

My name's Karen, and as a former Speech and Language Therapist, I was familiar with Communication Matters as a charity and with all the amazing work it does to raise the profile of and support AAC development and AAC users.

As part of a career change into editing, I wanted to gain experience and knowledge of proofreading and copyediting. Emily, the Charity's manager, was incredibly helpful and supportive as I took on the role of copyediting the CM Journal for its three editions each year, in March 2019. I have gained so much on-hand experience, in a volunteer capacity, and picked up lots of tips and techniques along the way. I know I wouldn't have the job I now have, editing for film and TV, if I hadn't learned the ropes with CM!

I have absolutely loved the feeling of involvement with such a worthwhile organisation and looked forward to reading the articles for publication. There are so many people out there doing fantastic work to raise the profile of AAC users and improve/invent the technology to drive AAC development forward. Hats off to all of you. CM as a charity will always be close to my heart.

Thank you, Emily, and I'm wishing CM and its Journal all the best for the future.