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Guild Gallery November 2021

Dear Guild Members,

The Dyslexia Review will be published in December this year so we thought we would send you Guild Gallery a little earlier than usual.

Save the date! We are pleased to announce that The Guild Summer Conference will be **Friday 8th July 2022** at the University of Bath. We are so looking forward to seeing our members again and will keep you informed once booking opens.



Want to work with us? See our vacancies page [here](#).

Kind regards,
Jan Beechey
The Dyslexia Guild

Training courses

Winner - Teach Primary Awards 2021

We are delighted to announce Dyslexia Action's Level 5 SEMH CPD online course, [The Emotionally Connected Classroom](#), won 3 stars in the CPD category of the Teach Primary Awards 2021! Here is what one of the Teach Primary Awards judges from Teacher Development Trust said:

"A specialist Level 5 CPD programme, this online training is in-depth and rigorously designed to develop practitioners' SEMH skills in a range of settings. Participants can flexibly access course content and collaborative discussion forums around their in-school commitments."



Special offer. We are offering a 10% discount for those interesting in studying [The Emotionally Connected Classroom Level 5 online course](#) for our November, January and March cohort!

The price of the course is £295 + VAT (£354 with VAT included) If this is of interest to you or a colleague, you can register by completing an online booking form [here](#). Apply the discount code **10OFFSEMH** on the registration form*. The price will then show as **£318.60 including VAT**.

Associate FE/HE of The Dyslexia Guild (ADG FE/HE)

The Dyslexia Guild has a clearly defined membership grade for Study Skills Support Tutors which is [Associate Member Further and Higher Education \(ADG FE/HE\)](#). This grade can be obtained by holding a Level 5 dyslexia/SpLD qualification such as [The Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties \(DACRT56\)](#).

Support tutors, learning support staff in further or higher education settings working towards our Supporting Adults With Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties Certificate will learn to tailor and enhance students' individual needs by developing a range of strategies and skills to improve the learner journey. It is mapped against Ofqual Level 5 descriptors as outlined in the [National Qualifications Framework](#) and will allow educators who have already completed Level 3 courses the opportunity to achieve a Level 5 Certificate online. Subject topics in this Level 5 Certificate include:

- supporting memory weaknesses
- using assistive technologies to overcome barriers in literacy
- developing study skills to improve students access to learning
- nurturing the development of writing skills

The Level 5 Adults CPD Certificate Pathway is approved by [The CPD Standards Office](#) and you will receive a certificate upon completion. If you would like to learn more about this Certificate or how to book it, please visit our dedicated page [here](#).

Are you looking to apply for an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)?

What is an APC? An APC is effectively a licence to practise. It confirms that you have the appropriate qualifications to undertake full diagnostic assessments and that your professional practice is up-to-date and has been externally verified as continuing to meet defined competence standards.



Benefits. An Assessment Practising Certificate is a quality assurance standard ensuring that qualified assessors work within the rigorous regulations, are up to date with changes and best practice within each facet of psychological assessment and report writing. It is a standard that is highly respected by clients, employers, organisations and other professionals.

How can I apply for an APC? [The Dyslexia Guild](#) is an SpLD Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) awarding body issuing Assessment Practising Certificates on behalf of the [SpLD Assessment Standards Committee \(SASC\)](#). Prior to applying for an APC, you must be a qualified specialist teacher assessor in dyslexia/SpLD, this can be done by completing [a SASC approved course](#) or you must have at least seven years experience in providing full diagnostic assessments. Additionally, all applicants must meet the SASC requirements relating to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as outlined in [this document](#).

High Quality Professional Development is pivotal in improving children's outcomes

Research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. It is therefore hugely encouraging to see a host of new initiatives and reforms that recognise the importance of teacher quality such as the [Early Career Framework](#) and the new [National Professional Qualifications](#). These exemplify a growing consensus that promoting effective professional development (PD) plays a crucial role in improving classroom practice and pupil outcomes, and this guidance further reflects this, offering recommendations on how to improve professional development and design and select more impactful PD. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has published a report entitled [Characteristics of Effective Teacher Professional Development](#).

The EEF has also published new evaluation reports for five educational programmes:

- [Lexia](#)
- The 5Rs
- Generation STEM
- Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants (MITA)
- National School Breakfast Programme

Details can be found [here](#).

The Queen's Canopy

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.



Whether you're joining neighbours or a community group, or planting as a school or organisation, every tree makes a difference. Any trees planted from October 2021 to the end of the jubilee year in 2022 can be part of the QGC. Tree planting season is October to March – this is when roots are dormant and new trees will have the best chance of flourishing. Request a free tree pack for your school or community group. Find out more [here](#).

Marcus Rashford Book Club

The National Literacy Trust (NLT) have launched this book club to encourage and nurture a love of reading in children. They have partnered with the publisher Pan Macmillan to create exclusive materials to accompany the latest book in the Marcus Rashford Book Club. These resources are suitable for teachers in years 2, 3 and 4, and are free for all teachers to download and use. Find out more [here](#).

Black History Resources to use all year

NLT has developed a calendar to highlight key dates that you can mark in school to honour Black heroes throughout the year, and learn more about our journey towards equality. They have also created book lists to highlight and uplift Black and Black British authors, illustrators and their work. Read about it [here](#).



Stories with disabled children

Scope has published storybooks featuring disabled children. They're no longer available as printed books, but you can [download pdf versions](#).

Impressions of what it is like to have dyslexia

Graphic designer Daniel Britton has designed a font to help others understand and experience what it is like to be dyslexic. To slow down a non-dyslexic person's reading speed, he removed 40% of each letter's lines, making sentences a struggle to read. Find out more [here](#).



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