



2016 Volunteers

Pip Greathead, current Clinical Coordinator at UPNT in HCMC, is spending time mentoring Speech Therapists in various sites in Vietnam.

Pip is the Speech Pathology Team Leader and Manager at North Shore Child and Family Health in Sydney and has over 35 years' experience in Paediatric Speech Pathology.

In this picture, she is working with Nguyen Chau Tuyet Nhu at Children's Hospital Number 2 in District 1, HCMC. Pip was able to observe Nhu with 3 children diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech. At the end of the sessions both Pip and Nhu met with the parents of the children for a question and answer session. Our Senior Interpreter and Admin Manager, Quyen Pham was a great help interpreting the session - see more about her below.

If you're a speech pathologist interested in helping out see [more about volunteering in Vietnam](#). Plus you can even volunteer from Australia.



New Speech Therapy Student Clinic at UPNT

With the goal of creating a "state of the art" student clinic at UPNT, it is hoped that three well equipped clinic rooms with observation facilities will be ready by June this year.

The first of its kind in Vietnam, TFA directors have been in regular consultation with Speech Therapy Training Program Coordinator Pip Greathead as well as UPNT staff.

Using donated funds, TFA is proud to support establishing this facility which will be essential for the expansion of speech therapy training at the university.



In Vietnam

My name is Averil and I am the new Speech Therapy clinical educator based at the National University of Education in Hanoi. My role is to train and mentor the special education teachers at the Early Intervention Centre who are already doing a range of developmental paediatric therapy.

I have now been in Hanoi for 6 weeks! It has gone so fast! I have begun to provide workshops and mentoring sessions with the special needs teachers. All of my colleagues have been welcoming and excited to have me here.

While the traffic and pollution take some getting used to, Hanoi has been an exciting place to move to. I am enjoying the amazing food and sightseeing opportunities. I have also attempted to start learning the language, Vietnamese people are very kind, but I am not very good at it. It is rất khó (very difficult)! I think I currently have the language skills of a 2 year old with disordered pronunciation. [Read more volunteer stories](#)

2016 Conference in Ho Chi Minh

Scientific and Technical Conference No. 1 for the Speech Therapy Club – 2016

Graduates of the two year post-graduate speech therapy training programs at UPNT are organising a conference on May 6th to be held at UPNT in HCMC.

The conference will include six scientific reports of research being undertaken by the speech therapists and four activity reports of service developments and innovations. Presentations are on diverse topics including voice disorders, art therapy for people with brain injury, childhood apraxia of speech, and early intervention services.

Trinh Foundation Australia has been asked to do two presentations, one on research into education in speech therapy, and one on resource materials prepared by the Vietnamese speech therapists (with publication costs met by TFA).



Australian Consul General to HCMC, Ms Karen Lanyon visited the University of Pham Ngoc Thach (UPNT) in April. She viewed and discussed the work of TFA, in collaboration with University of Newcastle, to develop speech therapy training at UPNT.

Every year, a group of Speech Pathology students from the University of Newcastle attend various clinical sites in Vietnam as part of their own clinical training program. This program, initiated by TFA in 2008, has flourished under the expert guidance of TFA director Dr Sally Hewat.

Photo (L-R): Ms Pip Greathead, Speech Therapy Program Co-ordinator UPNT; Dr Sally Hewat, TFA Director & Senior Lecturer, UoN; Ms Karen Lanyon Australian Consul General HCMC; Professor Nguyen Thi Ngoc Dung, Rector UPNT and Ms Bich, Nguyen Thi

Welcome Quyen Pham



Image: Quyen Pham & Ms Duyen UPNT Speech Therapy Program Co-ordinator

We are delighted to have Quyen Pham join the team at UPNT as the new Senior Interpreter and Administration Manager for the TFA office in Ho Chi Minh City.

Quyen worked as a part time interpreter/translator for TFA from January 2014 and attended the inaugural Interpreter Training course in March 2015. **She is an excellent interpreter and loved by all the visiting volunteer Australian Speech Pathologists for her warmth, enthusiasm and excellent interpreting skills.** Quyen also teaches English to children and adult and particularly likes working with children.

Quyen studied English at the English Language Institute – University of Utah, USA in 2009, graduating in Teaching English as a Second Language. She also has a Bachelor degree of Business Administration major in Business Management from the International University – Vietnam National University. **So she is well qualified!**



New baby

Yes 2016 gave us our first Trinh Foundation baby - our Director Dr. Sarah Verdon and partner welcomed their new baby boy Franklin.

Our congratulations to her and the new family.

Remember for more stories, updates and news about Speech Therapy in Vietnam keep an eye on our Facebook page or Twitter feed.



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