

The University of Sydney Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH
MARCH 2021



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We are pleased to share with you our first newsletter. We are a team of researchers from a number of institutions, who are linked with the Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab at the University of Sydney. Our team is lead by **Professor Leanne Togher**, and includes experienced researchers, post-doctoral researchers, PhD and honours students, and project staff. You can find out more about us and our work by visiting:

abi-communication-lab.sydney.edu.au



Research studies: Using social media after a brain injury

We are interested in helping people to use social media safely and successful after a brain injury. We are running:

- an **interview study** to ask people about how they use social media
- a study about a **short social media training course**.

For details, contact Dr Melissa Brunner at melissa.brunner@sydney.edu.au.

Focus group: Online brain injury rehabilitation

We are creating an online treatment to improve communication skills between a person with a brain injury and the people around them. Our PhD student at UTS, Melissa Miao, is running **an online focus group to discuss the most important issues** when using or providing this treatment online. For more information, please contact Melissa Miao at melissa.miao@uts.edu.au.



Tell your story: Brain injury video advocacy project

We are looking to partner with people with brain injury and their family members and friends in the Sydney area to create some **educational videos about brain injury**. This would involve planning videos together with you, and filming with a video crew.

For details, contact Dr Rachael Rietdijk at rachael.rietdijk@sydney.edu.au or 0402 159 516.



UPDATES ON OUR PAST PROJECTS

Thank you for your contribution to our research in the past. This research is continuing to make an impact on brain injury rehabilitation internationally.

Some highlights from 2020 include:

- The [TBlconneCT](#) and [TBI Express](#) communication partner training programs are being accessed by speech pathologists worldwide. The TBlconneCT program was a helpful resources for speech pathologists working via telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Our research findings were published in peer-reviewed journals, including the [American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology](#), [Aphasiology](#), [Brain Impairment](#), [Brain Injury](#), [International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders](#), [Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation](#), [Journal of Speech Language and Hearing Research](#), [Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare](#), and [Topics in Language Disorders](#).
- We launched a [YouTube channel](#) for sharing video resources.

Please let us know if you have any questions about our research projects

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