



Spotlight on Caspian Jamie

Caspian Jamie from Manchester was the winner of the Pearson Outstanding Achievement Award at the Shine a Light Awards. He was also a highly commended finalist for the Communication Champion Award.

Caspian is a Speech and Language Therapist who has co-founded the multi-award-winning Social Enterprise, Twinkleboost CIC.

Twinkleboost equips all new parents with strategies to support their child's communication development through fun, multisensory parent and child classes led by a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.

In its first 18 months, the organisation provided speech and language support to more than 1,300 individuals, picked up six awards and has recently partnered with Barnados and The Big Life Group to deliver Children in Need-funded speech and language support to disadvantaged families across Greater Manchester.

Caspian is now Twinkleboost's Lead Speech and Language Therapist for an average of around 10-15 hours per week, often working on the project full time in school holidays. He contributes to the creation of programmes, delivers classes to families and schools and builds links with Children's Centres and other community venues.

Caspian carries out all of this activity on an entirely voluntary basis, balancing his work at Twinkleboost around working full time as a Speech and Language Therapist, volunteering as a Trustee for a local Autism Society and family life, with a young child and another on the way!

Outside of all of his voluntary work, Caspian has co-authored a literature review and strategy leaflets, formed a Youtube channel to encourage parents to learn more about strategies to support speech and language development in the early years, and provides regular training to five speech and language therapy assistants and 10 voluntary communication assistants. He is also an Early Intervention Champion for the Early Intervention Foundation and speaks passionately about the importance of early support for all.

Caspian Jamie has been awarded the *Pearson Outstanding Achievement Award* for co-founding Twinkleboost, his dedication and commitment to long-term volunteering across a variety of organisations, and for his passion and overall success in improving the outcomes for those in and around Manchester who require speech, language and communication support.