



**Supporting Occupational Therapy
in low & middle income countries**

E-NEWSLETTER

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.

Upcoming Events

Our next General Meeting is our AGM on **17 October 2026**. The agenda is circulated to our email distribution list prior to this with a link to join on Zoom. 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.

If members have news they would like shared at the AGM please contact us to let us know.

We are also very much looking forward to hearing from **Arron Ndyowaawe**, occupational therapist and public health specialist from Uganda, and **Kenneth Nangai**, occupational therapist and social scientist also from Uganda. They will be joining us to speak about their contributions to the book chapter **Connector: The role of occupational therapists in early childhood development for children with disabilities** from the book **Occupational Therapy: African Perspectives** (see middle box below).

We are also looking for volunteers to help increase our presence on social media - please get in touch with us if this opportunity would be something you are interested in.

Early Support Initiative
link shared by OT
Frontiers member
Angelique Kester:

<https://www.lilianefond.org/project/earlyidentification-andintervention>



**We are now on
Linkedin!**



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

Save the date for
**WORLD BURNS
WEEK**
2-8 NOV 2026
kindly shared by
member Renat



An international
campaign to
reduce global
inequalities in
burns.

The theme will be
**'Burns: Thriving
through a
community of
Care'**

Webinars will be
held over the over
5 days

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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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A recent recipient of a small grant is Helen Cooper, retired occupational therapist, who purchased “therapy dolls” to support the work of her colleagues at [Kanyinga Child Development Centre in Western Uganda](#).

You can read more about the centre at www.kyaningacdc.org and watch a presentation they gave at one of our meetings about the brilliant work they do on our webpage.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

This edition sends out a special call to all members who have specific interest and/or skills in the following areas and welcome all contributions to support the reach of OT Frontiers in supporting

- **Social Media** – creating content with Ben, our social media secretary to share our work online
- **Research and Education** – join enthusiastic academics supporting colleagues in the majority world to pursue research and higher education
- **Justice, equity, diversity, inclusion (JEDI)** – participate with other global health focused AHP organisations to develop the work we do

Read more about these on our website

General Meeting Summary

Md. Habibur Rahman, an Occupational Therapist from Bangladesh, kindly presented at our last general meeting on **18 July 2026**. He described the outcome of his attendance at the WFOT Conference in Thailand 2026. The link to the recording and slides for this presentation and others are available on our website under [Resources > Presentations](#). OT Frontiers were delighted to be able to support his attendance through the receipt of a Small Grant.

We had also called an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss changes to our constitution. A welcome and introduction by our Chair, Erica Jacoby outlined the need for members to vote on the changes. A quorum of 12 members was required to pass the changes. Three “postal” votes were received from committee members unable to attend and seven members attending online gave their sanction to the proposed changes. However, this number does not meet the required quorum and therefore, the proposed constitution will be further discussed at the AGM in October 2026. To review a copy of the proposed constitution please go to our website.

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