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COMMUNICATION COALITION WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Communication Trust, a coalition of nearly 50 voluntary organisations with expertise in speech, language and communication, has today (2nd August 2012) welcomed its new Director, Anne Fox. Fox, who previously worked at NCT as Head of Corporate Communications, will lead the organisation through its next strategic period.

Anne Fox, Director of The Communication Trust, says: "I am delighted to join The Communication Trust at this exciting and challenging time. Moving forwards, the Trust will work to ensure children's communication is a burning issue. We will do this by sharing what works for all children and those with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) to the widest possible audience.

"Good communication skills are key in the 21st century and every child should have the opportunity to be understood. In five years, the Trust has achieved so much and we have trail blazed the way for collaborative working with our consortium members. Our challenge now is to build on the success of the *Hello* campaign and to leave no stone unturned as we make the clear link between communication skills and life chances."

Adrian Hosford, Chair of The Communication Trust, said: "We are delighted to welcome Anne to The Communication Trust. Anne brings with her a wealth of experience around collaborative working and uniting different groups under a common cause. Her valuable expertise and leadership will drive the Trust forwards and help us achieve the best outcomes for children, young people and their families."

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For more information or to arrange an interview with Anne Fox, please contact Lynne Milford, Press & PR Officer, on 0207 843 2564 or lmilford@thecommunicationtrust.org.uk

Notes to editors

Anne Fox short biography

- Educated at University College Dublin. Attained BSocSc and MSocSc (Social Policy)
- Worked primarily in voluntary sector in Republic of Ireland on issues including local development, long term unemployment, one parent families and poverty
- Fox has a Diploma in Public Relations and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations

- Moved to UK in 2005. Has worked in policy campaigns and communications roles at Royal Society of Health, Mencap and most recently at NCT, the UK's largest charity for parents

About The Communication Trust

- The Communication Trust is a coalition of nearly 50 leading voluntary sector and community based organisations with expertise in speech, language and communication
- The Trust raises awareness, influences policy, promotes best practice among the children's workforce and commissions work from its members
- It has an extensive advisory and partner network that includes the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT), Achievement for All, Council for Disabled Children, Early Support Programme and specialists across early years, schools and youth justice
- Recently, the Trust ran the Hello campaign (national year of communication) in partnership with Jean Gross in her role as the Government's Communication Champion for children
- For more information, visit www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk