

Information Sheet

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What is Dyslexia Scotland?

Dyslexia Scotland is a national organisation based in Stirling that represents the needs and interests of people with dyslexia. We aim to encourage and enable children, young people and adults with dyslexia to reach their potential in education, employment and life. We do this through offering high quality services that will inspire and enable dyslexic people to maximise their abilities. The organisation is both a registered Scottish charity (SC 000951) and a company limited by guarantee (No. SC 153321).

What do we do?

Dyslexia Scotland delivers a range of support and services as identified by and on behalf of dyslexic children and adults. We have a network of volunteer-led branches and 3 Adult Networks.

These include:

- A national telephone helpline, Mon – Thurs, 10.00 - 4.30 Mon - Fri 10.00 – 4.00
- A national tutor list and training for tutors
- A national list of approved Assessors (EPs and Dyslexia Specialists) who carry out assessments to identify dyslexia and other associated difficulties
- Dyslexia assessments for children and adults at our premises in Stirling
- A career development service for adults with dyslexia
- Supporting projects for the Scottish Government and other partners:
e.g. [Addressing Dyslexia online toolkit](#) for all teachers; free online [dyslexia training modules](#) for teachers; Count Me In; Dyslexia at Transition; Supporting Dyslexic Pupils in the Primary and Secondary Curriculum; DVD for prisoners with learning difficulties; STUC Guide on Dyslexia in the Workplace
- Website www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk, social media, leaflets and guides
- Young people's website: www.unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk
- A variety of local services provided through our network of volunteer-led branches
- Three Adult Networks which meet regularly
- Conferences, road shows, workshops and tailored dyslexia awareness training
- Quarterly magazine and a range of services for our members
- A national voice (influencing positive change)

Dyslexia Scotland People – Who are we?

- High profile President (Sir Jackie Stewart OBE) and Ambassadors
- Dedicated Vice President (Julia Trotter MBE)
- Enthusiastic volunteers – on the Board of Directors, Members' Representative Council, as branch chairs, and helping with other parts of our work
- A network of volunteer-led branches across Scotland
- A committed team of 8 paid staff
- Many valued members, supporters and donors

Our vision for the future

In order to inspire and enable those with dyslexia to reach their potential, we aim, as Scotland's national organisation for dyslexia:

Aim 1

To provide and promote high quality services

To provide high quality information, advice, training and support services that inspire and enable children, young people and adults with dyslexia to reach their potential and to encourage other service providers to do the same

Aim 2

To influence and achieve positive change at a national and local level

- a) To work collaboratively towards a united specialist support and campaign body for Scotland to achieve positive change
- b) To support and contribute to research, consultations and projects

Aim 3

To give people with dyslexia an effective individual and collective voice

- a) To develop and expand the role of local and national ambassadors
- b) To support and encourage people to tell their story through appropriate public platforms and the media
- c) To support and encourage people to participate in consultations

Aim 4

To ensure that Dyslexia Scotland is a sustainable, efficient and effective organisation

To ensure that the organisation has the governance, capacity, funding and membership support required to achieve the strategic and operational objectives of the plan.