

**Short presentation by Ken Carter at the Government/  
Business/Charitable/Philanthropic meeting at Bay House, Cattlewash,  
Barbados on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, covering his Educational  
Technology Enterprises and the proposed Audiovisability/Decibels CALYPSO  
project.**

**1. ATTENDEES**

**Chairman & Host**

1.1 Peter N. Boos FCA-Honorary President of SpecialKidz International

**Government Sector**

1.2 Eddie Hinkson-(educator and advocate for the disabled with a deaf sister)

<https://www.facebook.com/edmund.hinkson.3>

**Donors/Sponsors**

1.3 Mrs. Sarah Clarke - Project and Donations Coordinator of Barbados Community Foundation

<http://directory.businessbarbados.com/the-barbados-community-foundation/>

1.4 Jane Armstrong - Chief Project Manager, Maria Holder Memorial Trust

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jane-armstrong-56b96868/>

**Charities**

1.5 Roseanna Tudor - Operations Manager, Barbados Council For The Disabled

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/roseanna-tudor-4b050a13/>

1.6 Shamelle Rice - Founder & Director Jabez House <https://www.linkedin.com/in/shamelle-rice-a9b19a85/>

1.7 Yasmin Vlahakis – Principal - The Schoolhouse For Special Needs

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/yasmin-vlahakis-6b25049a/>

1.8 Deborah Thomson-Smith - Founder Spectrum Possibilities

<https://www.bajanreporter.com/2012/12/spectrum-possibilities-barbadian-charity-recipient-of-donation-from-digicel-barbados/>

1.9 Joy Ann & Stephen Joseph - SVP, RCC

1.10 Francine & Joseph Charles Founders My Child and I <http://mychild-andi.com>

1.11 Marietta Carrington (CEO - Substance Abuse Foundation <http://thesafinc.com>

**Volunteers/Professionals**

1.12 Jen Fannin (Accountant)

1.13 Virginia Grace(Accountant)

1.14 Bonnie Leonce (Interpreter)

1.15 Amanda Hayes (former Project Manager of ASPIRE)

1.16 Jan Boos – former Company Secretary of the Substance Abuse Foundation

**Helpers/Support for SAF**

1.17 Lara Hadley

1.18 Natalie McChlery

## 2. APOLOGIES

2.1 Liz Thompson - former Barbados Government Cabinet Minister and Assistant Secretary General at the UN <http://www.lizthompson.life/consultant>

2.2 Jania Geoghegan - Chairman ASPIRE Foundation (Barbados) Inc. <http://madrinha-trust.org/team/jania-geoghegan/>



## 3. SHARING THOUGHTS

It is a real privilege for Helen Landown (CEO of Deafax- [www.deafax.org](http://www.deafax.org) | Co-Founder of Signly – [www.signly.co](http://www.signly.co)) and I to be sharing our thoughts in this wonderful setting at Bay House with such a very committed group of talented people. I was most impressed with your respective short speeches as they were delivered with such conviction on behalf of the organisations which you represent.

## 4. BETTER WORKING WORLD

We want to follow in Peter's footsteps (not St. Peter's footsteps yet but he will be bumping into Pope Francis when he goes to Dublin in September 2018) in helping **"TO CREATE A BETTER WORKING & INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR EVERYONE"** including people with a variety of disabilities such as -Deafness/Blindness/Autism/Aspergers/Dyslexia/Speech/Language/communication difficulties)

## 5. CONNECTIONS WITH PETER

My connection with Peter goes back to 1961 when I was one of his teachers at the Oratory School(UK). He was an outstanding pupil academically and one of my star rugby and cricket players. I was so delighted that he became Managing Director of Ernst & Young for the West Indies and that since his retirement he has devoted his time to helping others in a very philanthropic way. He is a great role model.

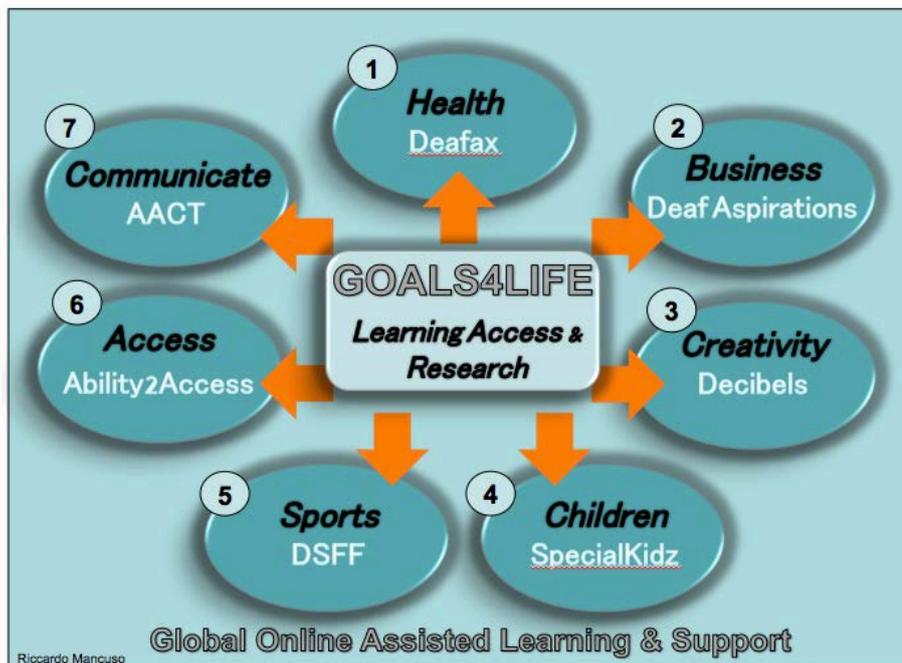
## 6. MOTIVATION & DRIVE

My motivation & drive has come from having a daughter who is profoundly deaf as it changed my life from being an English/History and Sports Teacher to becoming a Teacher of the Deaf, Lecturer in SEN (Special Educational Needs), a Senior Research Fellow and later an Educational Technology Entrepreneur.

## 7. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISES

I have helped to set up 9 Educational Technology Enterprises some of which are registered charities and others companies limited by guarantee/non-profit making. They are not all centred on deafness - see brief information & diagram below.

- **GOALS4LIFE** (Global Online Assisted Learning & Support) plans to provide immediate online presence containing the following resources:
- The existing educational health resources for deaf and hard of hearing in the UK (**DEAFAX**)
- Business support and entrepreneurial skills for deaf and hard of hearing in the UK (**DEAF ASPIRATIONS**)
- Enabling opportunities for people with disabilities in the creative arts and technology areas (**DECIBELS**)
- Autism support for children, parents, teachers and carers (**SPECIALKIDZ**)
- Physical access for people with a variety of disabilities (**ABILITY2ACCESS**)
- Share ways ICT overcomes communications disabilities (**AACT**)
- Helping young people with disabilities, focused on deafness, to participate in sporting activities (**DSFF**)
- Help people with disabilities to understand what technology is available to support them (**EASiTEC**)



## 8. ONGOING INVESTMENT

These Enterprises have been immensely inspiring but have lacked ongoing financial investment. It has been really hard work to write and submit funding applications which are successful in the UK as competition is very fierce indeed. Also, it is very hard work for deaf and disabled people to write such applications and appeals as their comprehension and writing skills are still not up to the required standard. My daughter left school in 1971 at 16yrs with a reading and writing age of 8 yrs. which is a linguistic gap of 8 yrs. Recent research from the Ministry of Education (England & Wales) has shown that 65% of all deaf children still do not reach the GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) levels - 35% do but only a relatively small percentage go onto Higher Education.

## 9. BUSINESS INITIATIVES

It is quite evident that my/our Educational Technology Enterprises need to set up a BUSINESS focused company (or companies) which will enable a percentage of the profits to be allocated to the respective enterprises so that they grow and prosper.

We are being supported at the moment by:



Peter Boos - <https://businessbarbados.com/author/peter-boos/>

William Oswald - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/williamoswald/>

Riccardo Mancuso - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/riccardo-mancuso-mba-3b50242/>

As Riccardo is a former MBA graduate and now an Ambassador to the Henley Business School we have plans to work with them as well.

One very important friend is Vinton Cerf who is the Architect/Inventor of the Internet, Google's Vice President and Deafax's Honorary President. I shall be contacting him about his "Business Connections" so that we get the best possible support going forward in this highly competitive market.

## 10. DECIBELS & AUDIOVISIBILITY

One of the reasons for coming to Barbados is that I want to share with you some very exciting developments between Decibels and Audiovisability which will involve Barbados and the Bajan Community in the UK and especially Reading where there are 6K Bajans living. We are linking up with the Friends of Barbados - <https://www.bafa-reading.org.uk/>

Decibels has been helping to support financially & in other ways Audiovisability which is run by RUTH MONTGOMERY who is profoundly deaf, a highly accomplished musician having attended the Royal Academy for Music Wales & highly successful Event's Promoter. Her last highly successful project was "The Unheard World" which was about Arabic culture, music, arts & Deafness/Disability. See the following links: [http://audiovisability.com/?page\\_id=1119](http://audiovisability.com/?page_id=1119)  
<http://www.decibels.org.uk/news/the-unheard-world/>

## 11. CALYPSO

Ruth Montgomery and I plus other deaf & hearing colleagues are now planning a project which will be near your heart called "Calypso". It will involve an array of Deaf, Autistic & Hearing performers from our respective counties including the USA which will hopefully reach children, young people and adults through live performances, films, Youtube, social media etc. Visits will be made to schools and other venues. Ruth is seeking some funding from the Arts Council

England but we will need other sources of funding from the UK/Barbados & USA. A list of potential funders is being drawn up by the organisers.

Ruth Montgomery, Eloise Garland (first deaf student to attend City University, London to read Music) & others are **“GREAT ROLE MODELS”** and need our **“SUPPORT”** in any way in which you can help to make this initiative **SUCCESSFUL**.

## 12. HONORARY PRESIDENT OF DECIBELS

Decibels does have a very eminent Honorary President named Lord Michael Berkeley of Knighton, CBE who is an outstanding music composer, a broadcaster and attended the Oratory School at the same time as Peter Boos. He will be supporting and promoting the “Calypso” initiative and hopefully giving it some publicity on his weekly “Private Passions” BBC 3 Sunday programme. Ruth wants him to come to Barbados and be an invaluable ambassador for the Calypso project.

## 13. COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY & SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

I want to support Peter and yourselves to see Barbados setting its sights on becoming the leading “Centre of Excellence for Community Philanthropy & Social Entrepreneurship” in the Caribbean. I shall ensure that my many Trustee/Directors, Advisers, Consultants, Parents, Teachers & People with Disabilities are aware of the “Action” you are taking here in Barbados in regards to **“CREATING A BETTER WORKING AND INCLUSIVE WORLD FOR ALL”** and not just for the few. It means that Government, Business & Charities need to work together in a positive, constructive and productive way. Gift Aid is extremely popular in the UK as any donation from an individual to a charity can result in 25% being added by the Government (HMRC-Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs). I would like to finish on two important words which Peter uses very often which sums up what we have been talking about today in this magnificent setting:

### BARBADOS CARES

**“Community Aid through responsible Enterprise Services”**

