

Members Newsletter

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President's Report

The 6 months since the December Newsletter have continued to be 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.

Griffiths III Development Gauge

I am very pleased to announce the start of the pilot study of the Griffiths III Development Gauge and ask those interested in taking part to write to research@aricd.ac.uk. The Gauge is a method of short assessment which will indicate whether a full Griffiths III assessment is needed. This could be particularly useful in clinics where there are many children to review but only some needing a complete assessment. The Gauge will help prioritise the high-risk children in a busy service. It will use the existing Griffiths III kit and will be able to be accessed by registered Griffiths III users only to provide a quick gauge of development.

There will be a flexible approach to testing and reporting by the Gauge testers, for example testers can choose the children they see (typically or atypically developing) and use the Gauge alone or in combination with a full assessment with Griffiths III.

If you are interested, please do get in touch as above.

European Congress of Psychology

I am also very pleased to announce that members of the ARICD Research team will be presenting at the European Congress of Psychology 2023 July 3rd – 6th in Brighton UK.

There will be two short papers presented by Professor Louise Stroud (“*A Tapestry of Change: Seeing the Pandemic Child Through a Lens of Authentic Developmental Assessment*” and “*Disaggregation of normative data offers a clinical solution to incomplete standardised testing.*”).

This will be followed by a Symposium led by Professor Stroud with other members of the Research Committee on the topic: *“More to children’s rights and development than meets the eye: the climate crisis, the Covid-19 pandemic and the Griffiths III”*

Griffiths III Training

Training for Griffiths III continues to be very active around the world and in the last 6 months practical courses have run in Australia (many venues) Portugal (Lisbon and Porto), Ireland (many venues), South Africa (Cape Town and Johannesburg), UK (Oxford, London and Edinburgh), Israel and New Zealand. We always welcome new tutors and information about how to apply is on the website. A big thank you to all current tutors for all your hard work and input.

More detail on research and training activities are in the following committee reports.

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 world-wide ARICD community, so please do consider joining. [Information and application form](#) are on the website.

There are now several membership rates from **June 1st, 2023:**

- **Annual Membership Fee** – £25
- **5 yearly Membership Fee** – £100
- **Lifetime Membership Fee** – £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 July 22nd, to info@aricd.ac.uk.

Autumn Educational Meeting

Another reminder is to look out for the programme for the virtual **Autumn Educational Meeting** which is on October 6th. More detail is in the Training section of this newsletter.

Thank you to all ARICD members for your continuing support.

Dr. Sue Bloomfield
President ARICD

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

Griffiths III Refresher Training:

Is it some years since you completed your Griffiths III training? The Griffiths III Video Training Course is now available as a refresher training course for existing registered Griffiths III users at a reduced fee of £100. The online module takes 10–12 hours to complete and includes videos of children completing test items and 2 videos of full assessments. Details are available on the [ARICD website](#) .

If your department is interested in organising a one day Griffiths III Practical refresher course at your location for experienced Griffiths III please contact tsc.chair@aricd.ac.uk and we will try to help you to organise a Griffiths III Tutor to come and run a course for your team.

Administration Manual Supplements

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

- Administration Manual Addendum (October 2020) – Updates to the Griffiths III Administration Manual Part II.
- 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 available

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

You can access all of these as a Griffiths III registered user via the ARICD website under the Registered Users tab. 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 Tutor Webinar

A very successful webinar was held for Tutors from across the world on Saturday 25 February when Tutors were updated on the recent changes in the Griffiths III Video Training course. This was the second Tutor webinar, and it is planned to continue to organise these on at least an annual basis. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or assisted with the running of the webinar.

If you are an experienced Griffiths III user and would be interested in becoming a Griffiths III Tutor, details of how to

apply are on the [ARICD website](#)

Griffiths III Case Study Book for Practitioners

This is available from Hogrefe UK and comes highly recommended. This book helps practitioners to use the test effectively and has 15 case studies of children of different abilities from 10 different countries.

Autumn Educational Meeting:

ARICD are planning an exciting virtual Autumn Educational meeting on Friday 6 October 2023, 9.15am to 12.30 BST. The theme for the meeting is:

Who is taking care of the Children? Neurodevelopmental approaches to Looked After and Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

Presentations include:

Trauma, care and development – exploring impact.

Dr Stacey John-Legere, Consultant Neurodevelopmental Paediatrician, designated doctor for looked after children at Evelina London, part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

Using the Cognitive Model to understand how traumatic events affect children, and what can be done to help.

Dr David Trickey, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Co-director UK Trauma Centre

Overview of a narrative framework and associated tools when working with unaccompanied asylum seeking and looked after children.

Dr Ana Draper, Consultant systemic psychotherapist and Elisa Marcellino, Clinical, Counselling and Health Psychologist, Improved Futures.

An integrated holistic service provision for refugee and asylum seeking children in the North-East of England

Dr Christian Harkensee, Consultant Paediatrician Queen Elizabeth Hospital part of Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Further details of how to register and the programme are available [here](#). Registration fee will be £20 for ARICD members, and £40 for non-members.

Dr. Paula McAlinden
Chair of the Training, Education & Equipment Committee

[Research Committee](#)

Griffiths III Development Gauge

In 2023 the Research Committee has been working on the Griffiths III Development Gauge preparing it for its initial pilot. As mentioned last Newsletter, we are now ready to welcome more members to the development of a research development

group, led by Hilary Lane. Please write to research@aricd.ac.uk if you would be interested in joining.

Open Access Paper

We have a further open access paper published in February. Green, E.M. and Stroud, L.A. (2023) *Reporting Children's Development below the Test Floor: Looking Back and Forth to Describe Individual Strengths and Needs*. Health, 15, 122–133. <https://doi.org/10.4236/health.2023.152010>

This paper documents the final phases of a project looking at the various possibilities of ways to report those children who have a flat profile of strengths and needs on the statistical results as their abilities fall below the floor of the test. The Journal Health enjoys publishing papers which have a provocative aspect, so we added in an additional theme of Children's rights and their right to have an assessment which shows their strengths and needs. As a result of the paper, we were asked to present the paper at an international Data Analytics Conference, but the notice was too short to attend. We have also been invited to submit the paper as a chapter in the book 'New Advances in Medicine and Medical Science'.

Translations

Translation with some validation if necessary is continuing in various stages in a number of different countries, usually translation of the verbal instructions given to the child is sufficient as many of the testers have a good command of English.

Dr. Elizabeth Green
Chair of the Research Committee

[IT-WEB and Communications Committee](#)

Website

We continue to make minor improvements to the re-designed **website**. Your feedback is important in making the website work better for you and to improve communication within the Griffiths community. Please send any feedback or suggestions to web@aricd.ac.uk.

Your emails

Please remember to update your **email address** to continue to receive ARICD communication as well as the ability to reset your passwords on the website and the eLearning sites. There were many undeliverable addresses on our recent email to Registered Users.

Committee Membership

We would love to welcome new **committee members**. Please contact web@aricd.ac.uk if you are interested in contributing to the committee in some way with the application form downloadable from the website.

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

Upcoming Events

Virtual Autumn Educational Meeting Friday 6 October 2023, 09:15-12:30 [GMT+1]

Virtual Tutor Meeting in 2024 TBC

Hybrid International Scientific Meeting, Friday 11 October 2024

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