

## **BATOD North 2020 AGM; November 19<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**

### Those attending:

Claire Jacks	Sharon Clayton	Anna Sutcliffe
Trish Cope	Kirsty Sanger	Kathryn Oddie
Sandy Goler	Rosie Fenwick-Rasche	
Marie Wilkinson	Elizabeth Polya	
Bev Hennefer	Sian Grant	
Claire Armitage	Helen Chilton	
Claire Cunliffe	Marie Pearson	
Alice Brennan	Sarah Cadieu	
Nicky Weightman	Clare Nelder	

Rita Layden also attended as BSL interpreter.

### Apologies

Joanne Kelsey-Taylor; Ryan Brewer; Tanya Reynolds; Kim Davies

### Introduction

Prior to the start of the 2020 AGM, Helen Chilton (Programme Director for the Manchester PGD in Deaf Education) asked for support for the Ready research which Manchester is undertaking with the NDCS. This longitudinal study is looking at a wide range of outcomes for 15 – 10 year-olds: academic, support offered in FE, social networks, progress to university, achieving personal ambitions and mental health. For some students there will be short measures, whilst others will have a regular annual interview. They desperately need to recruit more young people to fulfil the target of 625 students and Helen appealed for members to seek the consent of anyone in this age group that they are working with.

### Minutes of AGM 2019

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Marie Wilkinson, seconded by Alice Brennan and all those present at the 2019 AGM agreed them as a true record of the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Sandy Goler confirmed that the Bank Balance was healthy. The income and expenditure of BATOD North is entirely around the Study Day. In 2019 the income had been £3,948 and the expenditure was £3,592. The Textile Centre reduced its invoice to reflect errors in what was provided. This was due to a difficult transfer of

management of catering and events. As P C Werth had gone into liquidation only £38 was recovered towards the cost of their stand at the exhibition.

Sandy explained the new position for regional accounts which meant that they should only hold £1500 in the bank and any excess at the end of each year should be returned to the BATOD national account. A discussion followed in which concerns about the potential impact of this on BATOD North's activities were expressed. There were concerns about 2021 when companies may not be able to see the value of a stand at the exhibition, the impact on speaker choice etc. Claire J has asked why the cap has been set at £1500 but hasn't so far received an answer. Sandy will also look at costs if we do not get the support from the exhibition that we have had for several years. It was agreed that Claire J, Sandy and Trish will again raise our concerns with BATOD NEC / Steering Group again as reinforcement to the concerns and queries already raised by Clire and sandy at a recent meeting of regional treasurers.

### Chair Person's Report

Claire welcomed everyone to this first AGM via Zoom and assured everyone that BATOD North continues to be a thriving region. 2020 brought changes for BATOD North's plans as for everyone else! At the committee meeting in April (our first held via Zoom) we decided to cancel the Study Day planned for October. However, the committee was anxious to provide support for QToDs at that time and so after discussion and following a suggestion from Marie Wilkinson, it was decided to try and host a webinar. Alice volunteered herself and Ryan Brewer to manage the technical / IT side of such a venture and with that in mind we began to plan speakers and to try out various aspects of webinars via Zoom. Alice put considerable time into exploring other platforms but Zoom was finally decided on. We had set ourselves a tight time-table and it involved a steep learning curve but in the end the webinar held in June was a great success and we were able to offer BATOD the benefit of all that we had learned along the way.

Claire thanked all the committee members for their enthusiasm and contribution during the year. She described the commitment and benefits of being a member of the committee including the ability to network, share information about current changes and developments, contribute to future training and feel a real part of a vibrant professional group.

### Any Other Business

There was no other business raised

Date of 2021 AGM: It is planned that this will be part of the Study Day on 14<sup>th</sup> October, pandemic permitting, but as yet Sandy is still waiting for the Booking Form from the Textile Centre.