



# PLD's Collaboration with Hear Hear for Bhutan



**Early  
2018**

- The charity 'Hear Hear for Bhutan' was established (<https://hearhearforbhutan.org/>) with Board members Prof. Helen Wildy (Dean of UWA), Prof. Peter Friedland (ENT Surgeon), John Cambell (Accountant), John Ralph (Lawyer), Karen Parfitt (Audiologist) & Diana Rigg (Speech Pathologist) to cater to hearing-impaired children and improve literacy levels within Bhutan.

**October  
2018**

- Self-funded trip to Bhutan by Prof. H. Wildy, K. Parfitt, D. Rigg & T. Shaw (Teacher of the deaf).
- Thimpu schools' literacy levels were established and the PLD materials were trialed in Bhutanese classrooms.

**Nov 2018 -  
Apr 2019**

- Following the trial, PLD's existing SSP program was modified for Bhutanese classrooms.
- Teacher packs were created for the Bhutanese PP, Class I, II & III. The teacher resources included phonemic awareness, phonic-based reading, spelling & dictation tasks.

**May  
2019**

- Self-funded trip to Bhutan by Prof. H. Wildy, K. Parfitt & D. Rigg.
- SSP teacher training was delivered within the Thimpu region.
- SSP classroom packs were delivered to PP classes in Bhutan.

**Jun 2019 -  
Nov 2019**

- Online courses were created for PP, Class I, II & III teachers in Bhutan.

**December  
2019**

- Self-funded trip to Bhutan by D. Rigg.
- 'Master Teachers' were trained, to facilitate the roll out to all junior primary classrooms within the country.
- SSP was embedded within the Junior Primary curriculum.

**January  
2020**

- 'Master Trainers' disseminated regional training to 1,500 junior primary teachers throughout the country.
- All PP, Class I, II & III teachers within Bhutan were provided with SSP classroom teaching materials and an updated curriculum with embedded SSP.

**2020 -  
2022**

- Travel to Bhutan was not permitted due to COVID.
- Board meetings, working groups and communication with Bhutan continued.
- A Memorandum of Understanding passed through parliament recognising PLD's contribution to Bhutan.

**August  
2022**

- A review of the SSP rollout was devised through a national teacher survey, devised by Prof. H. Wildy & D. Rigg.

**November  
2022**

- A summary report of the national teacher survey was presented to the Ministry of Education.

**January  
2023**

- The 2019 versions of the SSP teacher training online courses were updated for PP, Class I, II & III.

**April  
2023**

- The national student workbooks for PP, Class I, II & III were reviewed and SSP was integrated into the workbooks, drawing upon PLD tasks.

**June  
2023**

- Self-funded visit to Bhutan has been scheduled by Prof. H. Wildy & D. Rigg.
- Report to the Ministry of Education and Skills Development.