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Winner: Nicole Campbell with Sabina Iqbal, Chair/ Founder of DPUK

Deaf Parenting UK celebrated their 10years anniversary by hosting a first Deaf Parenting UK Awards on Friday 7th October 2011. The awards ceremony was a huge success, with people from across the UK who gathered together to honour the positive contributions at the awards ceremony.

I am honoured to be given an award as Winner of DPUK Dedicated Staff and I feel very proud of this achievement.

A big thank you to everyone who voted, nominated, contributed in any way to make this event one to remember!

Nicole Campbell DPUK Coordinator



A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave good bye.

On another note, it's amazing that we are already approaching towards autumn and it is hard to believe that winter is just around the corner...How time flies!

Autumn is truly the bountiful season - all those colours, fruits and harvest festivals just make us realise what variety and resources we have available. Outdoor play kicking up all those rusty dry leaves and making our pumpkins for Halloween are simple fun activities and bring us closer to nature - the supreme source of inspiration and comfort throughout the ages.

So enjoy nature at its best - enjoy the sights and senses of autumn. In other parts of the world we would be wishing each other Happy Thanksgiving - being thankful and grateful for what we have - maybe we should start to do so in this country!

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Asif Iqbal MBE, DPUK Project Manager's Update:



Wow! What a busy time in the last 6months of organising Deaf Parenting UK Award event which took place in Central London.

DPUK Awards 2011

Deaf Parenting UK Awards Event is seen as

a first ever Awards for Deaf parents and professionals working with Deaf parents, in history and it was a great success with 150 attendees. Many congratulations to all finalists who were invited to the Ceremony. Their achievements and stories were amazing and inspiring, which is fantastic that they have came so far in making the final! More information about all finalists and programme of the day is available on our website: www.deafparent.org.uk/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2011/10/DPUK-Booklet-_A5size-two-pages-per-sheet-Word_-24th-Sept-2011a.pdf

BBC See Hear and our partner Remark! filmed the whole event, which was aired on BBC See Hear! on 2nd Nov (now available on iPlayer) and Remark have also produced a mini video

of the Awards event, now available on our DPUK Website. This is your opportunity to view the Awards event on our website (more information about it on page 5) and let us know what you think of it.

Many people came over to me, saying that this was fantastic atmosphere, excellent buffet food with great opportunity for networking with others. Most found the winners/ finalists inspiring and I'm sure you will agree when you read more about the success of our Awards event on page 5.

Finally, our special thanks to our Sponsors, our Partners organisations and our excellent staff/ volunteers who have positively contributed to our project, making it a great success and without their support, we wouldn't have achieved this far!

I am also proud our staff Nicole Campbell who won our **Dedicated Staff Award** in recognition of her hard work with Deaf Parenting UK above and beyond the call of duty, since she first worked with us in 2004!

RADAR Reception at No.10 Downing St.

Recently I was invited to the RADAR Reception held at 10 Downing Street hosted by Samantha Cameron, wife of Prime Minister. I was mingling with Samantha Cameron, celebrating the role of disabled leaders.



The event organised by RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rights) and was attended by a mixture of community leaders, celebrities, MPs and Sponsors includes Maria Miller MP, Minister for Disabled People, Jeremy Hunt MP, Baroness Tanni Grey Thompson and David Blunkett MP.

Asif added that their conversation with Samantha moved onto the topic of parenting where Samantha's daughter Florence is 3 weeks older than Asif's daughter Rubi.

Samantha mentioned that Florence is still crawling and didn't realise that Rubi, who just started walking, had in fact made her first appearance at No.10 at the tender age of 5 weeks old with her Deaf parents to celebrate Eid Reception that No.10 organised by Prime Minister David Cameron last November 2010.

Secured funding from BBC Children in Needs

Deaf Parenting UK are delighted to secure funding from BBC Children in Needs for 12months toward our Deaf Families Project, organising monthly Family Fun events/ activities for Deaf parents and their children and Nicole already have exciting events in pipeline for the next 6months – see page 13 for more info.

LOCDCOT Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012.



Asif have been recently appointed as Member of the London Organising Community Dutreach Team (LOCDCOT) of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games 2012.

Asif said "I feel honoured and look forward to working with London Organising Committee Deaf Community Outreach Team, which I am excited about, bringing the benefits of my wealth of ideas to prepare for London Olympic 2012 aswell as encouraging deaf people to attend to the London Olympic 2012."



The Baby Show, Earl Court 28-30th October 2011

Deaf Parenting UK is going strong by working in partnership with the well known and largest event – The Baby Show to promote an equal access for deaf parents and families who attends the Baby Shows events across the UK.

Deaf Parenting UK had their own stand, providing BSL interpreters for Deaf parents and exhibitors throughout the three days aswell as on the main stage (Sat only). The partnerships continued 4 years on since we first started and look forward to working with them on future Baby Shows 2012.

Also because of our partnership, we gave away **16 FREE complimentary tickets** (only for Deaf parents) which went out so quickly!! So if you are interested and would like to book free ticket for the next Baby Show at **Excel, London on 24th - 26th February 2012,** it will be on first come first serve basis. To get your complimentary tickets – please email your request ASAP to info@deafparent.org.uk (Only two tickets per family).

Also, as a member of Deaf Parenting UK, you can buy tickets for a discounted price,

quoting a special code (found on our website under Baby Show).



With over 300 must have brands, The Baby Show has the widest range of baby and maternity products including food & feeding, accessories, pushchairs, nappies & wipes, toys, clothing, furniture, car seats and carriers. With <u>exclusive show offers to save</u> <u>you money</u> and the opportunity to test, compare and try before you buy, The Baby Show makes shopping for your baby really easy and hassle free.

- Baby Free Shopping! Leave your little ones with the trained supervisors in the free Fisher Price Crèche
- Take advantage of exclusive show offers and competitions including offers from Fisher-Price, Prima Baby, Mothercare, Marks & Spencer and Superdrug
- Buy everything you need without having to worry about carrying your shopping around the show with Emma's Diary Shopping Drop-off, Collect by Car & Home Delivery services
- Keep your little one happy and comfortable with the <u>Tommee Tippee</u> <u>Feeding Area</u>. Providing a private breastfeeding area, bibs, spoons and warming facilities to help make your day at The Show as easy as possible

You will find expert advice all around The Baby Show, whether it's information on breastfeeding or tips on the best pushchair, not forgetting The Mothercare Maternity Fashion Show, keeping Mums-to-be on trend throughout their pregnancy!



Above: Deaf Parents expecting their first twin!



Above: Deaf Parents with child.



Above: The Baby Show, Earls Court

Its certainly very busy year and look forward to more projects in next few months. Asif

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DEAF SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2012



Coventry to host the 2012 Deaf Sports Personality of the Year awards

Deaf Sports Personality of the Year (DSPY) organisers have announced that the Ricoh Arena in Coventry will host their 2nd awards night on Saturday 17 November 2012.

Organisers favoured the Ricoh Theatre over other venues because of its theatre-style auditorium. In addition to which, as home to Coventry Football Club and a venue for next year's Olympics football fixtures, it has excellent transport access and hospitality options.

Next year's event promises to be even more interactive, allowing the audience to vote for their favourite sports stars using interactive key pads.

Richard Weinbaum, one of the organisers, came up with the idea of the DSPY awards to raise funds for the Great Britain Deaflympics team, and to promote Deaf sports to the wider community.

Tickets for the award ceremony will be on sale from February 2012. For more information about the event, visit DSPY's website: http://www.dspy.co.uk/

Deaf Parenting UK Awards 2011 – Huge Success

Deaf Parenting UK celebrated their 10years anniversary by hosting a fantastic first ever Deaf Parenting UK Awards 2011 at Royal Over-Sea League, Central London on Friday 7th October.



The Awards event was located at a grand and stunning venue, which saw 150 people joining the celebration which started with delicious refreshment of tea/ coffee with royal and sky blue cupcakes decorated with stars, rounded off with a luxury buffet together with a 'DPUK Awards 2011's Celebrating 10 years anniversary' celebration cake. It was very much like an Oscar style, very glamorous and luxury feel, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Awards event was hosted by **Sabina Iqbal, Chair/ Founder of Deaf Parenting UK**: *"For many, who have known of Deaf Parenting UK and those who are new to our work, Deaf Parenting UK started as a small project in April 2001 and now grown to a pioneering organisation and well-known charity across UK and worldwide, providing support to Deaf parents, parent to be and professionals working with Deaf parents.*

At the Awards, we gathered together to honour the positive contributions of Deaf Parents, parents to be and professionals who works with Deaf parents to our community.



All winners, and finalist who are highly commended with their awards and certificates together with our Judges and our Sponsors and Ambassadors who presented the awards.

This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate with a difference, where the Awards are to celebrate and applaud the commitment, dedication and determination of Deaf parents and professionals (who work with Deaf parents) from all over the country and from all walks of life, for their contribution to improve the quality of life for Deaf parents ranging from front-line service, community based and strategy levels."

All of our finalists were treated with special day and were nervous when the Awards ceremony announced the winners and highly commended of which many were shocked and delighted by the outcome. The Winners were awarded with a large glass trophy and gold-framed certificate and those who were highly commended were also awarded with silver-framed certificate of highly commended by the sponsor and DPUK Ambassador of each category.

Sabina added "Those finalists, who have made an amazing positive difference to all of our lives, are here today and we applaud them for coming this far. It is their passion, energy, courage and determination that inspired all of us. It's an exciting time to witness such momentum in history of recognising Deaf parents and professionals in field of supporting

Deaf parents as well as encourage a growth of people keen to make the difference in our lives too."

Everyone were also treated with a fantastic and powerful performance from Caroline Parker, a Deaf performer who signed the

songs into British Sign Language (BSL) including: *Bette Midler's Beneath My Wings'; *Nina Simone's 'Feelina so Good' and *Labi Siffre's <u>'So Strong'</u> which proved be SO to empowering and inspiring,



Caroline Parker - Deaf Performer

summing up the feeling of the overall Awards Event.



"So Strong" - Audience joined in the chorus...

Sue Saxey, President of NCT who presented the Community of Deaf Parents Awards: "NCT, the UK's largest charity for parents, is delighted to sponsor the Community of Deaf Parents Award. This award is particularly special to the work we do at NCT as we have been creating communities of support for those in the transition to parenthood for 55 years. Having a supportive community of others who have had similar experiences to you can often be a real lifeline when you are adjusting to life as a parent. We would like to congratulate Deaf Parenting UK for their work and those who won awards for their amazing efforts to support parents".

Mike Penning MP, DPUK Ambassador: "I congratulate all the winners and nominees at the Deaf Parenting UK awards. Since its foundation 10 years ago, DPUK has been an incredible success story. It is truly an inspirational charity that plugs a gap giving assistance, support and advice in an area that only those who have been there can really appreciate the issues. I am delighted to have been invited to attend and play a small part in giving recognition to those who have made life easier for deaf parents – whether that be a single deaf parent or deaf parents as a whole."

Dr Joanna Downes, a Double Winner: "I was honoured to be a part of it and to be given two awards made me feel very proud of what I have achieved. But this is not the end, hopefully with DPUK support; I can go on to achieve even more for deaf parents."

David Rose, a Deaf guest at the Awards exclaimed: "Deaf Parenting UK created a really a great, beautiful, inspiring, and wonderful occasion; it was good to see Deaf parents, professionals, and staff being honoured for their work, and achievements. This is something we don't do enough in recognition for our Deaf Community members who have made significant contributions for the betterment of us all. I really enjoyed the whole event and it was a wonderful networking opportunity! Well done!"

The Awards Event was filmed 'live' by BBC See Hear which is due to be broadcaste d on Weds 2nd Nov at 1pm at BBC2 and Remark! for DPUK our website.



Eileen Hayes, DPUK Ambassador announced winner...

The winners by categories are as follow:

1) Positive Deaf Parents Award, sponsored by Communication ID

Winner: Charlotte Moulton-Thomas Highly Commended: Melissa Mostyn-Thomas



Winner: Charlotte Moulton Thomas with Collette Hogan (sponsor) and Susan Daniel OBE (DPUK Ambassador)

2) Community of Deaf Parents Award, sponsored by NCT

Winner: Conwy and Cyswllt Family Support Group, North Wales Deaf Association Highly Commended: Cheeky Monkey Family Group

Winner: Conwy and Cyswllt Family Support Group with Sue Saxey (Sponsor) and Eileen Hayes MBE (DPUK Ambassador)





Charlotte Moulton-Thomas

is a Deaf parent with two young sons – Jack, 12, who is hearing and

Theo, 10, who has cerebral palsy, is deaf and a wheelchair user - both of whom are bright, engaging and a real credit to their mother. When children were young, Charlotte was raising them by herself which must have been incredibly challenging given their differing circumstances and needs. Charlotte has had to constantly struggle to ensure that Theo receives the necessary support and services. This would be hard enough for a hearing parent but immeasurably more difficult for a deaf parent. Likewise she has had to cope in an all-hearing environment to make sure Jack is being supported at his mainstream school. Charlotte, however, is indefatigable, never gives up and is constantly alert to any opportunity to improve and enhance the progress and wellbeing of both her boys. As Charlotte has said herself 'In this house there's no such word as 'can't!'



Highly Commended: Cheeky Monkey Family Group

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children and Deaf parents of Hearing children to meet, gain confidence and learn from each others experiences. The events are usually held once a month and are subsidised for its members. These events have included parties, trips to the theatre, and days at local shows and as they always ensure communication support is available, it gives Deaf parents and children a chance to enjoy the day without the barriers to communication they often face.

3) Professional Support of Deaf Parents Award, sponsored by BSLworks

Winner: Dr Joanna Downes Highly Commended: Maple Tomlin



Winner: Dr Joanne Downes with Sandra Duguid (Sponsor) and Professor Ulrike Zeshan (DPUK Ambassador)

Highly Commended: Maple Thomas



Dr Joanna Downes is a very positive role model. She is deaf, BSL user, mother to two hearing children and achieved her Doctorate in Child Attachment, the first dissertation of its kind in the UK She also provided one to one support for individual Deaf parents [with various communication needs] through very difficult times in their lives such as child protection procedures, separation, divorce, supporting parents to lodge complaints with the Police. Dr Downes became the first Deaf BSL professional to join Leicester City and Leicestershire Children's Hearing Service Working Group (CHSWG) in its 12 year history of being established. Shortly after joining CHSWG, she became Co-Chair of this group and advocated most strongly for INFORMED parental choice for both Deaf and Hearing parents of Deaf and hearing children.

4) Best Practice of Working with Deaf Parents Award, sponsored by Sprue Safety Products Ltd.

Winner: De Montfort University Midwifery Department.

Highly Commended: Science Museum



Winner: De Monfort University Midwifery Dept with John Caudle (Sponsor) and Mike Penning MP (DPUK Ambassador)

Highly Commended: Science Museum



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DeMonfort University Midwifery Department

went and beyond the call of duty in providing the first ever bespoke Awareness Training for midwifery students in beina able to appropriately support all kinds of Deaf Parents to access Midwiferv needing services. Development of a 12 hour Awareness Training programme consisting of what is Deafness, barriers faced by Deaf parents accessing midwifery services, the differing types and standards of communication professionals available. Development of a "fob" of essential signs for midwives to carry with them to assist with informal communications with Deaf parents Sourcing funding to further develop training for other health professionals through the use of e-learning, DVD's. Supporting d/Deaf Parents as Guest Speakers and acknowledging previous their negative experiences of maternity care. What made the Midwifery Department personnel different were their openness, willingness, commitment, dedication and support of Deaf Parents directly.

5) Campaigner of Deaf Parent Award, sponsored by TFPL

Winner: Dr Joanna Downes

Highly Commended: Melissa Mostyn-Thomas



Winner: Dr Joanne Downes with Darron Chapman (Sponsor) and Lilian Lawson OBE (DPUK Ambassador)



Highly Commended: Melissa Mostyn-Thomas (Pauline Latchem accepted in Melissa's place)

Throughout her campaign work, **Dr Joanna Downes** was very clear about Deaf parents' rights and their responsibilities. Dr Downes utilised national and international legal framework when dealing with professionals to ensure they were also made aware of their legal responsibilities in making their services accessible to Deaf Parents. Dr Downes also campaigned on the following issues at a strategic level:

- Bilingual education be considered and further developed for Deaf families in Leicester. The Local Children's Safeguarding Board undertake an access audit of the services they provide to Deaf families in Leicester, previously Deaf families were not part of their "at risk" priority list.
- That the education / employment / legal/ medical/ mental health services consider their legal duties under the Equality Act.
- Those hearing children (Coda's) who have Deaf parents are not used by professionals to act as Interpreters.

6) Friend of Deaf Parents Award, sponsored by Joseph Frasier Solicitors

Winner: Stuart Harrison

Highly Commended: Shazia Nasreen



Winner: Stuart Harrison with Ms Hinna Akhtar (Sponsor) and Clarissa Williams (DPUK Ambassador)

Highly Commended: Shazia Nasreen

Stuart Harrison BSI is Deaf. user and also uses speech. He is also a parent. He has а multitude of different roles including being self-employed. However, it is not his previous



history...it is the support he has provided another Deaf parent for several years to assist them through a multitude of complex emotional, legal, mental health, domestic violence issues. Stuart's support was pivotal to this Deaf parent. He maintained his sense of humour, his respect, his knowledge, skills and experience. He was able to provide appropriate information, advice and guidance for this parent. He was available to "be there" for the parent when times were particularly challenging for several years. The parent concerned is now thriving and a fully functioning member of society, the parent is involved in community activities and professional work.

7) Deaf Parenting UK Dedicated Staff sponsored by Deaf Parenting UK



Winner: Nicole Campbell with Sabina Iqbal, Chair/ Founder of DPUK

8) Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by RAD (see below)

Deaf Parenting UK is celebrating their 10 years Anniversary and to make it more special, we are organising an exclusive **Lifetime Achievement Award** to recognise people for their valuable contribution and positive differences to the lives of Deaf parents, their children and their communities.

The seven judges appointed by DPUK agreed that the *Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD),* needs particular attention in order to encourage informed nominations from the Deaf Community.

Lifetime Achievement Awards (cont'd from page 11)

We would like to announce a search for a Deaf Parent who achieved a great deal in his / her lifetime, who greatly improved the quality of life and access for Deaf parents and families.

What we need from you, for this significant Award, is to make people look back several decades, (eg 10-100 years) to identify Deaf people who used their parent role in opening up new opportunities for other Deaf parents in achieving equality as hearing parents in family life.

This means "The search for a Lifetime Achieving Deaf Parent" for the most voted Achiever of being a Deaf Parent in supporting Deaf people and their own families by the Deaf/Hearing Communities.

We have about 6months to find the worthy people who meet the criteria of Lifetime Achievement Awards. It will be like X-Factor where people can nominate themselves or someone worthy of this award. The nomination will be narrowed down to 12 and then we will use the public vote to collect points before announcing the winner in Spring/Summer 2012 We look forward to receiving a broader range of nominations in due time, each one with detailed information of achievements which enabled Deaf parents' quality of life and access. Lifetime Achievement Award Winner will be invited to attend the stunning reception in London – details to be announced nearer **the time**

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone worthy for our Lifetime Achievement Award 2012, please

Nominate online now (www.deafparent.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/DPUK-Award-2011-Lifetime-Achievement-Awards-nomination-form.doc) and email it to media@deafparent.org.uk

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS: FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2012

Please spread the words and get nominating.

DPUK Family Day Trip

DPUK's 2nd treat to a family day out was to Thorpe Park, a Water Theme Park in Chertsey, Surrey on Saturday 23rd July 2011.

Forty Three Deaf parents and children attended – The weather forecast had been threatening in the days before the trip but in the end we had a virtually dry day. Thorpe Park was fairly busy – not the busiest but not the quietest either. The longest queue was about 70 minutes.

A fresh and exciting place for repeat visits – parents and children were prepared to get wet as lots of the rides at the park involve water.

In addition to that, there is an artificial beach where some children went swimming



Upcoming Events

THE LOST HAPPY ENDINGS Mac, Birmingham

Jub's important job is to collect and send out the Happy Endings from all the stories in the world in time for everybody's bedtime. But one night she is caught by a wicked witch who steals all of the happy endings...What if the shoe didn't fit Cinderella? What if the Prince's kiss didn't awaken Snow White?

Based on the book by Carol Ann Duffy and starring one of the UK's best-known deaf actresses, Caroline Parker, this magical show is BSL integrated, using imaginative techniques to make it a memorable experience for all the family to enjoy this Christmas.

Tuesday 6th December 2011 - Saturday 7th January 2012 Tickets: £14.50 (£11.50) Family Ticket: £44.00

To book, or for more information visit: <u>http://www.macarts.co.uk/event/thelosthappyendings</u> Or call 0121 446 3232.

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DPUK Announcement

Deaf Parenting UK is pleased to announce the receipt of funding from Children In Need to run monthly fun days for Deaf parents and their children.

Diary Dates for Autumn/Winter 2011/2012

22nd October 2011

'Billy the Kid' Captioned show at Unicorn Theatre, London Bridge

one monthly deaf families event in London, which is geared for Children of Deaf Parents. For more information, please check out the notice board at the end of the newsletter or contact Nicole directly for more information/ details of planned DPUK family events.



26th November 2011 Discover 'Children's Story Centre, Stratford

11th December 2011

DPUK & St Johns' Deaf Club joint Children's Christmas Party.

14th January 2012

DPUK Children's New Year Disco

23rd January 2012

DPUK Workshop on Sexual Health run by Deafax

11th February 2012

Eddie Catz Soft Play, Wimbledon

Deaf Parenting UK & St John's Deaf Club Christmas Party!

For Children of Deaf Parents age 1-10yrs

Sunday 11th December 2011

1-6pm

At





St Johns' Deaf Club 258 Green Lanes Manor House N4 2HE







<u>GET YOUR TICKETS NOW – COST £3.50 PER CHILD</u> <u>NO TICKET, NO ENTRY!</u>

Contact the Coordinator for booking form Email: info@deafparent.org.uk Fax: 0871 264 3323 SMS: 07928 842529 (text message only) DEADLINE FOR BUY TICKETS: FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2011.







London Parenting Support Groups run by Deaf Parenting UK

Are you a Deaf Parent/ Deaf Parent to be?

Want to mix with other Deaf Parents & children in a family friendly environment?

Want to receive information, support and advice on parenting?

Why not come along and find out what it is all about?

Deaf Parenting Support Group – Camden Locality – 2nd Friday of every month

Time: 10am - 12 noon When:

- Friday 9th December 2011
- Friday 13th January 2012
- Friday 10th February 2012
- Friday 9th March 2012

Where: Harmood Children Centre, 1 Forge Place, Off Ferdinand Street NW1 8DQ

Deaf Parenting Support Group – Hackney Locality- 3rd Monday of every month

Time: 12.30pm- 2.30pm

When:

- Monday 21st November 2011
- Monday 16th January 2012
- Monday 20th February 2012
- Monday 19th March 2012

Where: Comet Children Centre, 20 Halcomb Street, Hackney N1 5RF

Deaf Parenting Support Group - Newham Locality- 3rd Friday of every month

Time: 10am - 12pm

When:

- Friday 2nd December 2011
- Friday 20th January 2012
- Friday 24th February 2012
- Friday 23rd March 2012
- Friday 20th April 2012

Where: Abbey Lane Children Centre, 1 Abbey Lane, Stratford E15 2SD

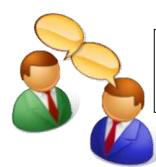
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If there is anything in the newsletter that has inspired you, wish to comment or give feedback - Deaf Parenting UK would be pleased to hear from you!

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