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Can you help?

We are currently conducting a study that aims to advance our understanding of the difficulties experienced by children with autism spectrum conditions when trying to read information from faces and bodies. Such impairments are believed to contribute to the social challenges faced by these children.

We are looking for high functioning children with a diagnosed autism spectrum condition, aged 6-16 to take part in the project. Participation consists of 2 activity sessions, each lasting approx. 90 minutes, which are designed to be engaging and fun.

For more information please call the Person Perception Program on ph: 6488 3573 or email: ainsley.read@uwa.edu.au

With Christmas fast approaching it’s amazing to look back and think about all the happenings of 2012!

It’s been a huge year for the Person Perception Program. Among the many highlights - here at UWA we’ve had Dr Romina Palermo arrive from the Australian National University in Canberra to establish the new ‘Person and Emotion Perception Lab’ alongside the FaceLab. We’ve also designed countless cutting edge experiments, tested children and adults, written up papers and applied for different research grants. The many successes we’ve had in these endeavors are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our terrific and diverse team of students, research assistants, post-doctoral fellows and Professors working here at UWA and all around the world.

We’ve been lucky to have had a series of visits from our great collaborators like Andy Calder, Mike Webster, Dorothy Bishop, Liz Pellicano and many others. Members of our own team have also travelled far and wide to attend national and international conferences and present our research. We’ve welcomed two new post-docs to the program Dr. Kate Crookes and Dr. Markus Neumann.

Here’s hoping for even bigger and better things for the Program in 2013!!
Spotlight on Prosopagnosia

This year Romina Palermo has been out and about spreading the word about her exciting research into the fascinating condition of Prosopagnosia (aka ‘face blindness’). She has given several talks on the subject, spoken on the ABC Radio, appeared on Channel 10’s “The Project” and wrote a piece for the online popular science journal “The Conversation”.

So what is Prosopagnosia?

Prosopagnosia (or face blindness) refers to a selective difficulty in recognizing familiar people by their faces. It can be a very debilitating condition, and severely affected individuals fail to recognize faces of family members or even themselves. Prosopagnic individuals are typically able to acknowledge that a face is present, but are unable to identify it. In everyday life, they are therefore forced to rely on cues such as voice or clothing to identify familiar people.

Interested in participating in research?

Our current understanding of prosopagnosia is only limited, and further research is needed to clarify the nature of this condition. If you or any of your family members are experiencing face recognition difficulties, and if you’re interested in participating in research, please visit our website.

https://sites.google.com/site/drrominapalermo/prosopagnosia-research

Vising talks by Dorothy Bishop and Liz Pellicano

This year we have been lucky enough to have presentations by two of our favourite speakers; Prof. Dorothy Bishop and Dr. Liz Pellicano.

On the 2nd of October Dorothy presented an engaging talk, which considered whether current diagnostic labels for neurodevelopmental disorders are best fit for their purpose.

On the 27th of November, Liz presented a provocative and thought-provoking talk entitled ‘Defining good outcomes for autistic people: What are “we” striving for’?

Out of the lab and into the community...

This year our program head Prof. Gill Rhodes helped bring lovers of art and science together by participating in 2 collaborative art/science symposia discussing facial portraiture: one at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and one at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery at UWA. These events were great fun, with lots of lively discussion!

Quiz: Who’s that face?!?

In the image on the right we have morphed two famous faces together. Can you figure out who?... answers below.

Quiz answer: Will and Kate