



International Stuttering Association

A World that Understands Stuttering

To: Stuttering Community
From: Keith Boss
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I would remind you we are seeking articles for our next edition on One Voice. You can send articles on any aspect of stuttering / communication which would be of interest to the ISA Stuttering Community. Some possible topics are:-

- What you are doing for the ISA;
- What is going on in your own Associations / Countries;
- Self help groups / Chapters in your own Countries;
- Anything you want to tell to our Global community;
- Any conferences / Open Days you held or were part of, in 2013;
- How you raise Stuttering Awareness in your different communities;
- How you help to reduce the rate of re-offending in teenagers, with Speech and Language Communication Needs (SLCN), who have been arrested and charged;
- What you did for ISAD 2013;
- What you are planning to do in 2014;
- Any useful research;
- Anything members want to read is welcome.

More inspiration can be found in past editions at

<http://www.isastutter.org/news/one-voice-newsletter>

Photos with any article will be very helpful.

Please send all articles before Monday 6th January 2014 to
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UK crime involving teenagers with SLCN requiring help

Average number of under-18s in Custody in 2010/11: **2,040** (2,807 in 2000/2001)

Total number of proven offences committed by youth in 2010/11: **176,511**

Total cost to the country of police and justice for young offenders in 2007/8: approximately **£4 billion** annually.

Re-offending rates are between **70% and 76% (over £3 billion)**.

Over **60%** of these teenagers have SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs) so require help (**106,000** teenagers at a cost of **£1.8 billion**)

The numbers above are from different years, so calculating the 75% and 60% may give inaccurate numbers, but do give an idea of the scale involved in the UK.

What are the numbers for your Country?

What organisations in your Country work to reduce re-offending?

Is this help co-ordinated or is it unorganised so may not be achieving the best possible help?

Only a percentage of teenagers needing SLCN help will stutter. But all will have poor attitude of mind and much negativity in their lives. Both SLPs/SLTs and PWS can help with this. Is your Association involved?

Tell us what you are doing so we can try to spread good practice around more Countries.

ISA Business

The ISA Board of Directors had a second meeting in November. The minutes of this meeting will be available in the January e-newsflash.

We are planning to have a third meeting this in February 2014. We will discuss projects within the committees in more detail. (See <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B6hqsIJuGKwwTXFuMnAyWG4ydUk&usp=sharing> and <http://www.isastutter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Committees-and-Projects.pdf>).

Please look on the URL for Drive.google. Check your name is in all the right places. If not, you will be able to make comments, so ask to be included or removed. I will work out who can update in the weeks ahead.

Some of the projects will benefit from more people with diverse experience, some projects need more people. Some projects need a Chair.

Please read through and let me know where you would like to help the ISA during the next 3 years. The ISA needs you, so please do as much as you realistically can do. I would like to hear from everyone of you. Thank you.

A note to the Chairs. Please convene a meeting of your committee / project as soon as possible, with a view to

- agreeing your responsibilities..... when this is done the Board needs to ratify any changes;
- obtaining as much diverse experience to help you as you are able to from within the above names or other people you know who support the work we do;
- begin itemising action plans with projected dates;
- begin working on the action plans;
- sending me an update on the 31st January.

Let me know if you need help with email addresses.

The 3rd African Stuttering Congress 26th Oct to 30th Oct 2014 Nigeria

Here are more details.

Theme: Living Positively with Stuttering: Your role, my role

See <http://isad.isastutter.org/isad-2013/papers-presented-by/increasing-stuttering-awareness-in-africa/>

The ISA Board discussed the warnings on several Government websites about parts of Nigeria. We know that Yemi has considered this and selected a safe area of Nigeria, but we have a few concerns and will get them resolved as soon as possible.

Collaboration between the ISA / IFA / ICA

The IFA asked for bids to host the IFA Congress in 2015. See <http://www.theifa.org/>. Are you one of the Associations who presented a bid? The closing date was November 15th. Many SLPs/SLTs know ways to help PWS to improve their communication skills. Close links will be

very good.

ISA Board Secretary

We still need a new ISA Secretary. This person must be an ISA Director. Please ask amongst your members if any of them would like information about this position. If so, ask them to contact me. There is a solution which will be used at the next Board Meeting in February 2014 if no one has been appointed to this position in the next 3 months.

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Language translations

Would any more Member Association volunteer to translate this and other e-newsflashes into Chinese; French; German; Hindi; Japanese; Russian; Spanish; Urdu; and any other useful languages? We have had some offers of help and we are working on how to hold this e-newsflash and possibly One Voice in several Languages.

ISAD Online conference (October 1st to October 22nd)

Please remember the conference material with questions and answers can be found at <http://isad.isastutter.org/>. Also, we want to improve and provide a better conference in 2014. Please give us your feedback with ideas to help us. Send them to me keithmaxkb@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance.

I wish all of you a very holiday season in the next few weeks.

Keith

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