



## Guild Gallery - December 2019



Dear Lucy,

**Save the date: Guild conference** will be held at the University of Bath on Thursday 25th June 2020. For those who are interested, dinner, accommodation and leisure facilities are available on Wednesday 24th June. Speaker details and bookings will be available soon on our website so grab your 2020 diary and save that date to join us.

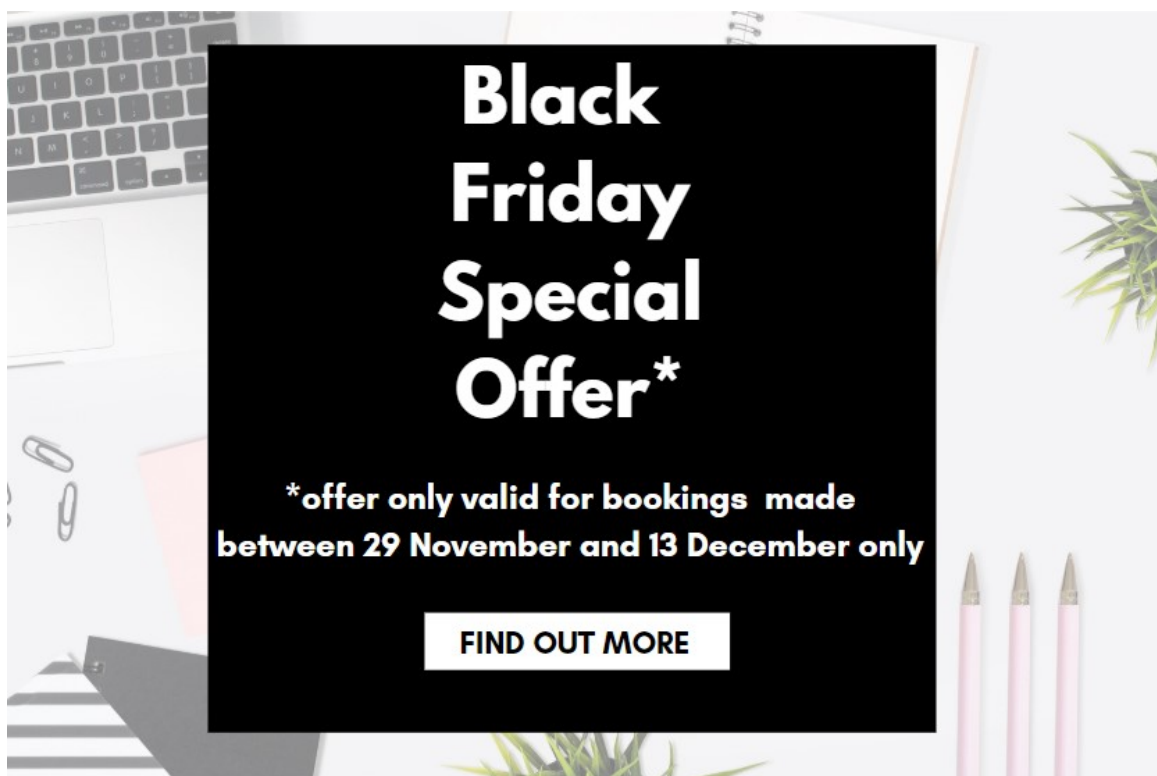
Don't forget that our Dyslexia Review Autumn issue which was published in November can be accessed from the [Guild member area](#) along with previous back issues.

We wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

**Jan Beechey**  
**The Dyslexia Guild**

[Book now](#) for our January courses



Look out for our [Black Friday deals](#) that run until 13 December 2019 on selected Units and Awards and Level 5 programmes!

The offer for our CPD Pathway Units/Awards applies to courses starting on 22 January 2020 (book before 8 January subject to availability) and specialist level 5 teaching [Award](#) and [Certificate](#) starting April 2020.

For guild members with SpLD qualifications take a look at our [Level 7 short courses](#), members receive £10 off automatically when logged in.

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### Schools wanted to trial impact of programmes for disadvantaged pupils

Education Endowment Foundation (EFF), are looking for 400 schools to take part in three separate trials. Headsprout is a targeted literacy programme aiming to build fluency in essential early reading skills for children with SEND. Find out more [here](#).

SEND Review aims to help 150 secondary schools to evaluate the effectiveness of their SEND provision and then implement a bespoke improvement plan. Find out more [here](#).

Children's University aims to improve the aspirations and attainment of pupils in 150 primary schools by encouraging learning activities beyond the school day. Find out more [here](#).

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### Mental Health issues within the student-aged population

The Education Policy Institute have published an analysis which explores barriers that may prevent students from receiving the help they need. The beginning of university is a time of transition for students, which can also be a barrier to them receiving mental health treatment. They often move away from home and leave behind their regular GP and support system, making it more difficult to receive consistent and

timely care. University mental health advisors and other healthcare professionals reported that the biggest challenge facing student mental health is that 'the NHS is not set up to support students as they move between home and university. Read more [here](#).

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### Video Games and Literacy



The National Literacy Trust, Penguin Random House Children's publishers and the Association of UK Interactive Entertainment (UKie) to research the impact of video games on literacy in children and young people. Little is known about young people's experiences of reading and writing in relation to video games, and how this interacts with broader reading and writing attitudes.

This survey focuses on young people aged 11 to 16 years old, reflecting a need to address a sharp decline in reading enjoyment reported by this age group in the Annual Literacy Survey run by the National Literacy Trust.

They are calling for schools to participate who will receive:

- Real time access to their students' survey data, reports and group-level analysis
- A free trial of Bounce Together, a digital platform monitoring students' wellbeing, perceptions, behaviours, health and attitudes
- Access to other reading and wellbeing surveys

If your school is interested in taking part, find out more [here](#).

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### School library inequalities revealed

Research commissioned by the Great School Libraries Campaign has revealed inequalities in school library provision for pupils.

A key finding was socioeconomic inequality with a significant drop off of library provision in schools where a high proportion of pupils were eligible for free school meals are more than twice as likely not to have a



designated library space onsite. They are also significantly more likely than average to have not digital device provision in the library.

Waterstones Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell, said: "This research shows an inequality in library provision that is a social mobility time bomb... I know from visiting schools around the country for over twenty years that schools with both a library and a librarian have a huge advantage over those that do not."

School library sector organisations are calling on the Department for Education to create national School Library Strategies in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, drawing on the example of the National School Library Strategy in Scotland. Find out more [here](#).

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### Free Books for secondary schools

The specially selected books are part of a School Library Pack and a Special School Library Pack. The Special School Library Pack is for students aged 11-14 with additional needs, and was selected by a panel of SEND Practitioners.

The Booktrust, who are offering the books in conjunction with Arts Council England, says these will broaden students' reading selections through new genres and authors. The packs include resources to help you create enjoyable, social reading experiences such as book clubs to make reading fun. Register now to have books delivered in January 2020. Details can be found [here](#).



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