editor-in-chief and editors of the Language section of the **Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research** as the winner of the 2018 Editor's Award. Selection is limited to the most **impactful** works that meet the highest quality standards in research design and presentation.

The award will be presented during the Researcher-Academic Town Meeting (RATM) at the 2019 ASHA Convention in Orlando, FL. (20th November 2019).

Congratulations! to **Kath Broomfield**, HHE/NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellow, who was the winner of the best oral presentation by an early career researcher. **The Unspoken Voices Project: Co-designing a conceptual framework with people who have complex communication needs (CCN) who rely on augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).** PROMs conference, Leeds in June 2019.

And Congratulations! to Jennifer Short who was awarded a bursary to attend the CAHPR conference 2019 to present on exploring consensus in terminology used in treatment and diagnosis of medically unexplained dysphagia.



Bristol Speech and Language Therapy Research Unit

New research associate joins BSLTRU team

In May 2019 BSLTRU welcomed Caitlin Holme, Research Associate.



Caitlin will be working on a Public Health England-funded project in collaboration with the University of Newcastle. The project aims to develop and evaluate a language assessment tool which will support early identification of children with speech, language and communication needs.



Pictured above Miriam Seifert, BSLTRU, Cymie Ng, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Dr Yvonne Wren BSLTRU

Cymie visited BSLTRU in September to discuss the study 'Speech Analysis Software as a Clinical Screening Tool for Speech Sound Disorders in Cantonese-Speaking Children - Validation in a English speaking population'. We will be contacting primary schools very soon to invite them to be part of this study, where we will screen children's speech development.

RCSLT Conference Sept 2019

BSLTRU saw a strong presence at the conference with the unit collectively holding 2 workshops, 6 oral and 4 poster presentations

and finally....

Congratulations to Dr Sam Harding, Senior Research Associate, BSLTRU,



Pictured above receiving an NBT hero award from NBT's Chief Executive, Andrea Young. (April 2019)
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Best wishes from the BSLTRU team