

# Final Thoughts

Despite the relative speed and ease with which information can be conveyed verbally for most people, for millions of individuals communication remains a severe challenge. Language is fundamental to our society, and it is also the means by which we define ourselves in, and how we engage with, that society. Ensuring that we all have the same basic access, through language, to each other is of the utmost importance to us individually and collectively.

Our species distinguishes itself by its exceptional capacity to understand and to overcome limitations presented by nature, and our technology has given us abilities that we once thought were impossible.

*We shape our tools and thereafter our tools shape us.*  
– Marshall McLuhan [1964]