



Aphasia Re-Connect

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Autumn 2021 Update

Opportunities

We are continuing to provide a **mix of online and face-to-face opportunities**. We have:

- **9 regular weekly virtual groups** on zoom with breakout rooms and supported conversation.
- **3 physical groups** in **Bromley, Southwark, and Islington**; plus the **Putney group meeting in person again from 17th November**.
- One of our **peer leaders** is also **organising a regular photography walk** in various **places around London**.
- **Ad-hoc meeting opportunities**, such as our **group outings in September** to two **art exhibitions in London**, and our **Autumn Party in October**.
- **Volunteers** supporting our **one-to-one buddying service**, providing a **regular video call, phone call, email, or letter**.
- Some **availability for face-to-face befriending** for those **most in need**.
- We **continue to signpost to research and other opportunities** as they come up.

We will be looking for **volunteers with aphasia to talk** at our **Christmas event**. **Get in touch** if you would like to:

- Talk about **your experience with aphasia** and **Aphasia Re-Connect**
- Read a **seasonal poem / passage**.

Staff Update

We have **welcomed two new Speech and Language Therapists**:

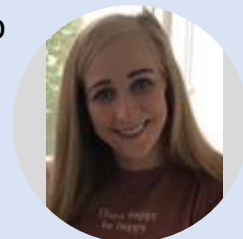
- **Vasiliki**

- Also a **researcher** at City University
- **New joiners**
- **Starters group**



- **Lisa**

- **Former student** with us
- **Photography group**
- **Art Appreciation**
- **Croydon group**
- **Thursday Drop-in**
- **Between the lines**



We have also **said goodbye to**:

- **Sarah**

- **Photography group**
- **Art Appreciation**
- **Starters'**
- **Between the lines**
- **New referrals**



- **Laura**

- **Photography**
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Thank you both!

Other news

- We were **delighted** to receive a **grant** from The **National Lottery Community Fund** in September.



- We had our **Autumn Party** on **29th October!** It was lovely to **see** some **old friends** again, as well as **meeting** some **new Zoom friends** in real life for the **first time!**



- A big **thank you** to **Humphrey Keenlyside** and **everyone** who **sponsored** him for his **two runs** this summer – he raised an amazing **£2250**.



- **Thanks** also to **Rachel Frankel**, who has been one of our **incredible trustees**. She is **stepping down**, but will **stay involved**. We are also looking for two **new trustees** – if you're interested, get in touch!

Coming up

Choral and Organ Concert

What: An **evening of music**, in support of **Aphasia Re-Connect**.

When: Saturday 20th November, 6pm

Where: Bromley Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

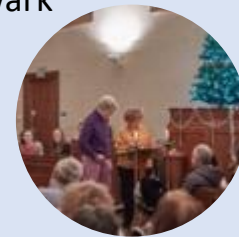


Christmas Carol Concert

What: Our **annual Christmas Concert** is back! Join us for **music, mince pies**, and a **celebration** of our members and all we've achieved together this year!

When: Tuesday 21st December, 6.30pm

Where: Christ Church Southwark



Christmas Party

What: A special drop-in for members' - friends & family welcome

When: Thursday 23rd December, 12pm

Where: Christ Church Southwark

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