



Dyslexia Scotland branches

Thank you for showing an interest in being on a Dyslexia Scotland branch committee. There are a growing number of branches across Scotland, all run by volunteers. Branches are supported by the national office of Dyslexia Scotland which is based in Stirling.

Our branches are different but the overall aim of them is to:

- raise awareness of dyslexia
- share information and experiences
- provide a friendly and informal setting for people to find out more and learn new things about dyslexia.

Dyslexia Scotland branches do these things by organising 'open meetings' – that is meetings which are open to the public, usually with a guest speaker. During the last year, Dyslexia Scotland branch meetings were attended by over 2000 people.

Branch committees meet in between open meetings in order to plan them. Branch representatives also come together 4 times a year to a Members Representative Council meeting to share news and good practice, but this is usually just one person from each branch.

Anyone with an interest in dyslexia can be on a committee – whether you are a parent or carer of a child with dyslexia, a person with dyslexia, a professional or employer working with people with dyslexia – or even if you just have an interest, everyone is welcome.

We do ask that all branch committee members are members of Dyslexia Scotland. Before deciding whether you will join the committee, we

recommend that you go along to one or two meetings to find out whether it's right for you.

Dyslexia Scotland branches may run occasional fundraising initiatives but generally try to cover their costs with donations from open meetings. Some branches apply for funding (with support from the national office) to run particular short term projects. Branches share the same registered charity number as Dyslexia Scotland.

We hope that you enjoy the meeting and that you will consider joining us. Without the support of volunteers like you we would not be able to reach as many people across Scotland and raise awareness and understanding around dyslexia.

You can see a list of our branches [here](#).

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