

The Dyslexia Guild Annual Summer Conference. Thursday 20 June 2019.

University of London, Student Centre
Conferences Central, Malet Street, London
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Who should attend?

The Dyslexia Guild welcomes all those with a professional interest in dyslexia and SpLD, including specialist teachers and assessors, psychologists, learning support tutors and assistants. Guild members enjoy a preferential rate and we welcome new members to our community from all settings.

Why?

Our conference provides, as always, a great opportunity to meet and network with dyslexia/SpLD specialists. The conference enables practitioners to hear expert views and examine current topical issues relating to literacy and dyslexia/SpLD in a warm and vibrant conference setting.

What can I expect from the conference?

Our conference will be held on Thursday 20 June and you can expect a warm welcome from our friendly Dyslexia Action staff, meet researchers, browse our Dyslexia Action Shop and enjoy a networking lunch. Benefit from taking time out of your daily schedule to learn, debate and reflect on cutting-edge practice. An attendance certificate will be provided for your CPD portfolio.

Agenda*

Registration	9.00am to 10.00am.
Conference start	10.00am.
Lunch	A vegetarian packed lunch bag including sandwich, cake, fruit and water will be provided and is included in the cost. A serving of tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will also be included mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
Conference close	4.30pm.

*subject to change

Cost

£125 +VAT	Guild Member
£150 +VAT	Non-Member

Speakers

Keynote Speaker: Professor Jeff Bowers PhD.

Professor of Experimental Psychology at the University of Bristol.

The evidence for systematic phonics is weak: We need to start exploring alternative approaches.

There is an overwhelming consensus in the research community that systematic phonics is best practice for early reading instruction in English. Jeff will review the data in some detail and show that the current evidence does not support this conclusion.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Robert Savage.

Head of Psychology and Human Development at UCL Institute of Education.

New ways to support struggling readers: Evidence from some recent interventions.

Rob will present data on the effects of three theory-driven interventions in grades 1, 2, and 3. In each case he evaluated experimenter-delivered, small group word reading programs among at-risk poor readers of regular schools versus controls. Study 1 explored Direct Mapping and Set-for-Variability (DMSfV); Study 2 evaluated the impact of teaching complex grapheme–phoneme correspondences derived from a ‘Simplicity Principle’; Study 3 contrasted Structured Word Inquiry, an approach that connects orthographic morphology to phonology and word knowledge in the teaching of literacy in Grade 3 poor readers. In each case, the interventions produced measurable value added over matched controls.

Speaker: David Galbraith

Lecturer in Psychology at University of Southampton.

The Psychology of Adult Writing.

David will give a brief overview of research on the psychology of writing, and then focus on the dual-process theory of writing, which claims that writing involves two conflicting processes and suggests that these can be resolved by a reverse-outlining strategy. He will describe the results of some recent research that he and his colleagues have carried out comparing the writing processes of adults with and without dyslexia. He will conclude by discussing some of the questions raised by this research for the teaching of writing.

Session Speaker: Arran Smith

Microsoft UK SEND & Dyslexia Consultant

Arran classifies himself as one of the 4% of the population as a severely dyslexic adult.

This session is provided with support from Microsoft and demonstrates how empowering every person with inbuilt Assistive Technology can better support students with Dyslexia and SpLD as well as providing a range of valuable tools for all learners.

Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) Update Session

This session will be led by **Dr Mark Turner** and **Dr Anna Smith**, our Dyslexia Guild representatives on the SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC).

An update will be provided on the latest SASC information and this will be followed by a question and answer session which will provide an opportunity to find out more about requirements for both current and aspiring APC holders.

Useful Information

Lunch

A vegetarian packed lunch bag including sandwich, cake, fruit and water will be provided and is included in the cost. Please inform Dyslexia Action staff of any special dietary requirements that you requested (when you registered at the time of booking).

Accommodation

Please source your own overnight accommodation if required.

Photography

A photographer may be in attendance at all events and we will use the images for promotional purposes. If you do not wish your image to be used, please make the photographer or the conference staff aware **before** photos are taken.

No smoking policy

The University has a NO SMOKING POLICY throughout its facilities.

Personal property

Whilst we take every care, the University or Dyslexia Action cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.

Getting to the Venue

Northern and Central line underground stations are within walking distance as is Euston main line station. Easy access to the stations that go to airports means that whichever way you're travelling Student Central is easy to get to and home from. There are a number of hotels in the vicinity, and with Oxford Street, Covent Garden and Theatre Land all within 10 minutes from the building.

Travelling to Student Central by tube

Northern Line to Euston, Warren Street and Goodge Street stations.

Piccadilly Line to Russell Square station.

Victoria Line to Euston and Warren Street stations.

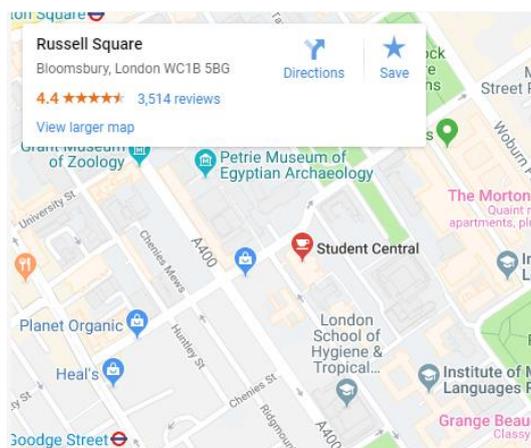
Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City Lines to Euston Square station.

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Gower Street 10, 24, 29, 73, 134, 390

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