



## Guild Gallery - September 2019

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Dear Lucy,

Some of you asked for a new **Guild Forum** thread especially for those working with adults, so we have created a thread called "Adult, Further and Higher Education Specialists". We hope that this will give you an area to share your expertise and experience with others in the sector.

If you have not accessed the **Guild Forums** before please log into the [member area](#)

Click **Guild Home** and then **Guild Forums**. Choose the thread you would like to view. The forums are friendly and supportive environments where you can ask questions or get advice and network with other specialists in the field.

Those of you who attended our **conference** in June will know of the presentation about the Psychology of Adult Writing but also a session from Microsoft about Assistive Technology from Arran Smith who has also given access to his webinar.

Dr Anna Smith, Dr Mark Turner and Janet Desmet gave advice on SASC updates to Report Writing Practice and the new report format.

You can find these and all the other presentations available to all members from the Guild Home page or [here](#).

Kind regards,

**Jan Beechey**  
The Dyslexia Guild



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### Free Access Arrangements course

Real Training are offering a free online course about Exam Access Arrangement updates in September. For more information see [here](#).

With the changes to JCQ regulations now released, the [Dyslexia Action Shop](#) can provide the materials you'll need for undertaking the completion of Access Arrangements Form 8's and these are available for purchase with your 10% Guild member discount. Contact the shop to advise that your account has been set up and activated by calling +44 (0)1784 222339 or emailing [shop@dyslexiaaction.org.uk](mailto:shop@dyslexiaaction.org.uk)

### Cressida Cowell is new Children's Laureate

Cressida Cowell has become a bestselling author in 38 languages with her How to Train Your Dragon and The Wizards of Once book series. She also illustrates most of her stories. "Books and reading are magic and this magic must be available to absolutely everyone," said Cowell.

"I'm honoured to be chosen... I will be a laureate who fights for books and children's interests with passion, conviction and action. "Practical magic, empathy and creative intelligence, is the plan."

The author said she has a "to-do list" with a 10-point plan but there are two things on her list that are "most urgent".

Boosting creative writing in schools and halting the decline of primary school libraries will be the focus of her attention in the first instance. "Children should have more creative space in the curriculum [to write]. At least 15 minutes a week."

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Put a book down if they're not enjoying it
8. Be creative for at least 15 minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on

She has already experimented with what she dubs "free-writing Fridays" last year, she said.

Children "could write whatever they wanted and the teacher couldn't mark it". The idea came in response to families and teachers contacting her because their children didn't enjoy writing anymore. [BookTrust award the Children's Laureate](#) which is sponsored by Waterstones.

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### **Global literacy targets off track already**

UNESCO says promises by world leaders to raise global education standards by 2030 are unlikely to be kept. On current trends, 30% of adults and 20% of young people will still be illiterate in poor countries with the worst problems in sub-Saharan Africa.

The report also highlights a lack of trained teachers. Read more [here](#).

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### **MPs to Launch inquiry into lifelong learning**

An inquiry into adult education and lifelong learning is to be launched by the Commons Education Select Committee. The inquiry will also explore the level of support available to learners and the role played by local authorities in providing adult education.

Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP, Chair of the Education Committee, said: "Nearly half of the poorest adults receive no training after leaving school. For too long further education has been a poor relation to other education sectors. While the measures to strengthen FE in the recent Augar review were welcome, these are just the beginning. Our Committee will examine what more can be done to encourage adult skills and life-long learning.

Supporting people to learn new skills, whether as a mature student at university, training at work or attending the local adult education college, will boost the UK's productivity and have a powerful effect on the life prospects of everyone in society, including the disadvantaged."

Read more [here](#).

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### **Disability at Work**

Evenbreak is a not-for-profit social enterprise run for and by disabled people, formed with three main objectives: to help inclusive employers attract more talented disabled people by advertising on our [job board](#); to help disabled jobseekers find work with employers who will value their skills by [registering](#) and looking for opportunities on their site, and to promote the business benefits of employing disabled people, making employers more confident with their [Best Practice Portal](#). In addition to work advertised by inclusive employers on the job board, there's also great resources for candidates looking for advice about work. They have a spotlight on talented disabled people looking to find work and has also started vlogs for candidates on their social media sites.

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### **Study Skills - research interviews**

Helen Kara, has published a research methods comic online. It's called Conversation With A Purpose and it tells the story of a student's first real-life interview.

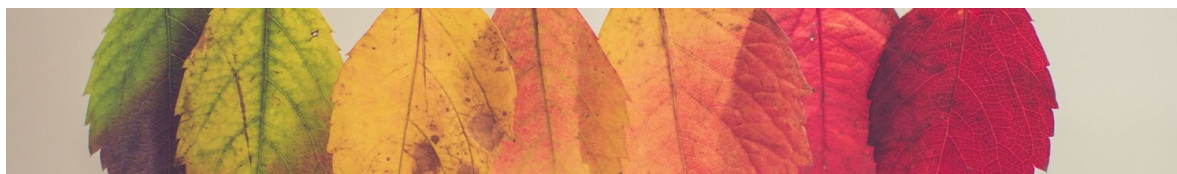
It is free to use and might be useful as a reflective teaching tool for those of your students who are on MA programmes and need to undertake research interviews.

It can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Helen Arkell MBE 17 August 1920 - 28 August 2019

It is with great sadness that the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity announced the passing of their founder and namesake, Helen Arkell. Dyslexic herself, at a time when the condition was poorly understood, Helen knew the negative effects that dyslexia can bring. Helen became an inspirational figure for many who felt the benefit of her support, advice and expertise. She spent many years ensuring that dyslexia was taken seriously, by the education authorities in particular and by the public in general. In 1971 Helen joined forces with Joy Pollock and Elisabeth Waller to set up the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre to remove barriers to learning and life for people with dyslexia. A memorial service for Helen will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 2pm at St. Mary's Church, Frensham GU10 3EA, all welcome.



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