

A Voice for education professionals

Voice is the non-striking union for education, early years and childcare professionals. It provides essential cover, full support and a wide range of benefits, not only for workplace matters but for personal matters too.



Voice negotiate with government departments, local authorities and private employers to seek recognition for its members. This is assisted by the union's strong position in government working groups, attending regular meetings and consultation forums. Voice deals with the agitating, the arguing and the negotiating, giving you the freedom to get on with what matters most – your job.

www.voicetheunion.org.uk

Interested in conducting research on Tourette's syndrome?

Tourettes Action offers non-financial support to researchers/research students wishing to recruit people for their research studies.



If you are interested, you can download and complete the proforma from the charity's website to supply them with the information they need to evaluate your project. There are many ways Tourette's Action can help to publicise your research project, including its newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, forums and emails.

Completed proforma, along with any questions, should be sent to TA Research Manager Seonaid Anderson:
Seonaid@tourettes-action.org.uk

To download the proforma, visit:
www.tourettes-action.org.uk

Guide Dogs Annual Awards 2014

The stars came out and joined more than 450 guests at the glittering Guide Dogs Annual Awards 2014, in partnership with Microsoft.

Guide dog owner Verity Smith was presented with the headline Inspirational Guide Dog Owner Award. Verity is not only a top-level sportswoman who has competed for Britain as a dressage rider but is also an accomplished singer/songwriter and campaigner.



Classical Brit nominee Camilla Kerslake (pictured with guide dog puppy Leo), England rugby captain Chris Robshaw, Made In Chelsea star Lucy Watson and The Only Way is Essex star Debbie Douglas were among the celebrities in attendance.

www.guidedogs.org.uk/awards

Strong start for new Oxfordshire ASD school

LVS Oxford, the new school for children aged 11 to 19 years with autism and Asperger's, based in Begbroke, Oxfordshire, opened in September 2014; in just one term the first 16 learners made great progress, with some students who had previously struggled to stay in mainstream school, in some cases being out of school for over two years, all attending school and engaging in their lessons.



After such a successful start, the school will begin 2015 by introducing a third class and a boarding facility for weekly residential learners.

For more information, call: **01865 595170** or visit the Facebook page "**LVS Oxford**".

Fifteenth birthday for Hillingdon Manor

Celebrities and politicians helped Hillingdon Manor School for children on the autistic spectrum celebrate its fifteenth birthday recently.

Sir John Randell, MP for Uxbridge, who has supported the school since the beginning, and Waterloo Road Star Richard Mylan (pictured with Anna Kennedy) both visited the School during its week long celebrations.



Founded in 1999 by Anna Kennedy, Hillingdon Manor School started as a local support group for children and families affected by autism. The first classroom took shape in Anna's garage, teaching a small group of children including Anna's two sons Patrick and Angelo.

For more information about Hillingdon Manor, visit:
www.hillingdonmanorschool.org.uk

Hereward kick-starts student careers

Hereward College in Tile Hill has hosted a careers event, called Thinking On, to better equip its students and their parents with knowledge about the potential career paths available to them once they leave college.



The Thinking On event is the first in a three-tiered structure to take place at Hereward which is designed to prepare students for their next steps into further or higher education, traineeships or employment. The second event, Building Up, will be held in March 2015 and the final event, Moving On, is set for May 2015.

www.hereward.ac.uk