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## Welcome

Welcome to our first Newsletter!

We have been in existence now for one year and we are excited and inspired by our growing membership and the support we are receiving. In this first edition we will let you know about some of our exciting news. We hope to bring some challenging thought pieces around the topic and also innovations and progress being made.

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Stay with us on our journey and please do get in touch if there is anything you feel you can contribute, either to our Special Interest Groups or the Newsletter #lovetohear

## Survey Feedback

We recently undertook a survey of our members and interested parties to find out what issues were important to you. The majority of those who responded want us to focus on raising awareness and education. This is so important for us – particularly as we are a new organisation – we need to persuade others of the importance of our mission. Another key issue was around **access to and uptake of hearing tests**. You can find a couple of perspectives on this issue from our founder member Workscreen [here](#), and a thought piece on an alternative to the current hearing test by preventative audiologist Rob Shepherd [click here](#).

Other issues highlighted were for music and entertainment (see relevant below news item), controlling exposure, hearing protection and influencing legislation and design.

## UKHCA at the WHO World Hearing Forum

The UKHCA are proud members of this new World Hearing Forum whose ambitions tie closely with our aims for a world in which no person experiences hearing loss due to preventable causes. The goal of the Forum is to raise awareness and allow sharing of knowledge and best practice. Our Director Stephen Wheatley represented us at the first meeting and writes about it [here](#).



## Hear for Tomorrow An event for music lovers, 8th April 2020

UKHCA are proud to partner with UK Acoustics Network and the Institute of Acoustics to deliver this event, to raise awareness on the effect of music on hearing health through sharing the latest research, knowledge and solutions. The symposium will cover the scale of the problem, what we now know, and what can be done. World leading specialists will deliver the latest knowledge to help inform designers, decision makers and influencers on wellbeing and health issues for amateur players, professional musicians and casual listeners.

Tickets are still available. Find out more about the event [here](#).

## UKHCA Award Winners

The UKHCA were extremely proud of our founding members being recognised at the recent Noise Abatement Society John Connell Awards for their innovation in the field of hearing conservation. It was great to see prevention of hearing loss being celebrated and we congratulate EAVE, HearAngel and the LOCHER project for their ground breaking efforts in changing attitudes and finding solutions to preventable causes of hearing health damage.



John Connell Awards 2019



## Hearing Aid Users at Work

This is a common issue raised by employers, health and safety professionals and occupational health providers – how are we supposed to manage hearing aid users in noisy workplaces?? UKHCA provide some advice on this topic [here](#) and one of our founder members discusses the relevance in this article [click here](#).

## Ear be Progress: Innovation Vs Myth in Hearing Care

Ironically, considering "2020" lends itself to a whole newspaper stand of vision-based puns, 2020 is actually the official International Year of Sound.

It is also the UK Hearing Conservation Association's first birthday. (what – you didn't know?). WorkScreen is incredibly proud to be a founder member of UKHCA (already a member of the World Health Organisation's Hearing Forum) and we thought we'd take this opportunity to share our motivations for getting involved.



[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full blog post

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If you feel you have a news story, innovative ideas or a challenge for others around hearing conservation and preventable causes of hearing health harm please contact us. We are driving forward work through our 4 Special Interest Groups - Hearing Conservation; At Work, At Leisure, Through Education of Young People and in Music and Entertainment.

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