

Research on Hearing Loss and Employment

My name is Susan Coan and I'm a Research Fellow at Leeds Beckett University. I'm doing a research project for my PhD. The research is about people's experiences of losing their hearing as an adult and the impact on health and wellbeing.

In the first phase of the research, I spoke to people who had lost hearing as working age adults. I'd now like to speak to professionals who support (or could support) people with hearing loss with anything relating to employment. I'd like to bring together a range of professionals to discuss the findings so far, what is working, and what could be improved.

Who is invited?

Professionals who (potentially) support people with hearing loss in general or relating to employment specifically.

For example, Audiologists (NHS and private), Occupational Therapists, GPs/primary care, Job Seekers disability coaches, representatives from VCSE organisations, Access to Work, the local authority, managers and HR professionals from small, medium and large employers.

The invitation



A group discussion in central **Leeds** OR



An online discussion using Microsoft Teams

What is involved?

Group discussion: I'll share key findings from my research so far and from other relevant studies. I'll ask the group about what support currently exists, and how things could be improved to better support people with hearing loss to stay in employment. With permission I'll audio record the conversation. Conversations within the discussion will be confidential.

There is no obligation to take part and no pressure to answer questions during the discussion.

No preparation needed but I will send a short summary of the research in advance.

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