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OT Frontiers Mission Statement

As a global-reaching organisation, OT Frontiers is committed to the principles of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion at our meetings, in our project activities, and within the communities where our members work and live.

We aim to safely and positively engage with a diverse membership of OTs to learn from and enable all positions to receive equal influence within the organisation, and to act on the understanding gained from engagement with members to ensure these qualities are explicit in the work of OT Frontiers to promote positive change with disabled people, globally.

General Meeting: 18 April 2026

Our quarterly virtual all-members meeting included a welcome and introduction by our Chair Erica Jacoby, informal break out rooms in small groups to network and share experiences, and two presentations.

Presentation and Q&A by Helen Cooper: 'A Retired Paediatric OT's Journey at Kyaninga child development centre in West Uganda'.

Helen fed back on her experience of working at this centre over several months earlier this year, and the day to day work allied health staff are doing to improve the lives of children with disabilities and their families in low resource settings. The presentation also included the recordings of the perspectives of staff across a range of disciplines working at the centre and an introduction to the bamboo wheelchair initiative in the area.

Presentation and Q&A by Catherine Fish: 'Occupational Therapy in Moldova: A Brief Introduction'.

Catherine fed back about her experience working in Moldova at a summer camp for people with disabilities, and her work with Tony Hawks Centre, as well as the background to occupational therapy in the country.

WFOT Free Training in Disaster Management:

<https://wfot.org/resources/disaster-management-for-occupational-therapists>

The RehApp



Free app for CBR workers in LMIC

We are now on LinkedIn!



Connect with us here:
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ot-frontiers>

OTs in Solidarity:

A Webinar Series for Displaced Lebanese OTs

Currently running until 04/07/2026

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/ADPdTRCefdShNAah7>

Call for abstracts for the conference **Encephalitis 2026** is closing on 10th June:

www.encephalitis.info/call-for-abstracts



Our most recent successful grant applicants have included an OT who has designed workshops to support women experiencing menopause in Tanzania, and an OT from Kenya presenting their work at the Metropolis International Migration Conference 2026 in Accra, Ghana.

Contact Info and Upcoming Events

Email: enquiries@otfrontiers.com

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Grants

OT Frontiers welcomes grant applications.

Small Project Grants support small-scale projects and CPD, promoting participation in local and national OT service development. The Fliss Akehurst Grant supports practice initiatives, individual CPD, and national education program development and research. Applications for grants are reviewed quarterly. The application forms, as well as more details about both grant types, can be found on our website under Resources > Grants.

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Your grant sparked joy and hope.
- Small Grant recipient

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Our next General Meeting will be held on 18 July 2026. The agenda is circulated to our email distribution list prior to this. The meetings include networking opportunities, information sharing, and a presentation. **All are welcome.** Contact us if you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive the meeting link.

Habibur Rahman, occupational therapist from Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI) and Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) will be presenting on the OT landscape in Bangladesh and on his recent work which he presented at the recent World Congress.

Our **working/special interest groups** include paediatrics, resources, research and education, and justice, equity, diversity, inclusion (JEDI). Read more about these on our website, and feel free to contact us if you would like to join a group, all contributions welcome.

A short video presentation marking 20 years of OT Frontiers – a network of occupational therapists dedicated to supporting practice and collaboration in low-and-middle-income countries (LMICs).

This visual timeline celebrates key milestones, partnerships, workshops, and events from 2005–2025, including projects with colleagues across Uganda, Malawi, Eswatini, Zambia, Tanzania, and beyond.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UOAWQDwV4Q>

