



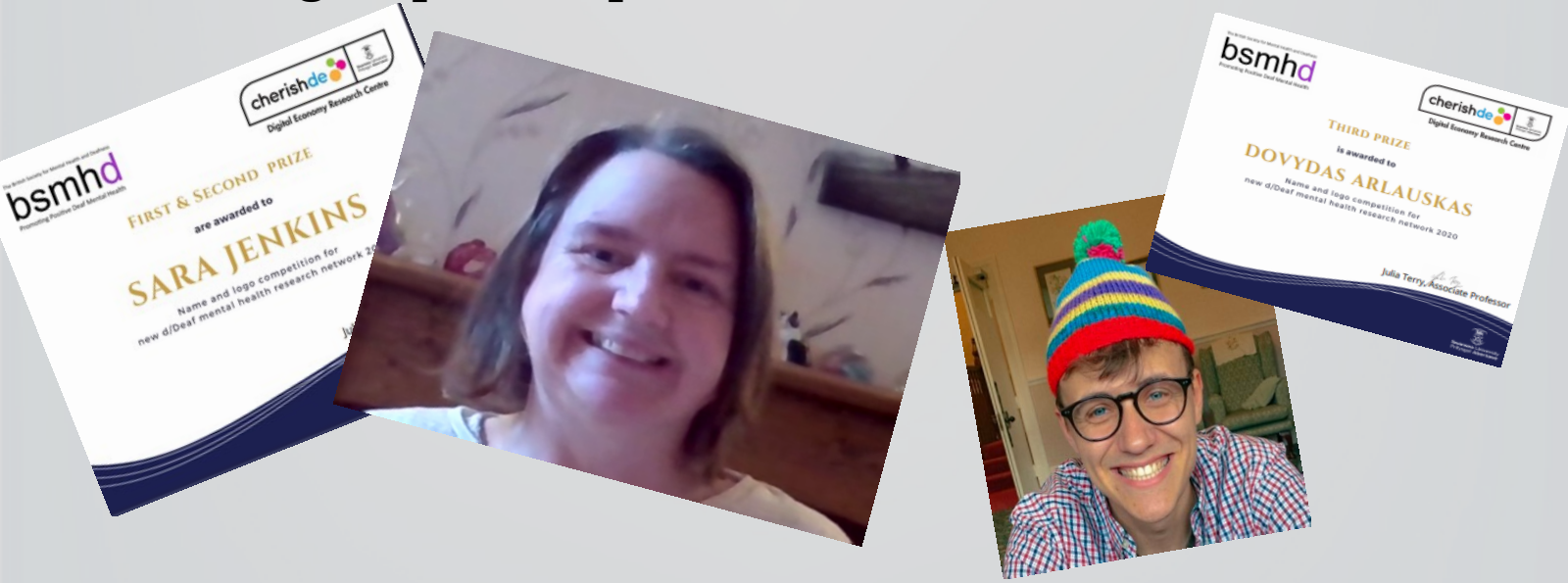
Welcome to our first newsletter telling you more about our exciting new d/Deaf mental health research network.

What is the aim of the d/Deaf mental health research network?



Our aim is to increase research into d/Deaf mental health issues in order to improve d/Deaf people's mental health. We do this by applying for research project funding and by collaborating together.

Name the group - competition winners...



In October 2020 we launched a national competition asking d/Deaf young people and d/Deaf adults to think of a name and to design a logo for the network. Our competition winners, Sara Jenkins and Dovydas Arlauskas were delighted, and have now received their vouchers and certificates. Judges were from British Society for Mental Health and Deafness (Paul Redfern), National Deaf Children's Society (Amy New, who sourced young people's views), Royal National Institute for Deaf People (Kate Galloway), Talking Hands Deaf Children Young People and Family Service (Cathie Robins-Talbot), Swansea Bay University Health Board (Dr Sara Rhys-Jones), and the funder CHERISH DE (Penny Lauder).

The network will continue to link closely with the British Society for Mental Health & Deafness, and the National Deaf Children's Society, and reports to the All Wales Deaf Mental Health & Well-Being Group.



Are you interested in being a researcher?



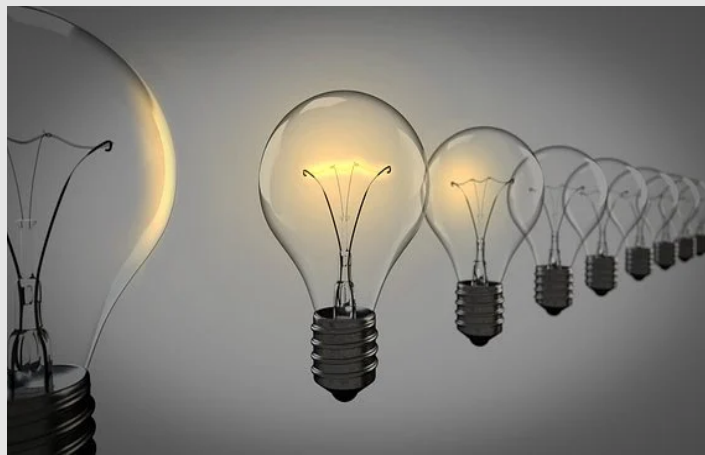
The network is looking for people who are d/Deaf and hearing. Maybe you are interested in learning more about research, or want to do a Masters or PhD in the area of d/Deaf mental health. We will have training sessions to help people learn research skills.



How does the network work together?

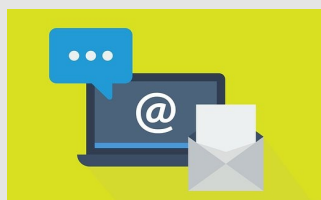
Each funded project will have a project steering group, so there will be funding to pay people, researchers, interpreters and whatever each project needs. As well as funded projects, there will be updates and opportunities advertised to get involved, and to put research ideas forward.

Research ideas



The network has a few ideas that are being worked up into funding applications. But...it's very competitive, so we welcome your ideas, and want you to get involved to help shape and develop them. From time to time we will have some online or in-person **ideathons**, which are short workshops for people to work in teams to collaborate on research ideas and solutions.

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