

National Volunteers Newsletter Autumn 2017



Young Ambassadors Inspiring Young People

Dyslexia Scotland held its first Youth Day in March 2017 for young people with dyslexia. Our Young Ambassadors were very involved in the day - running a workshop and facilitating a Q&A session at the end of the day. Their input and openness inspired two of the attendees to become Young Ambassadors too. This means that we are now, happily, at full capacity for Young Ambassador roles.

A few of our Events volunteers were also involved in the day: facilitating and supporting workshops and assisting on registration and exhibition stands. Many thanks to all involved in such a successful day. A second Youth Day is planned for March 2018.



New website for young people: Dyslexia Unwrapped

We are creating a website for young people with dyslexia. It will be aimed at young people aged 8-18, and will be called Dyslexia Unwrapped. The website will be launched in Edinburgh on Thursday 9 November.

Our Young Ambassadors have been involved in filming for the website, along with one of our Media volunteers, Trevor Thomson. More details in due course.



Hellos and Goodbyes (since March 2017)

- Hello and welcome to: **Fiona L, Mark M, Rachel M**
- Good bye and good luck to: **Steffi G**



Hi!

We are recruiting Helpline volunteers

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering for Dyslexia Scotland as a Helpline Volunteer?



We are looking for three volunteers to help on our Helpline on our morning (10am—1pm) and afternoon (2-4:30) shifts. You should have excellent listening skills, the ability to put people at ease on the telephone and keep a level head when dealing with difficult or distressing calls. We are planning a two-day induction session for early October.

Further information about this role can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Fleming at helen@dyslexiascotland.org.uk or call 01786 44 66 50.

Adult Network Developments

At the Branch and Adult Network residential in May, a group of volunteers and Helen reviewed the work of the three Adult Networks and identified a number of developments.

The first development task has been creating a publicity strategy. Liz, Helen and Katie met recently to discuss this. We have been promoting the adult network on our blog recently as part of that strategy.

Other developments will include developing adult network helper roles and a role description for the three Adult Network reps on the Cross Party Group for Dyslexia.

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