

BAA President Blog 17th May 2021

First let me say, Eid Mubarak to all our all our members celebrating Eid al Fitr following the holy month of Ramadan. I totally admire and respect your fasting, dedication and still working amongst all your teams who are not fasting! I Hope your celebrations went well.

I am personally getting excited that we are having a live conference in November and have been privy to the programme so far and want to go to everything!

Conference will look slightly different, but we hope to give you all more time for networking and we are aiming for an environmentally friendly two days. Booking will be open very soon.

I hope you managed to do some good things for Deaf Awareness Week and please share them with us for social media and the website. Any great ideas we can share with each other. We would also love to hear from you about how you make sure your service is accessible for all, we know there are some examples of good practice amongst our members.

A couple of updates on projects. As you know we are a partner with the IDA Institute, and Rebecca Anderson, Victoria Adshead and I had a catch up with the lovely IDA team last week. The team showed us some new resources on their website which we will highlight over the next couple of weeks. There is a great university module to use with students that also has a section on keeping yourself well both physically and mentally, which will be a good resource we can share on the health and wellbeing section on our website.

Heather Dowber and I are working with the RNID on access to wax removal services, and we need your help. We would like to gather as much evidence as possible to influence at the Department of Health level on NHS accessible wax removal. It is still an unfair system, and many people only have the option to pay privately, which not everyone can afford. I would also like to see it regulated for the safety of the people we serve – I know this is controversial but we need to advocate on behalf of our stakeholders. Complete the survey [here](#).

Don't forget to sign up for the [members webinar](#) in June and have a good late May Bank Holiday when it arrives.

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