



*On behalf of the Board Members, and
CHHA-BC Staff we wish you and your family
a healthy and prosperous New Year!*

National Speech reading Program, Instructor Training held in Chilliwack
Submitted by: *Leslee Scott; Instructor Trainer*

CHHA National launched their instructor training for their new Let's Talk speech reading program this Fall. BC Chapter hosted the BC training November 8-12, 2014 for 7 trainees. The instructors not only learned from the Let's Talk program but learned from each other as they varied in their backgrounds. Not all had hearing losses but were interested to know the skills of speech reading to take back to their workplace whether to work with adults or children. The instructors came from Victoria (2), Salt Spring Island (2), Coquitlam (1) and Chilliwack (2). There were, sadly, 3 others who had to withdraw from the training due to personal reasons. Nevertheless we were kept engaged with the 7 students. Some may team with each other to teach a class together as it can be nerve wracking teaching a new program for the first time. In the spring of 2015, CHHA National will bring the same instructors together again, if they wish to be trained for Let's Talk Some More instructor training. Hopefully, the newly trained instructors will have had the opportunity to teach Let's Talk before venturing onto the next level.

We appreciated the use of the CHHA BC Resource Centre as it provided us with plenty of room and was close to hotel and restaurant amenities. CHHA BC was in the midst of packing for relocation to their new facilities but were generous to allow access to the facilities. The instructor training was successful and we now have newly trained speech reading instructors to help people living with hearing loss in various parts of BC.



Students: Kelly Anderson, Khalina Demandr, Kim Dillon, Maggie Dodd (not present), Stepha Fode, Shirley Phillips, Deborah Scott and Leslee Scott

Hearing Awareness Project *from A-Z*

This is a great website full of information and ideas!

<http://www.chha.ca/chha/projects-seniors.php>



Criminal Record Review Program

Sharon Perry



A criminal record check is requested for all volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults. The check is valid for five years. The process is to contact the CHHA-BC Administrator for instructions (sperry@chha-bc.org).

The volunteer will then complete the appropriate 'fillable' form on the Province of BC Ministry of Justice website at:

www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/criminal-records-review/volunteer and submit it directly to Province of BC Ministry of Justice.

The Criminal Records Review Program Clearance letter will come by email directly to me and I will forward it to the applicant.

The volunteer criminal records check is preferred in our organization.

Please note the check is requested for Facilitators and Instructors conducting volunteer activities (including Speech Reading) in the name of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. It applies to all CHHA Branches and Chapters in BC.

For more information please contact the CHHA-BC office.

Sharon Perry
Administrator
CHHA-BC

New address is: #216-9181 Main Street, Chilliwack, BC V2P 4M9



International Day of People with Disabilities (December 3rd)

As a celebration to International Day of People with Disabilities, IFHOHYP is excited to launch four videos as part of the No Hate Speech Movement by Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The videos aim to raise awareness about the issues being faced by deaf and hard of hearing people around the world and reminding others of our equal rights.

These videos are developed by 35 participants from 13 countries at the IFHOHYP Study Session 2014 in Strasbourg, France, with support from Chris Schuepp. Videos are important and practical ways to raise awareness, and to promote engaging discussions. Enjoy, and please share them with all your friends in your networks, in real lives or through social media.

To watch videos, please visit our web site: <http://www.ifhohyp.org/?p=705>

Yours truly,

Bowen Tang

Here is a good blog site for Hard to Hear Moms:

<http://thehardofhearingmommy.blogspot.ca/2014/12/a-tribute-to-hilda-gregory>.

Here is a good Government of Canada website for seniors:

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/publications/index-eng.php>

