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More than speech therapy

This month we have stories from our volunteers in Vietnam. This comes with a reminder that not only will you have a professionally rewarding and engaging experience working and teaching in Vietnam but the country, culture and people will dazzle you with delights and offer unexpected adventures.

If you're a speech pathologist you can find out [more about volunteering in Vietnam](#). Drop Merran a line at volunteers-tfa@trinhfoundation.org to talk about how you can get involved.

Thanks to Chloe Jetts for the beautiful photo above. You can [read Chloe's impressions of the dedication Vietnamese speech pathologists devote](#) to the profession on our website.



Head & Neck Cancer Workshop at UPNT

Felicity Megee recently conducted a Head and Neck Cancer Workshop at UPNT with 42 people attending from different hospitals in Ho Chi Minh City and nearby provinces. Attendees were provided with the latest approaches and advances to assist patients with head and neck cancer in Vietnam.



Felicity also presented at the Laryngectomy Management Workshop on 28 and 29 July at Centre ENT Hospital Hanoi, for the Laryngectomy (Patient) Club and general doctors in medicine and nurses from different hospitals in Hanoi despite a typhoon in the area! You can see some of the aftermath in the photo above.

Volunteer Impressions



Seth Koster is a US trained Speech and Language Pathologist who volunteered as a mentor in Hue and Danang this year.

Seth's impressions of his time in Vietnam:

“As a volunteer for Trinh foundation I was prepared for a variety of differences between Vietnam and my home country before I left, but I was not prepared for the intelligent, enthusiastic clinicians I met who soaked up the information I had like so many sponges. When they shared that they were unfamiliar with sensory processing we discussed it at some length and I thought the pencils would burst into flames from the friction of writing so fast!

Quick minds full of probing questions left me feeling like I wished I had more to offer, but was overjoyed to share what I knew. With both the families and the clinicians I always felt valued, thanked, and appreciated.

Truly a unique and rewarding experience, I can't wait to go back!”

Quote from Na & Van Anh Vietnamese graduates:

“Mr Seth is an extreme professional and experienced speech therapist. Although we just learned with him for 2 days, he provided and shared lots of useful information. He instructed us to use Apps-AAC on iPad to support children with their communication; he instructed us to save file on Google Drive and some forms to take note the process after treatment so we can see the changes of the children through the chart. We will try to apply everything learned to our Speech Therapy service.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Seth for coming to Vietnam and instructing us.”

Paediatric Speech Therapy Course UPNT

University Pham Ngoc Thach in HCMC will run a 10 month course (September 2016 to June 2017) in paediatric speech therapy.

The course will be coordinated by Ms Pip Greathead, the full time Scope Global volunteer at UPNT. Pip is an experienced paediatric speech pathologist from Sydney. 30 places will be offered in the course. Many of the course applications have come from outside HCMC which is good for development of speech therapy in the provinces.

We are very pleased that all but one of the six subjects to be taught in Term 1 will be taught by a Vietnamese lecturer or co-taught by an Australian speech pathologist and one of the 2012 speech therapy graduates. Similarly, the clinical placements in Term 2 will be co-supervised by Pip, short term TFA volunteer supervisors from Australia and speech therapy graduates from the 2012 and 2014 courses.

This mentoring of the Vietnamese speech therapists to take on teaching roles is part of TFA's sustainability strategy for speech therapy education in Vietnam.



Consul General Karen Lanyon speaks keynote speaker Prof Ian Fraser & attendee

Clinical coordinator Pip Greathead was invited to attend Australia Medical Science and Health Services Conference in HCMC as a representative of TFA, thus showing further acknowledgement by the Australian and Vietnamese governments of Trinh Foundation Australia's contribution to the development of allied health services in Vietnam.

Two day workshop



Speech therapy graduate Mr Quyen, lead a 2 day workshop at Children's Hospital No 1 on speech and language development in children and identifying communication difficulties in this population.

The course had 48 attendees including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and special education teachers. Our congratulation to Mr Quyen for presenting this very successful event.



Farewell Alison

TFA sadly farewells Director Alison Winkworth who is retiring from the Board. Alison has been involved with TFA since 2009 as part of the teaching team for the short course in key topics and later joined the Board.

She has been to Vietnam numerous times and has lectured in her specialty area of voice disorders and laryngology as well as providing support in so many other ways over the years. Alison also helped develop the curriculum for the formal speech therapy course at the University of Medicine, Pham Ngoc, HCMC.

We thank Alison for her significant contribution to the development of the Speech Pathology profession in Vietnam and wish her the best for the future.

Welcome Katie

We welcome Katie Walker-Smith to the TFA board. Katie has been involved with TFA volunteering in Vietnam to lecture and provide clinical education since 2011. The board welcomes Katie to our ever growing team, who along with our newest board members Craig and Sarah, add their dynamic expertise to meet TFA's increasing and

diversifying needs.

Our newest board members will allow us to continue to work alongside our Vietnamese counterparts to develop speech therapy services in their country.

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