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Guild Gallery February 2025

Dear julie ann,

Save the date of **Wednesday 2nd July 2025** for the Dyslexia Guild Annual Online Conference. You'll have a chance to hear expert views and examine current topical issues relating to literacy, dyslexia/SpLD and co-occurring difficulties.

Our four key-note speakers will inform you about issues relating to morphology, understanding and supporting dyslexia and ADHD, assessing language in adults, and a new test relating to qualitative data! You will also have the opportunity to attend some add-on sessions, including a talk from a behavioural optometrist, find out more about the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#)'s 30th anniversary, new products for 2025 and more about [funded apprenticeships](#)!

Why not benefit from taking time out of your daily schedule to learn and reflect on cutting-edge practice and gain a 5-hour CPD certificate by attending this event.

Full details about the event and how to register will be launched shortly. Keep an eye on this [page](#) for updates!

Introducing a new Guild Grade: Practitioner of The Dyslexia Guild - Assessor of Access Arrangements!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our newest membership grade: Practitioner of The Dyslexia Guild Assessor of Access Arrangements (PDG3A). This grade is designed for professionals holding [Real Training's Certificate in Psychometric Testing, Assessment and Access Arrangements \(CPT3A\)](#).

Why Join?

Recognition: Gain formal recognition for your expertise in access arrangements assessment

Community: Connect with a network of like-minded professionals dedicated to supporting individuals with dyslexia or literacy-related difficulties and those requiring access arrangements

Resources: Access exclusive assessment resources, opportunities for professional development and save up to 10% discount through the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#)

Credibility: Enhance your professional standing and demonstrate your commitment to best practices.



Eligibility

To be eligible for the PDG3A grade, you must hold the Certificate in Psychometric Testing, Assessment and Access Arrangements (CPT3A) from Real Training.

*please note this is not applicable for those who already hold Member (MDG), Fellow (FDG) or those who already have an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)

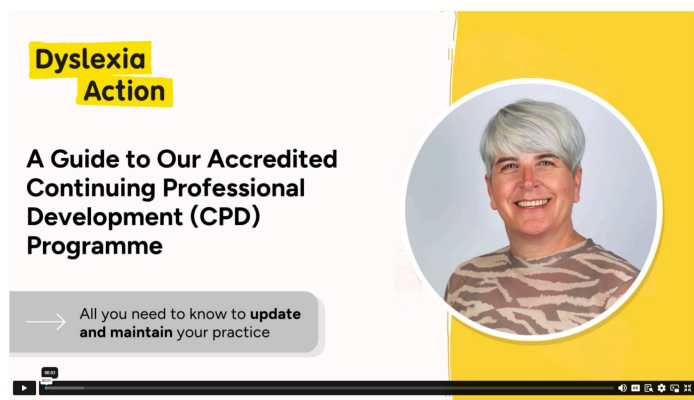
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A Video Guide to our Accredited CPD Programme

In the video below we take a dive into Dyslexia Action's online CPD programme which comprises short Units, Awards and Certificates. Boost your knowledge in supporting children or adults with specific learning difficulties including dyslexia, literacy and maths difficulties.

The programme is suitable for teachers, SENCos, practitioners, teaching assistants, learning support staff, language therapists, tutors, lecturers and the courses focus on nurturing the development of learners within the classroom/learning environment both with and without specific learning difficulties.

Watch this short video 'A guide to the accredited CPD Programme':



The next cohort starts 19 March, and thereafter May, July and September.

[Find out more](#)

Dyslexia Action Training Courses

Starting 19 March 2025: Applying for and Renewing an Assessment Practising Certificate – Online Course

This short course has been specifically designed to update specialist teachers/ assessors on current SASC requirements for dyslexia/SpLD report writing and to meet APC application or renewal criteria.

Book by 5 March if you require an invoice upfront, book by 12 March if paying by credit/debit card at time of registration.

[Explore this course](#)

Starting 19 March 2025: Level 5 short CPD course The Emotionally Connected Classroom

This course has been developed by our team of experienced Educational Psychologists. It will help you to understand the impact of emotions on the thinking brain and its implications.

Book by 5 March (if an invoice is required upfront select 'pay later' option on form, or book by 12 March if paying by credit/debit card at time of registration).

[Find out more](#)

Starting 1 April 2025: SpLD Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties

This is a unique, online qualification that trains teachers, teaching assistants and support tutors to become qualified specialist SpLD teachers.

Applications close 5 March!

[Discover our Level 5 Diploma](#)

Starting 1 April 2025: SpLD Level 7 Postgraduate Programme

Postgraduate Certificate: Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties

Postgraduate Diploma: Specialist Assessment and Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties.

MEd in Professional Practice in Dyslexia and Literacy

Applications close 2 March!

[Discover our Level 7 Programmes](#)

Starts 29 April 2025:

Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship: Literacy focus

This new specialist TA apprenticeship will provide TAs, LSAs and those in similar roles with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to plan, prepare, deliver and evaluate learning and assessment activities and interventions to support individual, small group and whole class literacy learning.

This programme can be fully-funded by the Apprenticeship Levy, meaning it will be most likely be free to your setting.

Discover the Level 5 Apprenticeship

Adult literacy skills survey

Every ten years, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) conducts its survey of adult skills, called the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). The survey provides a unique opportunity to compare the literacy skills of adults with other participating OECD countries, as well as observe how these skills have evolved over the last decade.



The [National Literacy Trust has a blog that provides analysis of the findings](#) and how the National Literacy Trust's organisational strategy serves to address some of the data.

Do you tutor adults?

Why not study for our [Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties](#). Study is through six bite sized Units, ideal to fit into a busy schedule. It will provide you with practical and actionable skills, allowing you to engage with students and other adult learners with increased confidence. The next cohort starts 19th March 2025

Book now!

Wicked Writers Competition



The National Literacy Trust is running a competition inspired by the themes of Wicked, the musical, which gives pupils a chance to have their voice heard and to win some exciting prizes in the

process.

This year, they are asking pupils aged 9 to 14 to write persuasively about a positive change they would like to see in their local community.

Research has found that twice as many children and young people who take part in writing competitions report that they enjoy writing, which has great associated benefits from improved writing skills to increasing their confidence, creativity and wellbeing.

The free, supporting classroom resources that go alongside the competition include curriculum-linked activities and aim to support and develop your student's persuasive writing skills. The deadline for entry to the competition is **Friday 28 February 2025**.

Find out more and enter

Importance of Children's Enjoyment of Writing

Findings from the National Literacy Trust's **Annual Literacy Survey (ALS)** show that children and young people's enjoyment of writing, and frequency of writing in their free time, is at an unprecedented low. Increasing evidence of a long-term downward trend calls for urgent action to reconnect children and young people with writing, promoting connection with creativity, self-expression and mental wellbeing. You can read about the [2024 report findings here](#).

Why not study our [Developing Writing Skills in Learners with Dyslexia](#), starting 19th March? The course will help you to:

- Identify the impact of dyslexia on the acquisition and development of writing skills
- Identify how learners typically acquire and develop writing skills
- Demonstrate understanding of writing strategies that can assist learners

Le Discours d'une Reine

Le Discours d'une Reine is a short film which is being shown at the **Nikon film festival**, a major event which encourages video creation and promotes emergence of new talents. This powerful 2-minute film is about a young dyslexic girl who is misunderstood at school. The film supports all children, past and present, who struggle to find their place in a standardised education system.



The Nikon Film Festival is a competition, and the more votes a film receives, the closer it will be to being selected by the jury. If this cause is close to your heart, **please share the link and encourage people to vote, comment and share**.

Synopsis

Sumaya dreams of proving that she is much more than her dyslexia. Often mocked by her classmates and underestimated by her teachers, her life is turned upside down when her French teacher, Katie, enters her into a fluency competition, organised by the school to encourage children reading out loud. The film breaks down prejudices and explores dyslexia not as a disability, but as a strength, an energy that can inspire. It's a story full of hope for children who have to over-adapt every day of their lives.

Watch here

Tackling Bullying in Schools

This symposium on Tuesday, April 1st 2025 offers local authorities, police, mental health professionals, educational professionals, academics, and charities a crucial platform to discuss effective methods for preventing school bullying. Delegates will have the opportunity to share best practices, review current policies and enhance local partnership strategies for creating stronger institutional frameworks to prevent school bullying and adequately support those affected.

Find out more

Do you need to support others in mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding? Our sister company Real Training has a number of courses that can help you provide this.

[Senior Mental Health Leadership Certificate](#)

[Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs](#)

[Senior Mental Health Leadership Advanced Award](#)

[Safeguarding AI for Leaders \(SAIL\)](#)

[The Emotionally Connected Classroom](#)



Starting your own business?

The British Library offers a programme of free events, workshops and one-to-ones with a team of experts, as well as access to the largest collection of business and intellectual property (IP) information in the UK, including market research, funding and company information.

You can also find business support in your local public library.

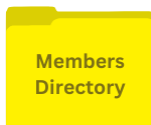
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