

**CROSS PARTY GROUP ON DEAF ISSUES**

# Annual Report & Statement of Accounts

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Chair – Ann Jones AM

2013-14

## **Members**

Ann Jones AM

Mark Isherwood AM

Joyce Watson AM

Mike Hedges AM

Andrew RT Davies AM

Peter Black AM

Jayne Dulson

*National Deaf Children's Society*

Norman Moore

*Wales Council for Deaf People*

Richard Williams

*Action on Hearing Loss Cymru*

Michelle Fowler-Powe

*British Deaf Association*

Secretary – Katie Chappelle (AOHL)

*Elected: May 2014 (replacing Rachael Earp – AOHL)*

# **Annual Report**

## **20<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Members present: Ann Jones, Joyce Watson, Mike Hedges, Mark Isherwood

Issues discussed: Barriers to using BSL in the education system, Access to Work Programme, Dual Sensory loss.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 – Special Open Meeting held in Llanelli**

Members present: Ann Jones, Joyce Watson, Mike Hedges, Mark Isherwood

Issues discussed: GCSE in BSL, Role of Deaf Clubs, Barriers to Education and the workplace, mental health

## **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**

Members present: Ann Jones, Joyce Watson, Mike Hedges, Mark Isherwood

Issues discussed: Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Bill, Access to Work, Subtitling of Assembly proceedings, accessible health care.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**

Members present: Ann Jones, Mark Isherwood

Issues discussed: Audiology (presented by Dr Jonathan Archer), Over 50s health check, Close the Gap petition.

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

Members present: Ann Jones, Mark Isherwood

Issues discussed: Hearing aid reassessment, Social Services Bill, Close the Gap petition,  
101 service.

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 (AGM)**

Members present: Joyce Watson, Mark Isherwood, Mike Hedges

Issues discussed: Tinnitus, dual sensory loss, access to work, school building acoustics.

## **Statement of Accounts**

There were no costs or donations to the group.

Refreshment costs are met by Assembly Members on a rolling basis.