

# Dyslexia Network Plus

## NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2009

### A word from the Secretary ...



I am a new member to the committee and became involved following a talk provided by Dyslexia Network Plus on dyslexia awareness for parents which was held at a local Children's Centre.

I had been worried about my son's progress at school for quite some time and had very little understanding of dyslexia. I found the talk extremely informative and subsequently had my son assessed. Following his assessment I decided I wanted to learn more about dyslexia and become more involved in promoting an awareness of dyslexia.

I have found the resources available through the HERD sessions to be extremely useful and recently volunteered my clerical skills to the committee.

Judith McKenzie  
Secretary

### Information on a new Dyslexia Website

Jess Simmonite of PlanetDyslexia Ltd (based in Sheffield) writes:

We are very excited to announce the publication of a brand new website. [www.planetdyslexia.co.uk](http://www.planetdyslexia.co.uk) is a revolutionary new online community for all people with dyslexia, people who work with dyslexics, people who employ dyslexics and anyone wanting more information.

Within the website, [www.planetdyslexia.co.uk](http://www.planetdyslexia.co.uk), there is also the opportunity to sign up for membership, which entitles you to fantastic offers on resources such as Nessy products, ReadWrite Gold and ClaroRead to name but a few!

Jill Ruddle, founder of PlanetDyslexia Ltd, also has a blog on the website, and there is also a regular newsletter, with information about the centre and events that are planned. Plus lots, lots more!

### Other News ....

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Heather Lagan who has passed her Post Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy. Heather is a regular helper at the Northallerton HERD. Heather plans to continue training and is due to start working for the Diploma in the Summer.

#### New Dyslexia Group – York

A new group is just getting started in York. Like Dyslexia Network it is affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association and may be of interest, particularly for those in the south of the Hambleton area. If you are interested contact Nicky Openshaw at [nickyopenshaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickyopenshaw@yahoo.co.uk)—tel number is 01904 541530 or 07747 806494 or check out their website:

[www.YADDA.org.uk](http://www.YADDA.org.uk)

**British Dyslexia**  
Association

**York Members' Day**  
**Saturday 6 June 2009 — 10am- 4pm**  
**York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk,**  
**York YO31 7EX**

Members Day is being held at York St John University this year and is open to all members (LDAs, Individual and Organisational members), their friends and family.

The Members Day is aimed to create better dyslexia awareness, offer information and a chance for you to all get together.

The day offers informative sessions for parents running parallel to lively sessions for children aged 7-16 years old - *(please note children aged under 7 are expected to remain with their parents throughout the day)*

#### The day includes:

Activity and creativity sessions  
Study skills workshops offering practical resources  
Workshops on practical solutions for dyslexia  
Approaches to study and other skills

There will be exhibitions from a diverse range of organisations as well as opportunities to listen to speakers who have been involved in the world of dyslexia. There will be lots of exciting activities for younger members that are designed to be both stimulating and rewarding.

We would love you to join us on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June — ticket details:

**£20 for a family (2 adults and up to 3 children)**  
**£10 for an individual ticket**  
**£5 for children**

(We would just like to remind all our members that whether dyslexic or not this day is open to all and for the whole family; although we do recommend that the minimum age for children is 7 years old.)

Why not make a weekend of it and see the sights of York! Visit the Visit York website <http://www.visitork.org> for more information.

# Dyslexia?

Does your child need support with reading, writing and/or spelling?



Join the HERD

**DROP-IN SESSION**  
for families with children of all ages



Join the HERD

**When?**  
**Where?**  
**ALSO**

**Tuesdays** anytime between 3.30 and 5 pm, during term time

1st Tues in the month at Sowerby Children's Centre  
Otherwise at Thirsk Children's Centre

**Wednesdays** at Northallerton Children's Centre  
Anytime between 3.30 and 5 pm, during term time

HERD (Helpful Educational Resources for Dyslexia)  
is an after school drop-in session run by Dyslexia Network Plus

**Members may:**

- \* borrow games and resources
- \* find support and information
- \* just drop-in for a coffee and a chat

**Screening** is available  
to identify your child's  
specific difficulties  
➤**phone for information**

**Evening sessions planned for the Summer**

**At Northallerton Children's Centre**

Wed 6th May — ICT and Dyslexia  
Tues 9th June — Maths and Dyslexia

**At Bedale Hall**

Monday 11th May — Dyslexia Awareness for Parents

**At Thirsk Children's Centre**

Mon 29th June — What to do about Spelling

**All sessions 7.30 to 9.30pm**

**PHONE TO BOOK**



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