

FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT DYSPLEXIA AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Dyslexia Action is now solely a training provider and no longer provides advice, tuition and assessments.

This guide provides information for individuals, parents and employers who wish to find out more about Dyslexia and SpLD. The guide also signposts useful sources of information for those wishing to support individuals with Dyslexia/SpLD. This information is not comprehensive but aims to provide signposts to many of the useful resources available.

1. ASSESSMENT AND TUITION SERVICES

The following organisations provide services or links to individuals offering tuition and/or assessment.

The Dyslexia Guild

<https://training.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/membersdirectory>

Provides a searchable directory of individual professionals offering tuition and assessment services for dyslexia/SpLD

The National Dyslexia Network

<https://ndnetwork.org/>

National Dyslexia Network learning centres provide advice, tuition and assessment services as well as support and training for schools and other educational organisations. Centres can be found across England and Wales covering the North East, North West, West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber, Lincolnshire, East Midlands and London.

British Dyslexia Association

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments

British Psychological Society

www.bps.org.uk/bpslegacy/dcp

A searchable database of psychologists offering assessment services
Search under **What are the issues? / Educational**

Helen Arkell

<https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/assessments.php>

PATOSS

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/supportadvice/abouttutorassessorindex/>

2. INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The Dyslexia Action Shop Resources for Parents

The Dyslexia Action Shop provides a comprehensive range of resources and support materials for individuals with dyslexia/SpLD.

<https://www.dyslexiaactionshop.co.uk/parents.html>

British Dyslexia Association

Online learning for Parents, Educators, Employers and Individuals: www.bdaelearning.org.uk/
Information for parents and carers: www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/parent

CReSTeD – The Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils

www.crested.org.uk/

Provides a searchable regional list of schools offering specialist tuition to children with literacy difficulties

The Helen Arkell Centre

www.arkellcentre.org.uk/support/parents-support-for-dyslexia.html

Open University: Open Learn Resources

- **What is dyslexia?**
www.open.edu/openlearn/body-mind/childhood-youth/childhood-and-youth-studies/childhood/what-dyslexia
- **Understanding dyslexia**
www.open.edu/openlearn/education/educational-technology-and-practice/educational-practice/understanding-dyslexia/content-section-0

Parent Champions

www.parentchampions.org.uk/

3. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Types of Assistive Technology

www.iansyst.co.uk/technology/types-of-assistive-technology

Mindmapping

www.tonybuzan.com/about/mind-mapping/

<https://www.mindmeister.com/blog/students-guide-to-mind-mapping/>

Scanning Pens

<http://www.scanningpens.co.uk>

Text to Speech Software

<http://www.techradar.com/news/the-best-free-text-to-speech-software>

PATOSS

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/supportadvice/abouttutorassessorindex/>

4. READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Alpha to Omega

<https://www.dyslexiaactionshop.co.uk/alphatoomegastudentbook.html>

Nessy for Parents and Homeschoolers

www.nessy.com/us/parents/

Teach your Monster to Read

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Units of Sound: Literacy that fits

A stand-alone family user programme which has all the features of the popular Units of Sound used to teach reading and spelling in schools and colleges.

<https://www.unitsofsound.com/at-home-2/>

5. TRAINING FOR PRACTITIONERS

Please pass on this information to your child's teachers or support tutors.

Dyslexia Action Training provides specialist online training for teachers, teaching assistants and support tutors. See: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/training-educators

The Dyslexia Guild:

The membership organisation for professionals teaching and supporting individuals with dyslexia/SpLD. See: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/membership-dyslexia-guild

6. OTHER USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Autism Education Trust

www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/

The Communication Trust

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/

Dyspraxia Foundation

<https://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/>

Dyslexia Scotland

www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/

National Autistic Society

<http://www.autism.org.uk>

The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust

Resources for parents: www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/4/resources/

What works for children and young people with literacy difficulties?

[www.interventionsforliteracy.org.uk/widgets/GregBrooks/What works for children fourth ed.pdf](http://www.interventionsforliteracy.org.uk/widgets/GregBrooks/What%20works%20for%20children%20fourth%20ed.pdf)

Teaching pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

These modular materials were designed to support teachers in mainstream schools who wish to gain advanced and specialist skills for teaching pupils with specific learning difficulties including Dyslexia. They may also be of wider interest.

www.sendgateway.org.uk/resources/advanced-training-materials-for-autism-dyslexia-speech-language-and-communication-emotional-social-and-behavioural-difficulties-moderate-learning-difficulties_1.html