



LITERACY SPECIALISTS - TEACHERS - ASSESSORS

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Guild Gallery May 2023

Dear Guild Member,

Save the date for the Guild Summer Conference! **Thursday 6th July 2023**

This year we have decided to hold a virtual online conference to give everyone an opportunity to attend, no matter where you are based.

If you cannot attend the 'live' online event please register as the event will be recorded for you to watch at a later date.

We are quite excited about this different format and hope you will be keen to join us. [Details are on our website.](#)

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Topics will include visual difficulties, maths anxiety and working memory, inclusion in Higher Education, dyslexia and English as a second language, a new literacy app for teachers, plus 'Speed Feed' presentations about great products for supporting language and literacy from our exhibitors.

News from our Training Team

CPD Programme:

This month marks the migration of our short CPD courses to Campus Online, our new virtual learning environment. This update has been made to enhance your learning experience and provide you with better tools and resources to support your education. You can find out more about the features and functionality of the platform [here](#).

We have a special CPD summer offer on a selection of [short courses](#) starting **12 July 2023**. These online courses are suitable for qualified classroom teachers, teaching/learning assistants, study skills tutors and those working overseas. The courses are delivered entirely online and do not require access to a student or learner, so would be perfect to complete over the summer break.

Usual cost per unit £295 + VAT

Special offer cost per unit £285 + VAT – July 2023 start date only.*

*Discount applied automatically; no code required.

Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties (DIST)

Have you completed one of our Level 4 or 5 Certificates and would like to gain the full Level 5 Diploma (Units 02 & 03) to become eligible for full Associate (ADG) membership?

If you have completed any of the following Certificates you may be eligible to continue your training to gain the above Diploma*

[Certificate in Supporting Literacy in Learners with Dyslexia \(DACRT51\)](#)

[Certificate in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties \(DACRT56\)](#)

[Certificate in Supporting International Learners with Dyslexia \(DACRT67\)](#)

Courses start in **June** or **November 2023** and **March 2024**, further details can be found [here](#).

If you require further assistance, please contact trainingcourses@dyslexiaaction.org.uk or call Julie on 01784-222304 for further details.

Looking to renew or gain an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)?

The [Dyslexia Action Assessment Practising Certificate \(APC\) course](#) has been specifically designed to update specialist teacher assessors on current SASC requirements for dyslexia/SpLD report writing and to meet APC application or renewal criteria.

Our trainers are experienced, qualified specialists in diagnostic assessment report writing and assessment testing for dyslexia/SpLD working to the SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) criteria.

This course is twelve learning hours, of which five hours of the total learning hours are recognised as SASC accredited.

Dyslexia Action Training is a SASC Authorised CPD Training Provider and The Dyslexia Guild is a [SASC](#) APC approved and quality assured awarding body.

Our next online short course starts on 12 July 2023 and Guild members get a discounted rate. Find out more [here](#).

Is your APC coming up for renewal in the Summer?

"I cannot thank you all enough for your guidance and support throughout this process. The feedback given in the assessment is invaluable and will really support me to improve my work further. I am exceptionally proud to now be a member of the Dyslexia Guild and look forward to continuing my training and development with you." Feedback from an APC renewal in 2023.

TIPS for renewing:

Apply **at least six weeks before your APC expires** to allow for processing

- Going on your summer holiday? So are we! Make sure you can be contacted or your application may be delayed and leave enough time for our processing
- Don't rush it! Double check your assessment report - typos in scores can affect your approval
- Use the Guild APC and Assessment Forum, to ask questions of our experts and fellow members before you renew or for details of procedures [download our brochure](#)
- Is your employer paying? Payment by Purchase Order invoice can delay applications so please allow more time i.e., eight weeks before expiry.

If you have any questions about your APC renewal, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01784 222 342 or email apc@dyslexiaaction.org.uk

Please note that Guild CPD hours have been revised from 30 to 10 hours* per year. *Associate ADG FE/HE conditional provisional memberships grades - [Email us](#) for more information.

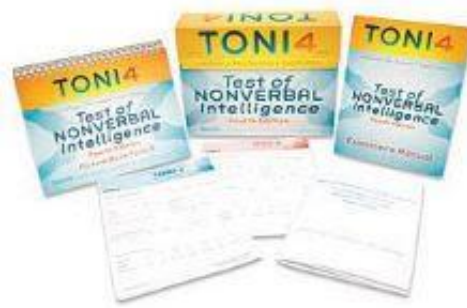
Is there a product that we currently do not sell in the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#), that you think we should?

If so...then let us know!

We are always on the lookout for high quality products to help our customers with all their assessment and resource needs.

Previously, one of our customers suggested [TONI-4](#), which then became one of our bestsellers!

If you have a suggestion for a product that we currently do not sell, then please send an [email](#) and we will take a look!



Empower: A Critical Media Literacy Programme



Empower has been designed for girls aged 11 to 14 in alternative provision. The programme will develop the skills, knowledge and resilience that students need to build their critical literacy skills, engage with and understand online media, recognise misinformation and disinformation, and articulate their world views safely in the online environment.

Empower has four main objectives:

- Empower young women and girls to make more informed choices online, allowing them to leverage the power of the internet
- Improve participants' confidence to read, critically analyse and discuss online news and media
- Increase participants' resilience to recognise misinformation and disinformation
- Improve girls' communication skills

Each of the 10 sessions is designed to last for one hour. They can be delivered as part of an intervention strategy or during English lessons.

The National Literacy Trust are able to offer Empower for free thanks to funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS). [Sign up here](#).

Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Call Scotland are offering a free webinar "[Technology and Dyslexia - Supporting reading beyond school](#)" on **24th May, 2023 (4:00pm - 4:30pm)**

This webinar will demonstrate how students can continue to use the assistive features of their phones, tablets and computers to support reading, writing and organisation. The main focus will be on how these tools can help them to be independent students and employees thus giving them confidence that life beyond school is going to be a positive experience.

Summer Reading Challenge



This year is 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Summer Reading Challenge focused on reading, sport and play. Children are challenged to get reading over the summer holidays. From July to September, through taking part in the free Challenge, children will be able to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course brought to life with illustrations by children's illustrator Loretta Schauer, rewarded by free incentives including stickers.

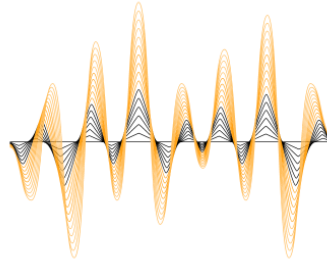
The Youth Sport Trust has developed fun family activity cards, which alongside the official 2023 Summer Reading Challenge book collection, will aim to keep imaginations moving over the school holiday. The Challenge and activity cards are available to access through the online digital platform, summerreadingchallenge.org.uk, to allow those with limited physical access to the library to join in.

This year, the Youth Sport Trust will also be piloting active equipment packs in 5 libraries across the UK. These packs will be available for families to borrow alongside books from the Challenge. The equipment packs will include hard copies of the activity cards and basic sports equipment to support families to be active, irrespective of space and cost barriers. Details of libraries participating in the equipment pilot will be available through the digital platform. [Find out more here.](#)

Learn through Sound

The BBC has added a new Sounds website that features in-depth learning resources. Dig deeper into the archives with these curated websites written by subject experts.

Each website includes audio recordings and articles that contextualise and enrich the sounds. Many include visual source material such as photography and printed or written documents. [Find out more here](#)



Maths taught in schools under review

A group of advisers, including mathematicians and business representatives, will examine the "core maths content" taught in schools. It will also consider whether a new maths qualification is necessary. But opposition parties attacked the government's record of recruiting maths teachers. Outlining the review in a speech, the prime minister admitted more maths teachers were needed, and this was "not going to happen overnight".

He wants all school pupils in England to study some maths until 18 - although it will not be compulsory to study the subject at A-level.

Experts recently told MPs that 12% of secondary school lessons in England are taught by someone who hasn't studied any higher than A-level themselves.

Targets to recruit new trainee teachers haven't been met for more than a decade, despite being lowered since 2019.

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