

Dyslexia Awareness Information and Support Initiative (DAISI)

Project Summary

The project involved setting up a Drop-in Centre based in Truro, to provide a support and awareness service to dyslexic people in Cornwall. The project ran from May 2008 to April 2011, and was funded by the Big Lottery under their Reaching Communities programme. Total funding for the duration of the project was £274,608, and it was delivered on budget.

The Drop-in Centre team provided the following:

- advice, guidance and information to dyslexic adults and young people, to assist them with access to appropriate education and training, and access to employment;
- dyslexia screening for individuals who have had no formal assessment, to establish whether they have dyslexic tendencies;
- assessments (by trained specialists) for those requiring more in-depth appraisal;
- dyslexia awareness training for employers, agencies, educators/trainers, and service providers across the region, explaining the difficulties faced by dyslexics throughout their careers.

This report summarises the results of the project, focussing particularly on Year Three, in which the service reached its maximum effectiveness and fully demonstrated the importance of this service to the people of Cornwall.

In Year Three:

- 2,173 dyslexic adults and young people received support from us, either in the community or at the Drop-in Centre.
- 1,011 people received advice on education and training, compared to 277 in Year One;
- 168 organisations attended our dyslexia awareness training workshops;

The total number of dyslexics helped during the life of the project was 3,515, well up on the original target of 3,070.

Further statistics, gained through a comprehensive system of monitoring and feedback, can be found in the text and graphs later in this report.

The report ends with strong recommendations for the continuation of a dyslexia service, building on the experience gained. External funding will still be required, but we have suggestions for making some of our activities self-funding.

For a full copy of the End of Project report please contact enquiries@Cornwalldyslexia.org.uk

