



July 2012

# Getting the Word Out

This month at the SSC...

## International Fluency Association 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress

Claire Rowland and Susan Clark attended the World Congress in Tours, France. They attended many presentations by international fluency specialists which will feed into the work at the SSC. Claire also presented a paper on a new clinical method for exploring speech associated anxiety, which is being developed at the SSC in collaboration with Andrew Mason, an adult who stammers.



Claire said: *“Despite the initial nerves, my belief in the method and the team and Andrew had put into the presentation helped me to relax and really enjoy telling people all about it. We received some great feedback from clinicians and researchers alike and are now looking forward to developing it further. Andrew and I will be presenting together at the BSA conference in September and hope that it receives the same reception from people who stammer.”*

## Meet our new team member: Alison McLaughlin, Clinical Lead



“I am thrilled to be part of this dynamic and innovative team. My first few weeks have been very busy, but everyone has made me feel so welcome. The centre has so much to offer and has a strong focus on children, young people and adults who stammer and their families being at the heart of the service and I feel privileged to be part of its future.”

## Summer Groups

Here at the centre we have been busily preparing for a number of groups we are running over the summer period. Thank you to those of you who have referred children to the SSC we look forward to meeting them over the coming weeks!

Our first summer group started this month.

At the Smoothies group both children and therapists had a lot of fun! When asked what the children had enjoyed most here's some of the things they had to say:

'It's fun', 'We play lots of games'. 'I'm learning about my stammer', 'I have made new friends'.



**October half term residential:** If you are still considering referring children to the residential course please send details in ASAP.

**Speech and Language Therapist** referrals to this course from across Leeds and the Yorkshire and Humber region must be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Please contact the SSC if you have any queries or would like a referral form.

## Notice for parents and children:

### BSA National Conference Lincoln University: The Art of Communication

A Special one-day programme of events for children and young people who stammer Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 Children and young people who attend will have the opportunity to participate in professionally run music, visual arts, digital imaging, and circus skills workshops. For more information <http://www.stammering.org/conf.html>



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## Final call for the SSC 2nd Annual Study Day - Early Interventions. 10th September

This event is proving to be popular and is booking up quickly.

**Places are limited** – contact us on the number below to book your place.

***Please note if you have returned your booking form already then your place is secure.***

## Coming soon...

### 25<sup>th</sup> September

**9.30-12.30 'Starting out in Clinical Audit'** This introduction to clinical audit and the processes involved in measuring good practice and informing service development will provide therapists with the knowledge and skills to begin this process within their own service. This is an opportunity for all SLT's to develop their skills and is relevant to Core 4 of the KSF framework.

**Free to all SLT's working in the Yorkshire and Humber region, £25 for other SLT's.**

To book a place, phone: (0113) 8434331 or Email: [stammeringsupportcentre@nhs.net](mailto:stammeringsupportcentre@nhs.net)

### 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Working with Children who stammer (school aged):** This course is for Speech and Language Therapists who wish to develop their skills in working with school aged children who stammer. The course will introduce therapists to the Stammering Support centre approach to intervention and provide practical ways of supporting children of all ages.

Lunch and refreshments, course materials and a copy of 'Working with Dysfluent Children' included in this package.

**Funded places available for speech and language therapists working in the Yorkshire and Humber SHA area.**

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**Reminder:** SSC after school group for young people will not be running during the summer period. We will start again Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Health Education Room

## DIARY DATES...

**25<sup>th</sup> September Journal Club** – focus on temperament and stammering 1.30- 4.00  
SSC meeting room 1.

### 21st August:

**Toolbox group** - To discuss/plan topics for next twelve months 6.15pm.

**Mindfulness pre-group session (adults)** - 5.30-5.45 pm.  
Ground floor next to the Health Education Room.

**Speaking circles** – No August meeting.

**BSA Cardiff Open Day**, -20<sup>th</sup> October "Understanding Stammering", keynote speaker, Rosemarie Hayhow. Full details at [http://www.stammering.org/events\\_cardiff.html](http://www.stammering.org/events_cardiff.html).