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## EPISODE 0 – INTRODUCING NATSIP AND THE NATSIP PODCAST

Announcer: Welcome to the NatSIP podcast introduced by Lindsey Rousseau.

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Lindsey: Hello and welcome to the NatSIP podcast. I'm Lindsey Jane Rousseau, and I'm the NatSIP Facilitator. NatSIP is an abbreviation for the National Sensory Impairment Partnership.

We are a partnership of organizations who work together with an aim to improve outcomes and life chances for Children and young people with sensory impairment. This includes deafness or hearing impairment, deaf blindness or multi sensory impairment and vision impairment.

Our NatSIP partners are the voluntary organizations which support children and young people with sensory impairment and their families, schools and colleges, including specialist and mainstream providers, local authority support services and the professional bodies which represents specialist SI teachers and professionals.

NatSIP was formed in 2009 with the backing of the Department for Education and has gone from strength to strength with collaborative working across the SI sector.

You can find out more about NatSIP and the guidance and resources we produce, online training events and conferences we run, through the NatSIP website: <https://www.natsip.org.uk>

We've launched the NatSIP Podcast as a way to spread information more widely. Sensory impairment is a low-incidence disability and one strong purpose of NatSIP is to share information and solutions that may benefit colleagues and the young people that they work with.

We aren't planning to produce regularly scheduled episodes. When we have something we want to share, or news we need to respond to or comment about, we will create and broadcast a podcast.

We will include things of interest across HI, MSI and VI fields, including national policy and legislation changes, developments in professional practice, and, we hope, so much more.

We look forward to you joining us as we continue to work together to improve outcomes for learners with sensory impairment.

Look out for the NatSIP Podcast via the NatSIP website: <https://www.natsip.org.uk>, or wherever you usually download your podcasts.

Until the next time, goodbye.

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