



deaf education through
listening and talking

**DELTA is a charity that supports deaf children,
their families and practitioners.**

**We know that the vast majority of deaf children
can learn to listen and talk.**

**We believe that all parents of deaf children should
be given this option.**

**We are a charity and rely solely on grants,
donations and fundraising activities for our
income.**

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Why DELTA?



Because it works!

DELTA stands for Deaf Education through Listening and Talking

It is a charity that was formed in 1980 by a group of dedicated Teachers of the deaf who thought deaf children, especially those who have a severe or profound loss, should be able to achieve to their full potential, despite their deafness

The key to this is in following a Natural Aural Approach. We have the technology today to enable them to listen and pick up language, just as hearing children do.

It is Natural because it's about learning to talk in the natural way – the way all children do in the beginning. They learn to talk by picking it up from what they hear around them, when Mum and Dad, Grandparents, sisters coo to them, play peek a boo, sing to them, listen to them and chat with them

It is Aural because it is to do with the ear and hearing and listening. The emphasis is on the deaf child using their hearing. With good equipment, worn all the time, well set up and carefully looked after, deaf children CAN have a listening and talking life

The Natural Aural Approach depends on the child's hearing being appropriately managed to ensure that their hearing aid, cochlear implant or bone anchored aid is set optimally. Together with parents, teachers and peers, maximizing opportunities for interaction as they arise. At home in school and out & about

DELTA has hard evidence and research that this approach works and deaf children are talking and achieving well in their exams, their jobs and their lives

DELTA's members are made up of teachers of the deaf, audiologists, parents of deaf children, deaf young people and adults providing support for families and professionals in the following ways:

How DELTA helps:

- Events for families - information days and weekend events offering advice and support for deaf children and their families at every stage of development including newly diagnosed and transition to primary, secondary, higher education and / or work
- Training and advice for professionals including CPD training for professionals
- Comprehensive website including a range of literature with information and advice available to download from our website or order in hard copy form from the office
- Facebook peer support groups
- Email advice from our team of teachers of the deaf, parents and deaf adults

Here's what the parents say about our events for families:

"DELTA has been a constant support to us. We have found the information very valuable and have learned a lot that normally you wouldn't be told. It has changed our lives and given us hope for the future"

"Once again a fantastic week, 3 years ago I had tears of hope, now I have tears of joy with how far we have come, all of it thanks to DELTA. It has been a life changing experience"

DELTA recognises that having a hearing impaired child does not affect the family's natural skills and abilities to develop listening and talking children.

DELTA celebrates the child's natural abilities, and most importantly empowers families and carers to recognise their skills that allow their deaf children the opportunities to speak for themselves!

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