

FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT DYSLEXIA AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

This guide provides information for individuals, parents and employers who wish to find out more about Dyslexia and SpLD including guidance on assessment and tuition. 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.

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

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1. Assessment and Tuition Services

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

The Dyslexia Guild

training.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/membersdirectory

Provides a searchable directory of individual professionals offering tuition and assessment services for dyslexia/SpLD. It also displays whether someone holds an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) which is a recognised standard for specialist SpLD teacher/assessors.

The National Dyslexia Network

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 Psychological Society

bps.org.uk/public/find-psychologist

A searchable database of psychologists offering assessment services. Psychologists may hold previous assessments undertaken by Dyslexia Action centres.

Search for type of psychologist as **Educational** and issue as **Dyslexia assessment**. Educational Psychologists should also be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) See: hcpc-uk.org/check-the-register/

Dyslexia Scotland

dyslexiascotland.org.uk/

Helen Arkell

helenarkell.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/assessments.php

PATOSS Tutor Assessor Index

patoss-dyslexia.org/Tutor-Index-Landing

Please note:

- College and University students should contact their Student Support Services within the college or university they are studying with in the first instance
- Parents of children at school or sixth form should contact the school Learning Support, SEND or SENCo in the first instance
- For reports to be acceptable for DSA evidence regardless of the age of the candidate, the author must hold a current [SpLD APC](#) and follow SASC guidelines or be [HCPC registered at the time of the assessment](#) (February 2019).

2. Information and Resources for Parents

The Dyslexia Action Shop

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

dyslexiaactionshop.co.uk

CReSTeD – The Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils crested.org.uk/

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

The Helen Arkell Centre

helenarkell.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/support-parents.php

Open University: Open Learn Resources

open.edu/openlearn/

Free short courses available on dyslexia including:

- What is dyslexia?
- Understanding dyslexia

3. Resources to support Reading and Literacy

Alpha to Omega: An A-Z of Teaching reading, writing and spelling

by Beve Hornsby and Frula Shear

Nessy for Parents and Home schoolers

nessy.com/us/parents/

Teach your Monster to Read

teachyourmonstertoread.com/

Teaching pupils with special educational needs and disabilities

(SEND) bit.ly/2V9pKuD

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.

Interventions for Literacy: What works for children and young people with literacy difficulties? A review of intervention schemes for literacy and their effectiveness. interventionsforliteracy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/What-Works-5th-edition-Rev-Oct-2016.pdf

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.

unitsofsound.com/at-home-2/

4. Assistive Technology

What is Assistive Technology and Types of Assistive Technology

iansyst.co.uk/technology/

Mind mapping

mindmeister.com/blog/students-guide-to-mind-mapping/

See also books by Tony Buzan on Mind mapping.

Scanning Pens

scanningpens.co.uk

Text to Speech Software

techradar.com/news/the-best-free-text-to-speech-software

5. Training for Teachers and Support Staff

Please pass on this information on to teachers or support tutors in schools or colleges. **Dyslexia Action Training** provides specialist online training for teachers, teaching assistants and support tutors. See: dyslexiaaction.org.uk

The Dyslexia Guild:

The membership organisation for professionals teaching and supporting individuals with dyslexia/SpLD. See: dyslexiaguild.org.uk/

6. Other Useful Sources of Information

The ADHD Foundation

adhdfoundation.org.uk/

The Autism Education Trust

autismeducationtrust.org.uk/

The British Dyslexia Association

bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments

The Communication Trust

thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/

Dyspraxia Foundation

dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/

Mental Health Foundation

mentalhealth.org.uk/

National Autistic Society

autism.org.uk

Pdnet: a network for those supporting learners with physical disability pdnet.org.uk/

Young Minds

youngminds.org.uk/