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## WHAT WE DO

HHfB supports the professional development of teachers in Bhutan to improve early literacy learning of all young people including those with hearing impairment.

We raise the English literacy standards in the first years of primary schooling across Bhutan.

## YOU CAN HELP

The gift of reading is the start of enhancing life choices for the young people of Bhutan. We seek your help. Your donation will make a difference to the life of a young person in Bhutan, through early interventions of modern teaching of phonics and reading.

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# LITERACY FOR BHUTAN

Give the gift of reading to Bhutanese children



**ENHANCING LIFE CHOICES  
FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BHUTAN.**



## OUR MISSION

BY INTRODUCING A MODERN APPROACH TO THE TEACHING OF LITERACY FROM AN EARLY AGE IN BHUTAN, WE AIM TO IMPROVE THE LIFE CHOICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN BHUTAN.

Hear Hear for Bhutan is introducing such an approach to teaching, through the generous contribution of Promoting Literacy Development (PLD) designed by Diana Rigg.

From 2020 all schools in Bhutan will implement this program in pre-primary and Classes I, II and III. It is anticipated that learning outcomes in all areas will improve as the benefits of a strong language foundation progresses through the years of schooling.

We also support teachers to develop their students' oral skills by enhancing their own levels of literacy and learning new ways to teach literacy in Bhutan.

## WHO ARE WE?

Hear Hear Bhutan is an internationally-recognised group of professionals who are passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people in Bhutan. Together we believe we can impact the levels of literacy throughout Bhutan, generating new outcomes for learning and choices for the next generation.

Our team

Emeritus Professor Helen Wildy (*Founder*)

Diana Rigg (*Speech Pathologist*)

Karen Parfitt (*Audiologist*)

Professor Peter Friedland (*ENT Surgeon*)

John Campbell (*Chartered Accountant*)

Dr John Ralph (*Lawyer*)

*Each Director acts in a voluntary capacity for HHfB.*



## WHY BHUTAN?

Bhutan is a small country in the Himalayan foothills with fewer than 800 000 people who share Buddhist values, and are known for their policy of Gross National Happiness. Bhutan's unique national culture is upheld with pride, demonstrating ecological sustainability, strong community spirit, generosity and sense of gratitude.

Modern education was introduced to Bhutan by the third King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck in the 1960s.

English is the medium of instruction, business and government, although the national language, Dzongkha, is widely used, as well as Nepali and many local dialects.

However, when children enter school they begin to learn English, as a second or third language. It is widely acknowledged that explicit teaching of phonics – the sounds of letters – enhances English language acquisition and competence.

With a rapidly developing modern education and health systems, there is the opportunity to enhance the life choices for the next generation in Bhutan by maximising their literacy and health outcomes.

We are delighted to have been given unique access to support the development of literacy and hearing of the young people of Bhutan through the professional relationships of trust built by Emeritus Professor Helen Wildy, formerly Dean of Education at The University of Western Australia.



*Champa Devi Sharma, a senior teacher, demonstrates how to sound the letters of a word and read the word.*



*Education Secretary Karma Yeshey hosts a dinner celebrating the partnership between the Ministry and Hear Hear for Bhutan*



*Diana Rigg, founder of PLD's Structured Synthetic Phonics, demonstrates how assessing phonics development helps to target classroom teaching.*