

“There have been a few times where we mention that Skye is deaf, and the response is, ‘but she talks?’ It’s crazy that it’s still so misunderstood.

People think that deaf people can’t hear a thing, that what they’re hearing is completely silent. They think that they can’t talk to you if you use sign language. That’s just not the case.”

- Skye and her dad, Mike



“I used to have so many limiting beliefs, and this negativity was imparted on me growing up: ‘you’re deaf, you can’t do this, you can’t do that’. That created anxiety and limited my belief in myself.

I just needed to be in a community where I was empowered or encouraged. Now, I can empower and encourage others. ”

- Kori



“What I’d like to say to people is: if somebody tells you that you might have hearing loss, don’t ignore it.

You mustn’t be defined by your hearing loss, doing so will stop you doing things. Just bite the bullet and get your ears checked.”

- **Sheila**



“The day I went to have my hearing aid fitted I felt okay and to be honest was not expecting much in terms of what I’d be able to hear in my left ear.

But my hearing went from 20/30% to 60/70% which is a huge difference. I walked outside and could hear things that I hadn’t really heard in my bad ear like birds and planes in the sky. ”

- Shakib



“ By pursuing a career in audiology, I have shown that being deaf does not stop you from working in a medical field or achieving your dreams. ”

- Sarah



“I ordered some hearing aids on the spot and the difference has been extraordinary.

Straight away I could hear everything my wife and my children said. ”

- David



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DEAFNESS



01. GET MY ATTENTION

Use simple gestures like waving to get my attention.





02. FACE ME

Please face me when you talk to me. Lots of people rely on lipreading to some degree to understand.

03. BE PATIENT

Don't be afraid to **repeat** or **rephrase** and try something different.



04. AND
NEVER SAY
*'IT DOESN'T
MATTER'...*



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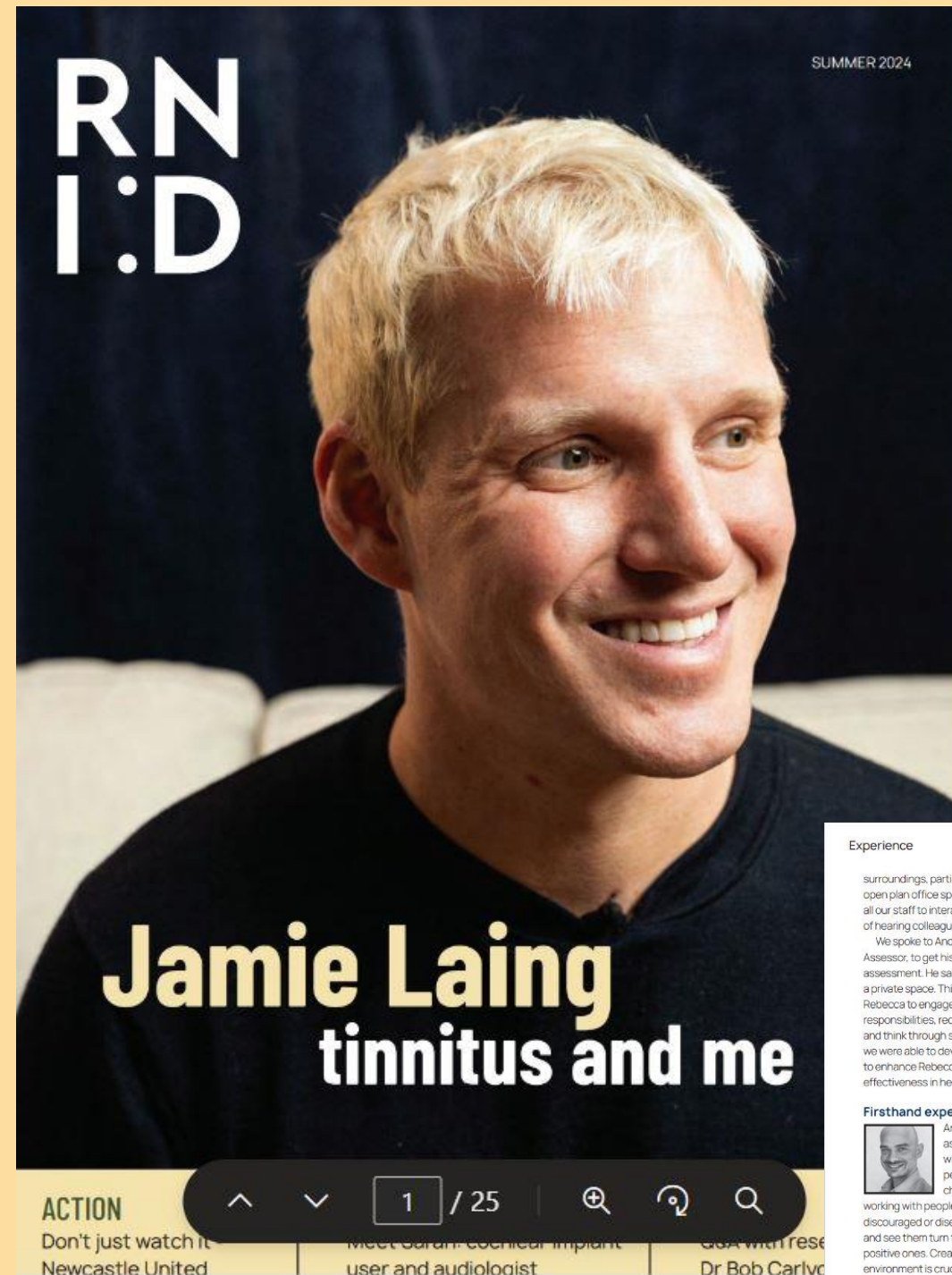
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