

Autumn 2009

Dear all
Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. As many of you will have noticed we've been so busy through the summer we haven't actually sent out a newsletter for a while, but don't worry we haven't forgotten about all our members out there who continue to support us by paying their annual membership.



First of all I would like to let people know that our long time Treasurer, Peter Cunningham, stepped down from his role at the end of May and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to him for all the hard work he put in over the years. If it hadn't been for Pete's help doing all the financial side to our Lottery and Parenting Fund bids we would not be in such a strong position as we are today. At the same time I'd also like to pass on our thanks to Sue Cunningham who for a long time worked on our helpline and has been a great supporter of the CDA. Sue has now taken on a full-time SENCo role so has also had to step down from her work for the CDA, but I'm sure both of them will be keeping in touch with us!

The Dyslexia Adult Information & Support Initiative (DAISI)



DAISI staff Laura, Tam and Rebecca

The DAISI Project is gaining in strength following the achievement of the Matrix quality mark. (See details below)

We are becoming well-known, as a result of our awareness workshops and through word of mouth, and are receiving more referrals from other organisations. We are also working closely with other organisations to provide support to them and their clients.

Our free awareness workshops are two hours long and offer a relaxed and informative insight into identifying and understanding dyslexia and supporting dyslexic clients and employees. Please spread the word to local employers, jobcentres and other organisations who might benefit from this service.

We now have a growing team of volunteers who are helping to staff

the drop-in centre and providing valuable assistance behind the scenes, and we are looking into expanding our services in the near future.

Do call in and see us if you're in Truro, on Monday afternoons, all day Wednesday and Thursday. We can provide Advice and guidance to dyslexic adults and young people not in education as well as screening for dyslexia and in some cases full assessment.



Rebecca meeting a client

We have produced new posters, leaflets and a DVD describing our services and are in the process of distributing these to organisations throughout Cornwall. If you would like some of these to pass on, please contact us on 01872 222 911. The project has also recently been featured twice on Radio Cornwall, and articles have appeared in the local press, all of which have had a noticeable effect on the number of clients attending the centre.

Tam (DAISI Project Manager)

Parent Support Project

The Parent Project has achieved more funding from the Parenting Fund allowing us to continue with (free) Dyslexia Awareness courses for adults for another five terms: HOORAY!

This autumn we are running Supporting the Dyslexic Child courses in Saltash, Pensilva, Camelford, Mullion, Camborne and Indian Queens. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining us, more details are available below and on our website. Please call me, Sally Collard on 01726 69336 to book places. I am also on the lookout for volunteers to help at these workshops (and others in the future) ... if you would like to help, please contact me.

We are always delighted to provide publicity material to help raise awareness of forthcoming courses to schools, parents and other adults in your area. Dave Gyll-Murray has joined the team as our Publicity and Marketing Manager for the Parent Project, and can provide you with electronic or hard copies of posters, fliers and course information if you are able and willing to spread news of local events.

We are very pleased to welcome him and his new ideas onboard ... a new DVD is afoot and with his musical talents, there may even be a song in there somewhere!



Sally at a workshop with parents

We are also planning to provide some Positively Dyslexic days around the county. A display of achievements and skills; positive messages and opportunities offered by dyslexia; the promotion of value and respect for individual ability and triumphs ... if you have anything to contribute towards these events (ideas, contacts or materials), please contact Dave on dave.cda@hotmail.com.

Finally, if you've already attended one of our courses: Supporting the Dyslexic Child, thank you very much for all your feedback. In response to your comments, we are now including an extra workshop to which children are invited to attend with their parents. Also a separate workshop for all parents called Reading Without Tears as we know that many of the supportive approaches we suggest for children with dyslexia are suitable for other novice readers too.

Best wishes to you all, Sally
(Parent Project - course manager).

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Forthcoming Supporting the
Dyslexic Child courses

Saltash 1-3pm
Five Mondays starting Oct. 2th

Camelford 6-8pm
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Pensilva (nr Liskeard) 1 - 3pm and
6.30 - 8.30pm (2 courses)
Five Wednesdays starting Oct. 21st

Mullion 10 - 12noon
Five Mondays starting Nov. 9th

Indian Queens 10 - 12noon (TBC)
Five Tuesdays starting Nov. 17th

Camborne 6-8pm
Five Thursdays starting Nov. 19th



We want to listen to you!

Please feel free to give us any feedback, good or bad about our service so that we can make improvements! Suggestions for future activities also welcome. Contact Sarah - details at the end of the newsletter.



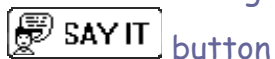
We are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded the matrix quality standard for information advice and guidance services. This involved a two day long assessment process from a matrix assessor who visited us at the drop-in centre and spoke to staff, volunteers and clients alike. The report we got back was very complimentary about our services and she has even recommended that we put ourselves forward for the matrix excellence award! A huge thank you to Rebecca who took the lead role in getting us ready for matrix and also to all those who helped make this a success, and especially clients who came in to meet the assessor or spoke to her on the telephone.

Collection boxes

We now have CDA Collection boxes available to be put in shops and other public places. Anyone who has a potential collecting place please could they contact Tam at the drop-in centre. 01872 222 911

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All text on our website can be read out using the



Congratulations to staff member Laura on the birth of her baby son Billy. Assuming like Laura, he will also be dyslexic, Laura seems to have started him early on reading! Laura will be back at work on the DAISI project in January.

Committee Members Needed!!

We would very much like some more people to join the CDA committee as our numbers have been falling recently. We meet at my house in Perranporth usually at about 7 PM and probably only about six times a year. If you'd like to be involved please do give me (Sarah - see below) a ring - meetings are very informal with lots of tea, coffee and biscuits!

Newly produced **Keys 2 Spelling** is an approach that can be used for improving an individual's spelling by focusing on **HOW** to learn, not what to learn. Materials cost £28 in a booklet form and £48 laminated cards in a box and the creators, Dorothy Churchward and Beth Boon, have offered to donate a percentage of sales to the Cornwall Dyslexia Association. To find out more contact them at info@keys2spelling.co.uk Website available soon www.keys2spelling.co.uk

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