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Guild Gallery - May 2019

Dear Phil,

Double Anniversary Year

The Dyslexia Guild is 25 years old and the Dyslexia Review journal is 50 this year. We will be celebrating our double anniversaries at the [Guild Annual Conference](#) on Thursday 20th June in London.

Everyone is welcome and we have some great presentations including Professor **Jeff Bowers** who will be looking at alternate approaches to phonics. Even if you are working in the adult sector this session will give you some insight as to why some will struggle with particular literacy issues due to the way they were taught earlier in life. We also have **David Galbraith** who investigates the effects of dyslexia on writing, and **Arran Smith** who will be demonstrating how inbuilt assistive technology can better support students with dyslexia.

Final bookings for the conference close at **midnight 24th May 2019** - [book now](#) to secure you place.

Kind regards,

Jan Beechey
The Dyslexia Guild



Collect your free book at The Dyslexia Guild conference

Our colleagues at the Dyslexia Action Shop will once again be in attendance at the annual conference to show you all the latest tests, assessments and other useful educational resources. It is a great chance to have a look at the resources before you commit to buying them - if there is something in particular you would like to see, please contact Rachel on rachel@realgroup.co.uk in advance.

There is also the opportunity to receive a free copy of the popular book ***Understanding Dyslexia*** by Janet Townsend if you purchase items on the day, so take a look on the [Dyslexia Action Shop website](http://DyslexiaActionShop.com) now to create your wish list. Remember, as a member of The Dyslexia Guild, you receive 10% discount at the shop.

National Dyslexia Resource Centre

Are you making the most of your library access? The NDRC library offers access to over 400 psychology and behavioural sciences journals, over 2000 education research journals, over 90 e-books and over 700 hard copy books, assessments and teaching resources to members of The Dyslexia Guild.

You can access all electronic materials at any time and we offer a postal loan service on physical items within the UK.

You can see the library catalogue [here](#).

If you want to login to be able to access e-books or request items to be sent to you, please email library@dyslexiaaction.org.uk



Training and Professional Development



Training courses from Dyslexia Action

Continuing your professional development (CPD)

For 40 years, [Dyslexia Action](#) has been supporting teaching assistants, SENCOs, instructors, tutors, lecturers and learning support staff by implementing short courses promoting [dyslexia and co-occurring difficulties](#), [memory weaknesses](#), [structured, cumulative multisensory tuition](#), [study skills](#) and [assistive technologies](#) to name a few.

Many of our level 4 and 5 units focus on how to nurture the development of school learners with dyslexia with regard to key skills, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. Other units focus on supporting adults with dyslexia and working with learners in an international setting.

These short courses and programmes are quality-assured by [The CPD Standards Office](#). There is also a range of level 7 units for qualified specialist SpLD professionals to refresh and update their specialist literacy programme knowledge through [online masterclasses](#).

So why don't you look at some of the courses on offer through the links above, and:

- Evaluate your current practice in your setting
- Learn new theories and strategies which will benefit the whole classroom

How will I learn?

- The courses are delivered online which offers you the flexibility to organise your time to fit around your professional and personal commitments. It also saves you the time and expense of travel and classroom attendance
- Total study time per unit is 3-5 hrs a week, 20-30 hours total study over a 7-week period (4 weeks for specialist level 7 units)

What is available when?

Level 4 and 5 CPD units run six times a year with start dates in September, November, January, March, May and July. Level 7 CPD units generally run three or more times a year or more with various start dates in September, November, January, March, May and July.

Units starting on 8 May:

- [Book by 24 April](#) if you wish to pay later or an invoice is required
- [Book by 1 May](#) if paying by credit/debit card

Units starting on 10 July:

- [Book by 26 June](#) if you wish to pay later or an invoice is required
- [Book by 3 July](#) if paying by credit/debit card

Dyslexia Action Postgraduate Professional Qualifications

The Professional Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma courses in Dyslexia and Literacy are a unique and prestigious programme at Master's level 7 that provides the training for qualified teachers to become informed practitioners and specialist teachers and/or assessors. The courses are modular and flexible and are undertaken part-time, through online learning.

[Level 7 Professional Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention for Dyslexia and Literacy](#)

- This Certificate course is for those who wish to study at Master's level to become a specialist teacher of dyslexia/SpLD and gain university credits
- All practitioners train using the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP)

[Level 7 Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy](#)

This Specialist Assessor Course is only available to those individuals who already hold a Specialist SpLD Teaching Qualification such as the [Dyslexia Action Level 7 Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention](#), [Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support for Dyslexia and Literacy](#), OCR Level 5 (with ATS/APS) or similar accredited courses.

Already hold 120 credits in dyslexia/SpLD qualifications? Complete a final 60-credit module, Enquiry-based SEND Practice, with Real Training to gain [The Master of Education \(MEd\) Professional Practice in Dyslexia and Literacy](#).



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Global recognition for Real Training

We are delighted to inform you that our sister company, [Real Training](#), has recently won an award for **SEN Resource Supplier of the Year** at the [GESS Education Awards 2019](#). It's an amazing achievement and recognises the experience and expertise which feeds into the SEN training provision. Through their [SEND Masters programme](#), [educational testing courses](#) and [inclusive leadership qualifications](#), Real Training helps thousands of UK and international professionals each year to provide improved SEN support and guidance for their colleagues, parents and most importantly, children with SEN.

Assessment Practising Certificate: New guidelines from the DfE and SASC

Extending the lifespan of assessment reports for dyslexia/SpLD

The Department for Education has changed its evidence requirements for applications for the Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA; for higher education students). Dyslexia/SpLD Reports undertaken at any age will now be accepted for the purposes of a DSA. Please note that Form 8 Access Arrangement Reports are not acceptable as these are not full assessment reports.

Assessment Reports Undertaken Prior to March 2019

Assessment reports that have been undertaken by a fully qualified specialist teacher assessor or an HCPC registered psychologist prior to March 2019 will now be accepted by Student Finance England (SFE) for DSA purposes.

Assessment Reports Undertaken After March 2019

However, from March 2019, dyslexia/SpLD reports at any age should have been produced by a specialist teacher assessor with an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) issued by an SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) awarding body such as the Dyslexia Guild or a practitioner psychologist registered with the HCPC for them to be valid for DSA purposes

Grand-parenting amnesty route from March 2019 – March 2020 only

For a limited period qualified and practising specialist teacher assessors with a full level 7 qualification in assessment (e.g. the Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice (Middx) or the Postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy (York) who have not previously applied for, or held, an Assessment Practising Certificate will be able to obtain an APC by completing an application form and uploading a copy of their qualification certificate. The fee is £180 and includes the SASC listing fee of £30. Apply using the Route 1 application.

Voice Typing feature

CALL Scotland have produced some instructions for using the Voice Typing feature in Google Docs. Find them [here](#).



Digital Technology to improve learning in schools

The Education Endowment Foundation (EFF) have published a new guidance report on using digital technology to improve learning in schools. It reviews the best available evidence to offer schools four recommendations. You can find it [here](#).

Reading Well

The Reading Agency is developing a new booklist to support the mental health and wellbeing of children aged 4-11 and their families and carers.

They are looking for suggestions of titles that you would like to see included. See the list of books [here](#).



Michelle Obama classroom resource

The National Literacy Trust have teamed up with Penguin publishers to launch a free teaching resource inspired by Michelle Obama's bestselling memoir, *Becoming*, which aims to boost secondary students' literacy skills, leadership and confidence. See more [here](#).



Maths Anxiety in Schools

The Nuffield Foundation have published a report that investigates the experiences of UK primary and secondary school students and mathematics anxiety. The report grew out of the suggested evidence that functional literacy skills among working-age adults are steadily increasing but the proportion of adults with functional maths skills equivalent to GCSE grade C dropped to only 22% in 2011 (National Numeracy, 2014). You can read the report [here](#).

In case you missed it...

Michael Rosen, former Children's Laureate, talks about dyslexia in **BBC Radio 4 Word of Mouth**, with expert Professor Maggie Snowling. You can listen to it [here](#).

Going beyond Phonics to Help Struggling Readers

Liz Sedley, the creator of [Dyslexia Gold](#), takes a look at why some children struggle to learn to read, despite high quality phonics teaching. Read the full article [here](#).

Sentenced to Read - *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Teenagers who sprayed racist graffiti over a historic school house in Virginia, we given an unusual sentence – reading. From the moment Prosecutor and Deputy Commonwealth Attorney Alejandra Rueda heard about the racist and anti-Semitic graffiti scrawled across the school house in Ashburn, Loudoun County, Virginia, she suspected the culprits were children. The teenagers were unaware of the significance of the building they had defaced. It was the Ashburn Coloured School, an historic building that had been used by black children during segregation in Northern Virginia. Alejandra Rueda drew up a list of 35 books and ordered the offenders to choose one title a month for a year and to write an assignment on each of the 12 books they chose. The titles included Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*, *My name Is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, *Cry The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton and Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*. They had to write 12 assignments and a 3,500-word essay on racial hatred and symbols in the context of what they'd done.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

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The next issue is Spring/Summer 2019 and is due to be published at the end of May.
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