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A plea from the Committee:

As a committee we are committed to keeping Dyslexia Network Plus going, however, we have to admit that we are struggling at the moment. We are operating on a skeleton committee and those of us who remain currently each have significant and critical domestic pressures relating to close family members. To continue in our activities, we are desperate for help. Even a little time given can make a significant difference. As well as particular roles such as Treasurer, Publicity, Newsletter editor, and Membership Secretary we need folks who can support those already in roles, e.g. help with updating the website and the Secretarial role. Please do contact us if you think you can help – no experience or special knowledge needed – just the willingness to attend about 4 or 5 committee meetings a year and give a little time in between.

Free Membership extension to October 2018:

At this time, when we are losing a major national dyslexia organisation, (see Dyslexia Action article below), we feel it is particularly important that local groups exist to provide a forum of support to individual families. Until we are able to recruit more help on the committee, it is likely that our activities will be minimal. As such we are extending all current Memberships to October 2018, without charge. For 2018, we will cover the annual £5 that needs to be paid to the British Dyslexia Association for each member out of existing funds and so all members will also continue to receive Contact for that period. If you believe you are a member and have not received any issues of Contact, please will you let us know asap via the helpline number or the email address.

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Helpline: 0845 22 60 240

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Options following the closure of Dyslexia Action:

Dyslexia Network Plus was sad to hear the news that on April 13th Dyslexia Action activities were ceasing, apart from aspects of their teacher training programme. Dyslexia Action has been a centre of excellence in providing assessment and tuition support around the country and has trained many teachers and teaching assistants to provide high quality support. It is hoped that others will be able to take on some of the roles so ably filled by Dyslexia Action.

The good news is that the British Dyslexia Association (which has traditionally had a slightly different, although overlapping national role) has given assurances that it remains strong. In recent years the two organisations have worked closely together on a number of important government funded projects.

Meanwhile, for those looking for alternative provision see the links below.

Looking for **assessment**? There are a number of options:

- BDA Assessment information: www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/services/assessments
- Search for assessors by postcode (free registration required before use): www.patoss-dyslexia.org/SupportAdvice/TutorAssessorIndex/
- Phone our helpline for local contacts 0845 22 60 240

Looking for **tuition**:

- Again, these can be found via the PATOSS website or by phoning our helpline.

In the News:

How Casualty Actor, Lloyd Everitt learns lines:

Paste this link for an inspirational account of how Lloyd uses pictures to help him learn his lines for the hit show Casualty: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/incredible-doodles-show-how-dyslexic-12298832>



2017: BDA Focus on adults and dyslexia:

As part of their focus on adults, the BDA have launched an eLearning platform which adults can access for the low price of £12.99 to cover administration costs (free to unwaged). It is called "Success at Work and Home" and consists of 10 modules. <http://www.bdaelearning.org.uk/enrol/index.php?id=86>



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Dyslexia Potential:

Often the focus is on the issues to do with Dyslexia. Whilst these can't be brushed under the carpet, many with dyslexia also talk about the positives. For inspiration click on the following links:

Hidden Potential video at

https://www.facebook.com/pg/DyslexiaIreland/videos/?ref=page_internal

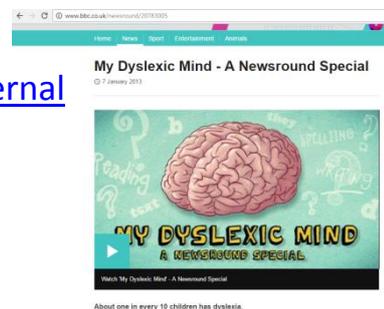
My Dyslexic Mind at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/20783005>

The Dyslexiaville videos on youtube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCopJtiwsn_QfOhfqUxx7wSw

The Dyslexic Advantage by Brocke Eide, from £5.99 on Amazon



Dyslexia Network Plus events



Wednesday 10th May, 7pm, Thirsk Community Library – Dyslexia Resource Hub

Meadowfields Care complex, Chapel Street, YO7 1TH (adjacent to the Health Centre)

Open meeting for anyone interested in having an input in the resource hub at the library – e.g. brainstorming ideas for a name for the hub, what resources should it have, etc? To give us a rough idea of numbers, it would help us if you email to let us know you aim to attend.

**For more details about the above: Telephone 0845 22 60 240 or 01325 718139
or email: dnplus@aol.com**

Events in and around our region

Wednesday 26th April NYPACT Legal Event, 10-3 (9 am registration and stands)

The Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, HARROGATE, HG2 8NZ

Keynote speaker: Sarah Woosey - Irwin Mitchell solicitors

Workshops: Resolving SEND Complaints - Irwin Mitchell solicitors // If you decide to appeal – SENDIASS & IPSEA // Mediation – Kids // From DLA to PIP

Buffet lunch included - Reasonable travel and childcare costs can be reimbursed.

Please click on the link below to register for this event:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nypact-legal-event-registration-33274108755>

or email: northyorkshirepact@gmail.com

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