

Teaching and learning resources

Dyslexia Action supplies specialist learning and teaching resources for dyslexia and literacy. These include a complete range of resources for: teaching professionals, psychologists, students (both children and adults) and parents. Visit our online shop at www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk and click on 'Shop'.

Services for further education (FE) and higher education (HE)

We offer training for assessors for Disabled Students' Allowance and our Guild can issue practising certificates.

Dyslexia Action is happy to discuss support in your college or university and provide a flexible approach that will ensure you have the right service for your specific needs.

Equality Act 2010

The special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 (SENDA), now under the Equality Act 2010, extended the anti-discrimination provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) to education. For further information visit:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/EducationAndTraining>

Following SENDA all education providers (including independent schools and special schools) must ensure they do not discriminate against disabled pupils or disabled applicants.

Providers are obliged to prepare and publish accessibility plans to allow disabled people to better access the curriculum, the physical environment and the delivery of education generally.

Dyslexia Action can advise on dyslexia friendly presentation, methodology and resources. We can audit and assess classrooms to advise on 'reasonable adjustments' and help improve workplaces for dyslexic staff.

Creating your Disability Equality Scheme

The Disability Equality Duty (which came into force in December 2006) aims to promote disability equality across the public sector. It sets out what public authorities, including schools, must do in order to promote equality of opportunity, for further information visit: <http://www.dotheduty.org>

All public authorities covered by the specific duties must:

- Publish a Disability Equality Scheme (including an Action Plan)
- Involve disabled people in producing the Scheme and Action Plan
- Demonstrate they have taken actions in the Scheme and achieved appropriate outcomes
- Report on progress
- Review and advise the Scheme

Dyslexia Action can advise on this and help organisations with the Scheme.

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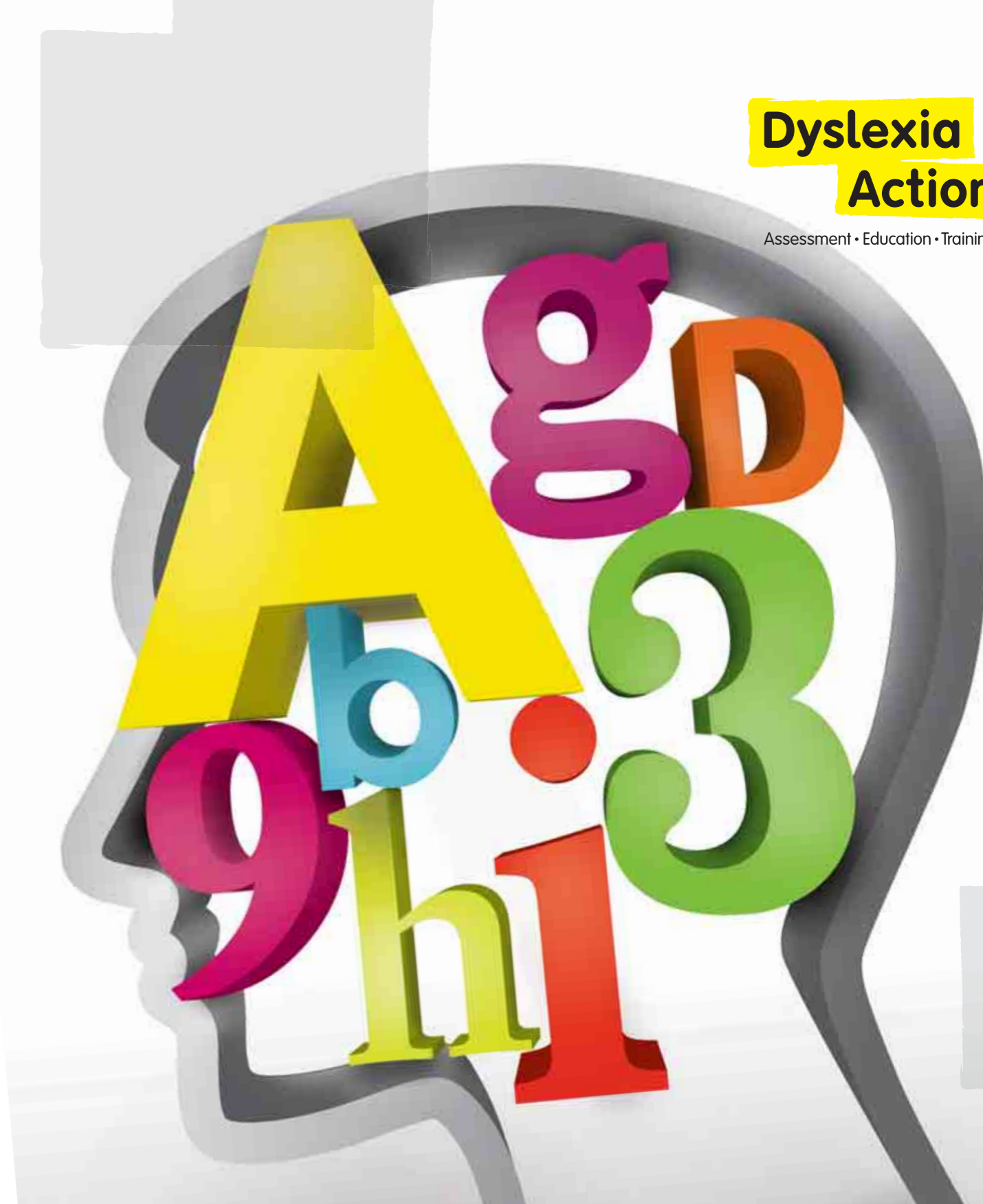
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Dyslexia Action Services

- Are you looking for information and advice on dyslexia as well as expert help for your school or organisation?
- Would you like to improve literacy among your pupils or students?
- Do you want to increase the efficiency and expertise of your staff?

Dyslexia Action can help you; we work with schools, colleges, universities, training companies and other education providers support dyslexia in the classroom. We also work with major organisations to identify and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of employees as well as help them to comply with the Equality Act 2010.

What is dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a hidden disability that affects reading, writing and spelling. It may also affect short-term memory, mathematical ability, personal organisation, and the ability to put things in order.

The condition is mainly inherited, and caused by differences in the language areas of the brain. This affects how information is acquired, processed and understood. It can occur at any level of intelligence and is the most common of all the specific learning difficulties. It occurs regardless of race, age and class, but the most disadvantaged are likely to suffer the most throughout their lives. In the UK **10%** of the population is affected to some extent; **4%** has severe dyslexia.

With the right support people can be taught to cope with the condition; they can learn to overcome this disability and stop it being a barrier to achievement.

What is Dyslexia Action?

Dyslexia Action is a national charity that improves the lives of people with dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties through education. With over 30 years of experience, Dyslexia Action is the UK's leading charity in this area, providing a range of services and support for children and adults.

With the right approach, support and teaching, the effects of dyslexia can be minimised.



Partnerships and consultancy

We are committed to improving public policy and practice and through our partnerships aim to make our services more widely available, as well as improving the quality and quantity of help for people with dyslexia and specific learning difficulties.

We offer additional services to schools and employers, employment agencies and training providers, and work with many organisations and partners:

- Learning and Skills Council (LSC)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- Local Authorities
- Job Centre Plus
- Pupil Referral Units
- Youth Offenders Institutes
- Prisons
- Probation Services
- Fire services
- Police services

Workplace consultancy

There is a growing need for Workplace Consultancy as employers seek to comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, which recognises dyslexia as a disability. We work with companies to advise on the best options for them and their employees to support work performance. This might include work focused psychological assessment followed up by a workplace consultation for individuals or groups. Recommendations are made to employers and many employees come to us for Dyslexia Coaching for strategies to improve work performance.

Consultancy with schools or other providers

Dyslexia Action supports schools and other providers of specialist education to ensure that all children are able to overcome their dyslexia or learning difficulties. Our Partnership for Literacy initiative uses the specialist knowledge of Dyslexia Action's teachers to develop a sustainable model of support for children who have literacy difficulties. It has been designed to leave expertise and knowledge with the school leadership, teachers and teaching assistants, ensuring that not just those children involved in the programme benefit, but also those in generations to come.

Services for schools

Our teachers offer advice and support on everything from dyslexia policy to staff training and specialist teaching materials. In many cases our teachers work directly with pupils, and alongside the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) and/or Teaching Assistants (TA). We offer:

- Individual Tuition: Enabling schools to provide cost effective teaching for pupils with dyslexia. Staff complete a special training course, on or off site. We then work together with the SENCo or TA to 'team teach' a group of students.
- Mentored Training: One of our tutors leads a training session, with the trainee gradually taking responsibility for key elements of the course. This means continuous training is given to the SENCo. With this method, by the time Dyslexia Action completes this programme, the teacher is confident to continue with our teaching methods.

Regional courses and support services

Our regional centres provide additional services to their local communities such as study skills, maths and parent awareness courses. More detailed Information on these and other services are available on-line at: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk

With appropriate support, dyslexia need not be a barrier to success.

On-line services

We have a wide range of on-line services. These include extensive information and advice for parents, adults and teachers, as well as teacher training courses, and a resources shop, enabling us to provide our services globally.

Training and professional development

Dyslexia Action offers a wide range of professional development courses, as well as a university validated postgraduate programme. These are delivered through e-learning and blended learning. Our programmes are designed to be rewarding and manageable and include:

- Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy
- Alpha to Omega: The Hornsby Course in Dyslexia and Literacy
- Specialist Continuing Professional Development course
- Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET) - Level A
- Training for Assessors - We offer training for assessors for Disabled Students' Allowance and our Guild can issue practising certificates.

We can help improve the skills and expertise of teachers and develop specialist literacy support. Teachers can study by e-learning supplemented by face-to-face workshops, study days and short courses. Benefits include:

- Associate membership of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA)
- Eligibility to assess for exam access arrangements
- Achievement of a Practising Certificate (a requirement for anyone carrying out Disabled Students' Allowance assessments)
- Membership to the Dyslexia Guild - Dyslexia Action's professional membership body for dyslexia specialists.