



Hello again...

Like everyone else, Dyslexia Cornwall's newsletter has been out of circulation for the past year. But with the arrival of Spring and with our local communities coming out of lockdown, what an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on our activities on what's been a very strange year...

Helpline News...

Our helpline has been in demand during lockdown as a valuable source of advice and guidance to a wide range of clients, from individuals of all ages to organisations small and large.

Sometimes we are just there for a chat for reassurance and understanding of problems that can arise from dyslexic difficulties.

We have always given support and advice to parents and provided useful strategies for support at home. We work with the Cognition and Learning Service to facilitate communication with schools and other services. The learner's needs are at the heart of our advice and most importantly, we are there to listen to our clients and to gather as much information as we can.

Being a 'helpliner' is a challenging and rewarding role. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the helpline. We are offering socially distanced training via Zoom and are planning to develop the next stage in face-to-face sessions when this is possible. For more information contact Julia on:

helpline@dyslexiacornwall.org.uk



Out and About...



Until we get the green light from the Government, our Out and About team are planning where to deliver their next sessions, We are looking forward to bringing our much needed services to as many local communities as we can. Keep looking on our website for updates.

Fundraising...

Dyslexia Cornwall needs funds in order to provide our valuable services.

Although we try to economise wherever possible we are currently spending £2,000 per year in excess of our income.

Do you belong to a sports club who champions local charities? Would you like to plan an event to raise funds for Dyslexia Cornwall? If so we would like to hear from you.



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We really need your help!

Message from our Chairperson...

I hope you have all managed to keep well and positive during these very challenging times.

Dyslexia Cornwall has continued to run our helpline and virtual office with the expertise of our brilliant volunteers. As you can imagine, there have been more calls from parents who are home schooling, and, as a result, have become aware of their children's learning differences.

Currently, the team is focusing on developing materials to support video conferencing presentations about Dyslexia. We hope to deliver these presentations to community groups (such as the Rotarians and the WI) to raise awareness of learning differences and to raise money to cover our running costs. If you know of a group who would welcome a talk, please get in touch.

Dyslexia Cornwall is continuing to support Building Better Opportunities project across the county. This enables us to reach a wider audience, providing expert advice on learning differences.

As always we rely on your support to continue providing our services, so if you have any ideas for fund raising activities or would like to become a volunteer, call me on 01326 372124.

Best wishes and
stay safe

*Barbara
Hewett-Silk*





See Dyslexia Differently...

The "See Dyslexia Differently" animation by British Dyslexia Association seeks to preempt misconceptions among young audiences.

The video sheds lights on the real challenges dyslexic children face whilst also acknowledging their strengths and potential.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>

Dyslexia Readers...

E books are a great way for readers to gain control over format. Text size and background colour can be altered to suit.

The benefits of reading and sharing the experience with young readers are multitude. Allowing young readers to choose their reading material and even read the beginning of a book for them to give insight into a new book can take away any anxiety they may feel.



Barrington-Stoke have a phenomenal range of books for struggling readers. For the reluctant reader try audio books to help bring stories to life.

Dyslexia Conference 2021

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Cornwall's Dyslexia Conference (which we deliver in partnership with Cornwall Council) had to be postponed. The conference will now take place in May 2021. We will report back in the next newsletter



Who Dares Works...



Miriam has been with the Who Dares Works project since it was first introduced in 2017. During that time she has been working closely with our delivery partners to build confidence, motivation and self belief to enable individuals to move forward.

Miriam has worked flexibility throughout the project, meeting the needs of not only the participants but also their families and occasionally colleagues as well!

Then COVID 19 hit. This did not phase Miriam she quickly learned new delivery techniques; switching to video conferencing and social media platforms to help participants. She even appeared on Chaos TV.

If you live in West Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly and struggling to reconnect with education, training and employment contact Miriam on 07711 291830 or miriam@dyslexiacornwall.org.uk to see how she can help you.



Miriam celebrating Red Nose Day 2021

British Dyslexia Association: Period of Change



Nick Posford CEO
British Dyslexia Association

Since Nick Posford joined the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) as the new Chief Executive Officer last year there has been a flurry of excitement and anticipation.

Nick previously worked within the national charity sector modernizing, improving brand image, raising national awareness and fund raising. He has joined the BDA with a fresh approach, prepared to instigate change to make the BDA relevant and resilient for the challenges of the next twenty years.

At the BDA Annual General Meeting held virtually in March we heard from individuals supporting cultural diversity, dyscalculia, dyslexia and music and new technology, all sectors of the BDA.

The BDA will be fifty years old in 2022 and Nick Posford and his team are working on making the BDA the nationally and internationally acknowledged voice of neurodiversity within the U.K. There are challenges ahead but the BDA, under Nick's leadership, is preparing to face them and is working to raise awareness of dyslexia across all sectors of society.



Delia Hazell (BDA Trustee)

You can sign up for the BDA regular newsletter using the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/d60a8791325a/emailnewsletter>

Guidance on remote assessments...



From 1 March 2021, diagnostic assessments that follow the recommended Specific Learning Difficulties Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) report formats

will be accepted as evidence for applications for the Disabled Students' Allowance if they are carried out:

- In person (face-to-face),
- By remote video platform (remote assessment) or
- A combination of both methods

Volunteers Needed...

We would not exist without volunteers. Our volunteers bring a wealth of skills that allows us to do more for people with dyslexia and their families.

We need volunteers who can help organise events, drop leaflets, raise awareness and support our trustees to deliver services.



Most volunteering roles do not need any special training as we will give you a full induction to your role and our organisation.

If you would like to become a volunteer contact Barbara on **01326 372124**



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