

# Members Newsletter

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## President's Report

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the first publication of the Griffiths Scales by Dr Ruth Griffiths. We are celebrating the anniversary by having an exciting International Scientific Meeting on 11th October 2024. See Training, Education, and Equipment Committee [TEEC] report below for details of the speakers. To encourage participation and inclusion, the conference will take place both in-person and online (hybrid).

The details are:

Date 11th October 2024.

Time 9.15am - 4.30pm

Location: 1 Wimpole Street London

Bookings: [here](#)

The last 6 months have continued to be a very busy time for the ARICD Trustees and Committee members. It is important to

acknowledge the tremendous contribution from all those involved on behalf of ARICD – many thanks to a great team.

Training for Griffiths III continues to be very active around the world with many courses in the last 6 months. The Resources for Griffiths III users and members have been highlighted in the Training Committee report below and I would encourage you to look at these as they are updated and added to as work on expanding the use of Griffiths III continues.

As can be seen much work has been undertaken and continues by the ISM planning group for the conference in October – many thanks to members of that group led by Hilary Lane.

The Research Committee has been very active on many fronts recently to raise the profile of ARICD and Griffiths III. These activities are detailed in the Research committee report.

The IT–Web and Communications Committee continues to update and improve all aspects of this area which is so important in supporting all the work we do.

A big thank you to all committee chairs and committee members.

## **Membership**

Just a reminder, one main benefit of being a member, is that members can apply to join one of the ARICD Committees and thus contribute to the worldwide ARICD community, so please do consider joining. Information and application form are on the website.

There are now several membership rates:

- £25 annual membership
- £100 for 5–year membership
- £50 – available as a one–off payment to those who have retired from their main professional role.

Would you be interested in becoming a Trustee and joining the

## Board of Trustees?

ARICD is looking for dynamic, enthusiastic Trustees who are committed to moving the policies and strategic direction of the ARICD forward in well-informed and innovative ways. We welcome Trustee applicants who have a range of experiences that might bring different perspectives to our organisation. Further information can be found [here](#).

Enquiries and Expressions of interest should be mailed, with a one-page CV, and the names of two referees by 26 July 2024 to [info@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:info@aricd.ac.uk).

Thank you to all ARICD members for your continuing support.

Dr Sue Bloomfield  
President ARICD

## Committee Reports

[Training, Education, and Equipment Committee \[TEEC\]](#)

### *International Scientific Meeting (ISM)*

To mark the 70th Anniversary of the publication of the Griffiths Scales, an International Scientific Meeting will take place in-person in the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London and online on 11th October 2024. Bookings can be made online at Eventbrite [here](#).

The ISM will focus on 'Who is the Child of 2024?' Through a framework of global, community, family and child perspectives, important issues will be highlighted which impact on every child in 2024. An exciting group of international speakers have been invited to present on these four themes.

The opening address ' *Who is the Child of 2024 going to be?* '

will be made by Prof Steve Turner, RCPCH President. Prof Turner took up the role of President of the RCPCH in March 2024. He is a consultant paediatrician in general and respiratory paediatrics at Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital. He is active in developing integrated models of scheduled and unscheduled care for children and young people.

Prof. Louise Stroud: *'The child of the 1954 Griffiths Scales seventy years on.'*

Prof Stroud is a Registered and Chartered Clinical Psychologist and Full Professor employed in the Department of Psychology at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. She is also the lead Researcher for ARICD. Her specific interests include the development of children and its assessment, the psychology of people and their lives, neuropsychology and ecopsychology.

Dr Elaine Clark: *'2024 at the interface of interpreting the genetic code for a future of personalised care'*

Dr. Clark, Consultant Neurodevelopmental Paediatrician, is the Clinical Lead in the Neurodevelopmental Assessment Clinic at Great Ormond Street Hospital since 2014. The underlying causes for neurodevelopmental differences remains unclear and in her desire to learn more about possible contributing factors Dr Clark also works as a Clinical Fellow with the North Thames Genomics Laboratory Hub to help understand how genetic variation may impact on development, learning and behaviour.

Dr Nick Kowalenko: *'The Impact on Child Development of Parental Mental Illness'*.

Dr. Kowalenko, Child Psychiatrist, Sydney, Australia, is Vice President & Oceania Coordinator of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions & he leads global mental health workforce initiatives for the Royal Australia & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He provides advice to state & national governments, NGOs & other organisations about child mental health & development.

Jordan Hill: *'What does child empowerment mean today?'*

Jordan Hill, is an Analyst, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD, Paris. Jordan's work is split between two projects within the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation: The Strengthening the Impact of Education Research project, which seeks to understand the drivers and barriers of evidence-informed education policy and practice; and the 21st Century Children project, which looks at the nature of modern childhood and what it means for education.

Prof Robin Banerjee: *'Relationships, wellbeing, and mental health at school'*.

Prof Banerjee, Professor of developmental Psychology, University of Essex, is the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global and Civic Engagement at the University of Sussex. His research focuses on the social and emotional development of young people, and he works closely with practitioners and policy makers in the areas of education and mental health. He founded the Sussex Centre for Research on Kindness, an interdisciplinary research centre focused on illuminating the nature of kindness and its impacts on people and communities.

Dr Wilson Milton Were: *'Comprehensive agenda for the health and wellbeing of all children'*

Dr Were, Lead Child Health Services, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Were is the global technical lead expert for child health service, policy, strategy and clinical practice guideline in the WHO. He is a Ugandan Paediatrician with more than 25 years' experience in global public health. He has led several global child health programs and currently leads the WHO's global work on redesigning child and adolescent health programming in the context of the sustainable development goals.

During the ISM, the Dolores Luiz Prize will be awarded to the best of three shortlisted presentations on research related to 'The Child of 2024: challenges faced by the child, the family, the community and professionals'. This prize is awarded in memory of Prof Dolores Luiz, Nelson Mandela University, SA who encouraged and supported research using the Griffiths Scales.

We look forward to seeing many Griffiths III members support and celebrate this exciting anniversary event with us.

### ***Griffiths III Training Courses***

20 Griffiths III training courses have been held internationally since the beginning of 2024. Details of future courses are available on the ARICD website, so if you know anyone interested in Griffiths III training, please direct them to look on the ARICD website. It is important that Tutors continue to notify [courses@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:courses@aricd.ac.uk) about the dates of their courses as soon as these are confirmed even if these are closed course for a restricted group of attendees.

- Griffiths III Refresher Training:

Is it some years since you completed your Griffiths III training?

The Griffiths III scales were launched in May 2017, just over 7 years ago. If you feel you would benefit by updating your Griffiths III assessment skills, the Griffiths III Video Training Course is available as a refresher training course for existing registered Griffiths III users at a reduced fee of £100. The online module takes approximately 10 hours to complete and includes videos of children completing test items and 2 videos of full assessments. You will receive access to the VTC for 6 months and during this time you can access the training materials as often as you wish. Details are available on the **ARICD website** [aricd.ac.uk](http://aricd.ac.uk)

### ***Administration Manual Supplements:***

Several Administration Manual supplements are available for registered users on the ARICD website. These include:

- o Administration Manual Addendum (October 2020) – Updates to the Griffiths III Administration Manual Part II.
- o Griffiths III Manual Part II Supplement Base rates (2021) – Evidence of significance: base rates, sub-scale performance and

when use of the GDQ is inappropriate.

### ***Additional Griffiths III Resources***

Additional resources available:

- o Griffiths III Technical Report (2021)
- o Parent Questionnaire: Griffiths III and Guide for Clinicians (July 2020)
- o Griffiths III Quartile Charts (Jun 2020)
- o Subscale Red Flags
- o Background to the development of Subscales
- o Subscale D background Development (Oct 2018)

You can access all of these as a Griffiths III registered user via the [ARICD website](#). Not all registered Griffiths II users are aware of these documents including the Quartile charts and these can be very valuable for interpreting the reports of children with significant developmental delay. There are also references to a wide range of publications of research using Griffiths III- why not have a look? You may be surprised at the amount of useful information you will find.

### **Griffiths III – A Case Study Book for Practitioners**

The Case Study book is available from Hogrefe UK and comes highly recommended. See [here](#). This book helps practitioners to use the test effectively and has 15 case studies of children of different abilities from 10 different countries. The book is available both electronically and as a printed book.

Dr. Paula McAlinden

Chair of the Training, Education & Equipment Committee

### **[Research Committee](#)**

Griffiths III has recently been submitted jointly by ARICD and Hogrefe to the BPS/EFPA Test Review for accreditation. The results usually take several months.

## Griffiths Development Gauge

Work continues on the Griffiths Development Gauge, particularly in relation to a decision whether this might be standalone equipment rather than items scored from a full Griffiths kit.

## Griffiths III Translations

Work on translations for different home languages continues. The translated verbal script for Griffiths III has proved very helpful for use when the examiner can read and understand English but the young child speaks only their home language.

## Griffiths III US standardization

Discussion has started with the Hogrefe Boston office regarding the methodology for a US standardisation of Griffiths III, prior to the test's full release in the US.

## Conferences

ARICD plus Hogrefe is supporting Dr Ezhilmangai Ravichandran Poorani to attend the 2024 Annual meeting of the Society of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatricians in Washington DC where she is presenting a poster entitled "Exploring the use of Griffiths III in Autism Spectrum Disorder in India - A Snapshot". Dr Ashwin Navsaria is attending the ICP 2024 in Prague and will be presenting an oral paper entitled "Round and round, up and down.... using the Griffiths III Wheel to interpret and report test findings."

Dr Elizabeth Green  
Chair of the Research Committee

[IT-WEB and Communications Committee](#)

## Committee Membership



We are pleased to announce the addition of our new Trustees, Marta Kalas and Louis Coat to our committee! They bring fresh perspectives and insights to the committee.

We are seeking new members for this committee, so if you are interested, please contact [web@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:web@aricd.ac.uk) for further information. If you are unable to commit the time, your comments and suggestions for improvement are always welcome!

**Website** <http://aricd.ac.uk>

Annual review of the website was conducted and information have been updated. Whilst we make every attempt to make the website user-friendly and the information up-to-date, please contact [web@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:web@aricd.ac.uk) for any errors or suggestions for improvement. Your feedback is important in making the website work better for you.

### **IT issues**

We continue to support ARICD with its IT issues (e.g., IT and document management policies and procedures) supporting the use of various platforms for meetings, eLearning, and website bookings.

### **Communication**

This semi-annual Membership Newsletter aims to keep Members informed of ARICD's activities. We also send out Newsletters to Griffiths Users as new resources and other information becomes available. ARICD News posts and upcoming Griffiths courses can be found on the ARICD homepage. News specific to Members and Tutors are found under their respective Menu sections. We also have FB groups for Registered Users and Tutors. Tutors also have a Discussion Forum available on the website. If you have suggestions for other ways to improve communication, please contact [web@aricd.ac.uk](mailto:web@aricd.ac.uk).

Dr. Emi Okamoto  
Chair of the IT, Web and Communications Committee

## Upcoming Events

Virtual Tutor Meeting in 2024 TBD

Hybrid International Scientific Meeting, Friday 11 October 2024

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