

# READY



#YoungDeafFutures  
#AreYouREADY?

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Last year, almost 100 participants joined READY. Find out what they had to say.

PLUS – what's happening now and next.



“I want to tell  
my story –  
explain what  
it's like to be  
me.”



## THINKING OF JOINING US?

We've been working hard to spread the word and tell people about the READY study, because we think it will really make a difference and improve the future for young deaf people.

If you have thought about joining the study, but have not yet done so, there is still time.

You'll be asked to fill in some online questionnaires and, if you want to, you can meet us online and tell us more about your life.

The more young people that sign up to READY, the stronger and more powerful our results will be.

Don't miss your chance to have your say. Help us change the future: <https://is.gd/ready2020>

**“I joined  
READY  
because I  
want to  
help  
people like  
me in the  
future.”**



## ALREADY READY?

If you are one of almost 200 young people who are already part of the READY study, THANK YOU!! We hope you have enjoyed taking part in this important research. Don't forget to put it on your CV!

The information you have shared with us is already helping us to understand the lives of deaf young people in the UK better, and to recognize the challenges they face.

This year we are hoping even more young people will take part. We are accepting new people into the study **until 30th June**. So, if you have friends who are deaf or hard of hearing like you, why not tell them about READY?

Let your friends know they can join READY using this link

<http://is.gd/ready2020>

You could even send this newsletter to them!



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**“We all have  
a different  
story to tell...  
what’s  
yours?”**



## **SO, WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED, AND WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?**

Although new people are still joining our study, we have already started to look at the data we have collected so far, and we have been sharing our early results.

We are already noticing important things about the READY group, especially around mental wellbeing and health. You can learn more about that, and other things, on our website here:

[https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/thereadystudy/publications/wave1\\_2020report/](https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/thereadystudy/publications/wave1_2020report/)

We have given presentations about READY to the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the British Society for Mental Health and Deafness, and more. These groups are very interested in our work and our results and are keen to learn more.

At the moment, our young deaf researchers are busy interviewing participants. One of them, Eve, found time to talk to The Meteor about her experiences:

<https://themetor.org/2021/03/19/study-deaf-young-people/>

People that joined the study early are now coming back for a second year, to tell us how things have changed, and soon we will be sharing our second report, so watch this space!