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Guild Gallery September 2022

Welcome to the September issue!

As part of our 50th birthday celebration for Dyslexia Action, we interviewed some of our members to explore the unique relationship we share. [Read what they had to say!](#)

We had an amazing time at The Dyslexia Guild Annual Summer Guild Conference 2022 at the University of Bath. [Read more about the day.](#)

As a valued guild member, could you please fill out [this survey](#) about your membership and our 2023 Conference.

Kind regards,

Jan Beechey
The Dyslexia Guild



Ideas on how to teach the specialist lesson showcasing the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme (DALP)*

Would you like ideas for conducting specialist teaching online? What are the pros and cons of online teaching and how can you adapt this for your neurodiverse students?

Using the Dyslexia Action Literacy Programme, our tutors share their knowledge on what worked for them. Details on how to purchase* the presentation are [here](#).

*July 2022 Conference attendees can receive this at no additional cost.

Office Anywhere

We are excited to announce Dell's latest promotion 'Office Anywhere'

Commencing 31st August - 15th September 2022



Guild Members can claim additional savings off the sale prices, such as:

- Save an additional 10% above any offer online on Dell's New XPS 13 laptop
- Save an additional 14% above any offer online on Dell's OptiPlex 5090 desktop
- Save an additional 20% above any offer online on Dell's Keyboard and Mouse combo

Just log in to the [Guild member area](#) and see Latest News.

Courses with Dyslexia Action



Training and Professional Development

Level 7 Postgraduate Programme

Achieve a [Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate](#) to become a Specialist SpLD teacher/practitioner this year. This route is for graduates only and is suitable for those who wish to study at Master's level and gain university credits.

Our October 2022 cohort is already full, but registration for our next cohort in **April 2023** will open soon. If you are already an SpLD specialist teacher or assessor you may be interested in our CPD and refresher courses for qualified specialists below.

Specialist SpLD Teacher Training Level 5

The [Level 5 Diploma in Specialist Teaching for Literacy-Related Difficulties \(DIST 02 & 03\)](#) is a unique, online SpLD training qualification that is flexible and undertaken part-time. Next cohort starts **March 2023**.

You must already hold one of the following CPD Certificates before you can progress on DIST 02 & 03:

[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](#)

Are you looking to apply for or renew an Assessment Practising Certificate?

We offer a [short online course](#) for those looking to gain or renew their practising certificate (DAAPCONL). This 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.

There are a few places remaining on our September course, so make sure to [sign up today!](#)

Our new Access Arrangements Update Course is now live!

Stay up-to-date with JCQ guidelines and requirements for the 22/23 academic year with our [free Access Arrangements course](#). Delivered online on our virtual learning environment, Campus Online, you'll gain 3 SASC-accredited CPD hours upon completion and start the year confident of your compliance. [Register today!](#)

Continuing Professional Development

[CPD Units and Awards](#) focus on nurturing the development of learners with dyslexia with regards to key skills, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. Other units focus on [supporting adults](#) with dyslexia and working with learners in an [international setting](#).

Our next cohort starts **on 14 September 2022** and requires between 20-30 hours of study over a seven-week period.

Tes SEND Show 2022

We're exhibiting!

Book now

Come and see us on Stand 135

Register free today!



7 - 8 October 2022
Business Design Centre, London
www.tessendshow.co.uk



We are excited to announce that we will be exhibiting at the [Tes SEND Show 2022!](#)

Come see us on **7-8 October 2022**, at the Business Design Centre, London at **stand 135**.

Siobhan Mellor, Director of Pedagogy and Learning at Real Group, will be speaking on:

Inclusive frameworks: supporting pupil mental health and achievement

This will be at the SEND Solutions Theatre, on Friday 7 October, from **11:30 - 12:00**. If you are interested in attending the Tes SEND Show, [register now](#) for this free event!

Other News

SASC responds to SEN green paper

The SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) has submitted its response to the government SEND Green Paper: *Right Support, Right Place, Right Time*, under three key points

1. State funded route to diagnostic assessment
2. National Standards
3. Funding

[Read more about it](#)

SASC Test lists updated

For those of you who are qualified to conduct diagnostic assessment and identification, SASC have updated the Pre and Post 16 Tests lists (June 2022). You can download them [here](#).

Assessment of Autism

Guidance on the Assessment and Identification of Autism / Autism Spectrum Conditions paper now available to download and read from SASC [here](#).

School library results show positive findings



Results from six primary school library pilot schemes show an increase in a love of reading, motivation towards learning, well-being and feelings of self-worth. The findings were revealed by Waterstones Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell who set up the 'Life-changing Libraries' initiative.

[Find out more here](#)

Book Medal Winners chosen by librarians and children

Novel winners

The winners in this year's YOTO Carnegie Greenaway Awards have been revealed at a ceremony at the British Museum. **Katya Balen** won the Yoto Carnegie Medal for her novel *October*. *October* is a tale of 11-year old October, whose life changes dramatically after a childhood spent in the woods. It was also selected by the Shadowers Choice Award, voted for by thousands of young people through the shadowing scheme. The author, Katya, has spent her career working in SEND schools and is the co-director of [Mainspring Arts](#), an organisation that runs creative workshops for neurodivergent people.

Illustration winners

Danica Nobgarodoff is the winner of the Yoto Kate Greenaway Medal for her interpretation of Jason Reynold's *Long Way Down*, which she has transformed into a graphic novel to convey the emotional turmoil of the main character who is planning to harm another person. The Kate Greenaway Award for Illustration Shadowers chose *The Midnight Fair*, illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio. This wordless picture book uncovers the secret life of animals who prowl the fairground at night.

Registration to take part in Shadowing the 2023 Awards will open in **November 2022**.

[Why not get your school involved?](#)

Assistive technology training programme finds success in boosting teachers'

confidence supporting children using AT



In response to evidence that teachers struggled to use technology to support learners with special educational needs, the Department for Education (DfE) ran an Assistive Technology Training Pilot programme for 79 schools from January 2022 to March 2022. The training focused on upskilling school staff in identifying and implementing appropriate assistive technology for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools. [Find out more here.](#)

Dragon software training

Neil Sleight from Top Class Computers explains the rationale behind his training for Dragon speech recognition software.

“I have been an Assistive Technology trainer for nearly 29 years, and Dragon is my favourite app because it can make writing so much easier and faster for many people. Much of my work now is helping university students with dyslexia, and many of them also love Dragon for this reason!

I do find that many people make the same mistakes when using Dragon, which is a shame, because it is so good. Therefore, I do believe that some training to get you started properly is important...

To help with this I have published a 130-page **Dragon training textbook** that, as far as I know, is the only one of its kind using a dyslexia friendly font and layout. More details can be [found here](#).

I have also published an **eLearning Solution** for Dragon. This currently consists of 68 video modules and 2½ hours of video, with transcriptions. There are quizzes throughout to test knowledge, and also the option to easily get in touch and ask questions if needed. The course is approved by Student Finance England and can be recommended by assessors for university students. It is also CPD certified, and any assessors are welcome to a free licence. Details of this course can be [found here](#).

Both options are complete step-by-step guides for anyone wanting to use Dragon and get the most benefit from it. They cover everything from installation and setup, through dictating text, to working hands free if required.”

First T-Level results are published

The new technical qualification started in 2020 with courses in education and childcare; design, surveying and planning; and digital production, taken by 1,029 students in England. There will be 16 T-level subjects available from September and more will be introduced over the next few years including accounting, agriculture and engineering.

T-levels, or Technical Levels, have been developed alongside employers and are accepted by 120 universities.

However, there are some concerns that more BTECs will be cut to prevent overlapping. [Read more here](#)



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