



Opportunities

We have a **mix of online and face-to-face opportunities:**

- **12 regular weekly virtual groups** on zoom with breakout rooms and supported conversation.
- **Access to work and Workers Forum** are new this term. They are co-run by **students and** have been very interesting forums.
- **7 physical groups** in **Bromley, Southwark, Putney, and Islington;** including the **Young Person's group, the Art & Craft, and the Photography groups** which are back to **meeting in person.**
- **The buddies & peer befriending services,** providing a **regular video call to people new to the organisation and are perhaps a little afraid to join a group immediately.**

We are holding a **fun Fundraising challenge in April and May** this year to **involve each group** in doing something of interest to raise funds for Aphasia Re-Connect

Look out for news of these initiatives on the website!



News



Peter Cook stepped back up as our interim Chairman in October 2022. We'd like to say a big **thank you to Peter** for his continuing work with us.

Holly Terry, stepped down in September as **interim chair,** owing to **pressure of work commitments. We would like to thank her for her time with us.**



Staff update

Manager, Zoe Douglas sadly left us last September, after only six months, having found a new role in the NHS.

We are fortunate that Heather Jowett has joined the team, alongside Katherine Koulle and Vasiliki Kladouchou. Katherine is on a short-term contract, standing in for Sioban Zacharac, who will return to us in June.

Students

8 under-graduate BSc2 students have enjoyed placement on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, October to April 23.

17 MSc2 students have been engaged on a Monday and Friday, October to April 23.

4 MSc1 students joined us in January and will continue with us and some other 8 MSc1 students and 16 new MSc2 students in the summer term. Students continue to extend and enhance what we do.

Aphasia Re-Connect Cookbook

Cooking with Special Friends

Suitable for cooking with one hand



The one-handed Cookbook is prepared and will be ready on the website to download. It has text to speech facility and is communication accessible.

Written by people with aphasia in conjunction with MSc1 students this year and last. A tremendous achievement

Please look out for it!

Christmas Party & 5th Birthday December 2022

A good time had by all

It was great to **see old friends** we hadn't seen for a long time, as well as **new friends** we hadn't met in person before! Here are some **photos from the days!**



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