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Guild Gallery May 2026

Annual Dyslexia Guild Online Conference 2026.

Time Sensitive - if you would like your employer to pay by invoice, ensure you book before 31 May!

You'll have the opportunity to listen to our four keynote speakers, who will present on a range of different topics:

- Learn about current work at the University of Edinburgh, focussing on the heritability of dyslexia and how genetics interact with our environment.
- Hear about changes in how students with SpLDs are supported in further and higher education, particularly useful for those carrying out assessments for disabled student allowance and providing other support.

- You will also find out about current research at King's College, London, where attitudes towards ADHD have been measured and where we learn more about the link between positive self-views in adults with ADHD and general mental health.
- The day will end with a presentation about orthographic processing, a feature of dyslexia that has been the focus of recent attention, and a factor that we are keen to explore further to help us in our assessment processes.



The conference will take place on Wednesday 1 July 2026. Don't miss out on cutting edge research and best practice on a variety of topics.

Conference presentations and recordings will only be available online to those who have paid prior to the event and there will be no opportunity to purchase them after.

Book by 31 May if you require an invoice (select 'pay later' option on form)*/**.

Book by 29 June if paying online at the time of registration by debit/credit card.

Gain a 5-hour CPD attendance certificate ([1.5 hours of which are SASC accredited](#)) when you attend this event.



*an additional charge of £25+VAT will be added to the invoice if you select this payment type

**all invoice payments must be received no later than 28 June.

[Find out more and book now!](#)

Free Webinar and Toolkit

On 17 June, The National Literacy Trust is offering a [free webinar](#) on "Sustaining reading momentum: across summer, through autumn and beyond". The webinar supports school leaders, reading leads and class teachers to sustain reading for pleasure momentum through the summer period and into the new academic year.



Change your story

Free Toolkit and Resources for National Year of Reading

If you're just beginning your National Year of Reading journey, download The National Literacy Trust starter toolkit. It's designed to equip teachers and practitioners with information and assets

that will help you inspire your pupils and implement plans to boost reading engagement effectively. There are resources for Early, Primary and Secondary settings.

Find out more

SEND Reforms Consultation Open Now: Have Your Say by 18th May

There's still time to share your views on the proposals laid out in the Schools White Paper; the SEND Reform consultation remains open until 18 May and we encourage everyone with an interest in the future of England's SEND system to participate.

The Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (IPSEA), a charity specialising in English SEND law, said the [reforms would weaken individual rights to support](#) but what do you think?

Share your views

The Dyslexia Guild Member Perspective: Shelley England (ADG FE/HE)

Former Headteacher, Shelley England, has recently joined The Dyslexia Guild after gaining her [Level 5 CPD Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties](#) with Dyslexia Action.

As a qualified study skills SpLD tutor (non-medical helper) and psychotherapist, Shelley reflects on what Guild membership means to her.



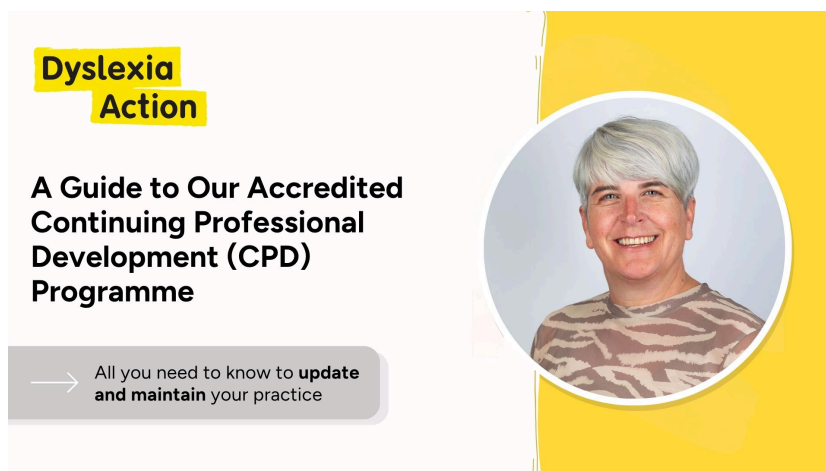
Accredited Online CPD Courses
Dyslexia Action Training

Dyslexia Action's online CPD programme 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, and lecturers. The qualifications focus on nurturing the development of learners both with and without specific learning difficulties.

Our next cohort starts **20 May 2026**.
(thereafter, July, September or November)

Bookings extended to 17 May for those paying online with a credit/debit card **at the time** of registration only (those requiring an invoice upfront – 'pay later' option should select the next cohort in July).



**Dyslexia
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**A Guide to Our Accredited
Continuing Professional
Development (CPD)
Programme**

→ All you need to know to **update
and maintain** your practice

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Looking to renew your Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)? Or looking to gain an APC with SASC accredited Hours?

A short online course for eligible assessors who may be looking to gain or renew their Assessment Practising Certificate (APC).

- There's a focus on reports for under 16s as well as over 16s
- An overview of the new Delphi definition has been provided
- Statistical and other materials have been refreshed and include information on:
 - new tests including the Test of Dyslexia (TOD) and Detailed assessment of speed of handwriting 2 (DASH2)
 - confidence intervals and use of tables in manuals
 - the decision making behind exam access arrangements (EAA)
 - report writing style

This short online course will award you with 12 CPD hours (5 of which are SASC accredited). A discount is available for Guild members.

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[Find out more](#)

Teaching union votes against plans for new Year 8 reading test

Due to be introduced in 2029, the aims of the statutory assessment are to set clear expectations and ensure students get the support they need.

While welcoming efforts to address declining reading literacy, Daniel Kebede, general secretary of the National Education Union (NEU), said the test would be counterproductive to improving student reading.



[Find out more](#)

The CLiPPA Shadowing Scheme



Be quick to sign up to the annual CLiPPA (Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry Award) celebration. Schools are invited to take part in the shadowing scheme before 21st May 2026. You will be given free teaching plans and video resources to support your class to 'shadow' each shortlisted poetry collection and perform their favourite poems.

[Find out more](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

Spark the lifelong joy of reading for pleasure in your Key Stage 1 classroom and get your students started on the Summer Reading Challenge in this lively event with Joseph Coelho award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author, online at the British Library on Friday 10 July, 10:30am.

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