

I teach children music. I play the French horn, violin, piano and trumpet and passed exams and diplomas so that I can teach too. I'd spend hours practising to get the tunes right and when I was 11, I won a scholarship to music school. It makes it all worthwhile when I see these children light up. It reminds me how far I've come from that little deaf girl who used to bang the piano so tunelessly. But I learnt never to use my deafness as an excuse.<sup>3</sup> Since then, I've never looked back