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## Guild Gallery December 2023

Dear Lucy,

The end of term is always a good time to take a break and get ready for the new year and the potential that it brings.

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**The Dyslexia Guild Online Summer Conference**

We asked your opinions about next year's Guild Conference and the results are in. Many of you responded and most people have asked us to continue with the online format, so we will be working hard to make this happen.

You had some very insightful thoughts about topics you would like covered. Those that were most frequently mentioned included:

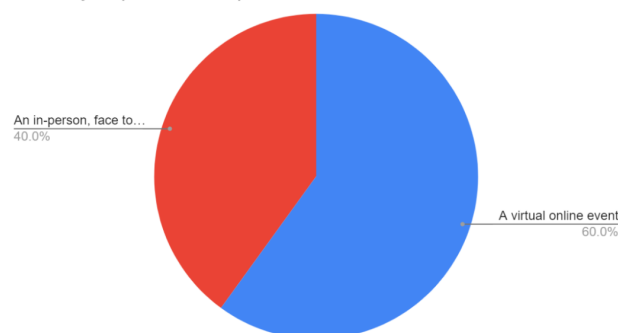
- providing guidance for FE/HE students
- maths difficulties
- new assessment tests
- inattention and other co-occurring difficulties
- artificial intelligence



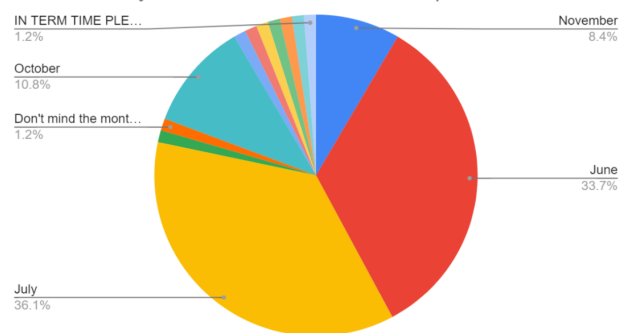
Most people would prefer the conference to be held during June or July and so as you can see we have chosen early July.

We will be doing our best to bring you an exciting line-up of speakers who can talk to you about these issues and we will be arranging for our conference to offer SASC approved CPD again this year.

Would you prefer an in-person or an online event?



When would you like the conference to take place?



## Dyslexia Action has won a Teach Award 2023!



We are delighted to announce that Dyslexia Action Training has **won** a Teach Primary Award! Our [Developing Numeracy Skills in Learners with Dyslexia and Dyscalculia Unit](#) has been recognised as a leading educational resource in the Maths Category!

Our [Dyslexia and Literacy Continuing Professional Development \(CPD\) Programme](#) has also been highly commended in the SEND category of the Teach Secondary Awards.

The awards help educators to seek out the very best resources to support pupils from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4 – with quality determined by a panel of experts. These experts dig deep, to ensure

## Dyslexia Action Training Round Up!



Alongside this year's first online Guild Conference, Dyslexia Action and The Dyslexia Guild have attended several educational shows and events this year including the Tes SEND Show in October and the Independent Schools SEND Conference in November where we were joined alongside sister companies [Real Training](#), [Educational and Sporting Futures](#) and the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#).

Dyslexia Guild members love attending these events as it gives us the opportunity to meet potential delegates, members and Alumni face to face, allowing us to build lasting relationships. They also allow our team to learn about new products, services, and technologies enabling us to bring the best to our delegates and guild members.

## What's coming up? Dates for your diary!



### Black Friday Discount Deal!

The biggest shopping event of the year has arrived, and we're excited to announce our exclusive **Black Friday** discount on our online CPD Units!

**Save £10 +VAT** when you book one of our CPD Units for the **17 January 2024** cohort, but be quick! Offer ends **Sunday 10 December!**

The discount will be shown at the point of registration once you have logged in or created your registration account (the discount cannot be applied retrospectively).

[Read more](#)

### Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties DIST Graduate Route (Online)

3 January 2024 (registrations close 20 December).

[Read more](#)

### CPD Programme (Online)

17 January (book by 3 January (if pay later/invoice required upfront) or book by 10 January if

paying by credit/debit card at time of registration).

[Read more](#)

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### **Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties DIST CPD Pathway Route (Online)**

Suitable for those who have already completed DACRT51, 56 or 67 - 19 March 2024.

[Read more](#)

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### **Level 7 Postgraduate Programme - SpLD Teacher/Practitioner/Assessor 2 April 2024.**

[Read more](#)

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## **Research study - call for participants**

### **DYSLEXIC AND NON-DYSLEXIC READERS NEEDED FOR AN EYE TRACKING STUDY!**

My name is Zuri and I am a Psychology and Language Sciences student at UCL. We are looking for dyslexic and non-dyslexic volunteers aged 18-40 years, to take part in a study examining how we understand written text.

You will be asked to attend a single session lasting between 1.5-2 hours at [26 Bedford Way](#), University College London, WC1H 0AP.

During the session you will be asked to:

- Complete several tasks measuring general language skills.
- Read short extracts of text off a computer screen while your eye movements are recorded.

Participants must have:

- Native-level English proficiency (or spoken English for 15+ years)
- Normal or corrected-to-normal vision (with glasses or preferably contact lenses)
- No history of significant hearing loss or neurological disease.

Participants will be compensated for their time by receiving either £9/hour OR 1 Credit/hour. We are unable to reimburse travel expenses.

If you are interested or for any further information about the study, please contact us **before 13th December 2023**

Contact: [andrew.wong.21@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.wong.21@ucl.ac.uk) and [xinrui.pan.21@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:xinrui.pan.21@ucl.ac.uk).

Ethics approval reference: EP\_2021\_015

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## Senior Mental Health Leadership Funding Deadline 31 March 2024!

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible state-funded schools and colleges to train a Senior Mental Health Lead. They are also offering **second grants** for eligible settings who have used their funding but whose SMHL has left. However, funding is only available to those attending a Senior Mental Health Lead course which starts **prior to 31 March 2024**. This means you have just 4 months to claim yours!

Real Training offer a [Certificate course](#) and an [Advanced course](#) - both of which are **DfE quality assured** and eligible for **DfE funding**. You can read the latest [DfE guidance here](#) and we recommend booking the course as soon as possible in order to give you the maximum amount of time to complete the application process.



[Find out more](#)

### Confirmation that specialist teachers make a real difference: PTP outcomes analysed

Many of you took part in the PTP tutoring programme during COVID and made a real difference to children during that time by assisting with this project.

We are now very pleased to share with you the paper that describes the outcomes of this major undertaking. The chief aim at the time was to upskill struggling pupils with metacognitive techniques that they could learn to use independently, creating meaningful changes in their approach to learning.

At the time, we measured changes in children's learning engagement and learning behaviour and gathered qualitative observations. We were able to demonstrate that there was a significant enhancement of school engagement and learning behaviour in response to specialist tutor provision.

The full paper can be read here: [tutorpartnership.com/](https://tutorpartnership.com/)

### Feedback from a Guild Member

*"I am sure you get told this all the time - but your response to queries is outstanding ... Thank you so much for always answering my queries - and with such patience."*

Do not forget that you can post questions about Exam Access Arrangements, Assessment Practising Certificates and Assessment, Supporting Adults in Further and Higher Education and any



other questions around specific learning difficulties on the **Dyslexia Guild Forums** by logging into your membership area. This is one of your membership benefits.

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## Updated Wheel of Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs (AAC)

Call Scotland's Wheel of Apps posters are an easy way to find lists of apps that cover particular needs. They have recently updated the [Complex Communication Support Needs](#) wheel. You can find the whole range of posters and leaflets to download.

[Download here](#)

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## Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition 2023/24



**Samsung  
Solve  
for Tomorrow**

Inviting young people, aged 16-25, across the UK and Ireland to explore how tech can be used to tackle some of society's biggest issues.

No matter the background. No matter the qualifications.

[The competition:](#) Can you imagine a world where tech is used as a force for good to improve Education, Sustainability, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, or Health & Wellbeing?

All you need to do is:

- 1) [Get your students to apply here](#)
- 2) Download the resources and share the Competition Entry Pack with your students
- 3) They can enter individually or in a team of up to five
- 4) Enter their idea between 14th September and 18th December

[Apply Now](#)

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## In Other News ...

### Google Lens Assistive Technology

[Call Scotland has some information around using Google Lens](#) for supporting learners with reading difficulties. This is an artificial intelligence (AI) app that can process images and convert them into

text. This can help with screenshots taken on a phone and other images containing text.

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## Children's literacy survey

Registration is now open for the National Literacy Trust 2024 Annual Literacy Survey. Find out more or sign up to be involved.

[Find out more](#)

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## Artificial Intelligence Safety Summit

The AI Safety Summit took place in early November at Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of the World War Two Codebreakers. The Guardian has summarised this in five headings.

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## Publisher Guide to Dyslexia and Dyspraxia

Mark dyslexia & dyspraxia this month with this new guide, designed to help educators and SEND practitioners support children with dyslexia or dyspraxia and foster an inclusive classroom.

The guide includes six chapters from best-selling dyslexia and dyspraxia books covering early childhood to young adults. It is packed full of practical ideas and suggestions which can be used immediately, both for your own CPD and for the development of your team

[Find out more](#)

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## National Numeracy resources for support

National Numeracy is an independent charity with a vision for everyone in the UK to get on with numbers so they can get on in life. You can find support materials on their website.

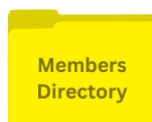
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