

## **Audio speech and language**

[www.soundabout.org.uk](http://www.soundabout.org.uk) - Soundabout – information about special music making workshops for children, young people and adults with disabilities.

[www.singinghands.co.uk](http://www.singinghands.co.uk) - Singing Hands – have produced a video with 25 songs for children who are learning signing before their speech has developed or have hearing or communication difficulties.

[www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk) - There are around two million people in the UK with sight problems and RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) is the leading charity offering practical support, advice and information to anyone with a sight problem. Their pioneering work helps not just with braille, Talking Books and computer training, but with imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges.

[www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk) - National Deaf Children's Society – have an informative website including information about a new software reader for spoken text on the web. sessions are free. To arrange an informal meeting with a trained volunteer email [admin@ofm.org.uk](mailto:admin@ofm.org.uk) [admin@ofm.org.uk](mailto:admin@ofm.org.uk).

[www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk) - Speech and Language Services – Talking Point provides a guide to speech and language services and useful links to other associated websites.

[www.kids.org.uk](http://www.kids.org.uk) - Young Peoples Inclusion Network – YP -in provides online guidance about both strategy and putting Inclusion into Practice covering issues such as Leisure and Sports Services , Youth Provision, Transport and Independent Living.

### **Guide to Hearing by audiologist, Joan McKechnie**

A hearing check should be one of the first points of call when literacy problems are noticed. Conductive hearing loss through glue ear can often be responsible for children not hearing the sounds in words efficiently. Select 'How to Choose' from the menu.