

We are recruiting volunteers!

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering for Dyslexia Scotland in the roles outline below?



Helpline Volunteer

We are looking for three volunteers to help on our Helpline on our afternoon shifts. You should have excellent listening skills, the ability to put people at ease on the telephone and to keep a level head when dealing with difficult or distressing calls.

Careers Mentor Volunteer

We are looking for around five volunteers to mentor dyslexic job-seekers. You should have some experience of working with people who are seeking employment and have a flexible, motivating and person-centred approach.

Further information about these roles 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.

Goodbye and thank you



After 22 years of voluntary service, Bill Bannerman recently stood down from the role of book-keeper with Dyslexia Scotland. Bill's dedication to the organisation has been invaluable and we will miss him hugely. Thank you Bill.

Did you know? We've added a new feature to our website: you can now pay your membership online [here](#).



Volunteer Newsletter

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NEWS

Malta Youth Camp

Four young volunteers aged between 18 and 26 attended the European Dyslexia Association's Youth Camp in Malta from 23-30 July. The event was hosted by the Malta Dyslexia Association and was attended by young people from Ireland, Italy, Germany, Greece, Malta, Sweden, Norway and Turkey.



As well as learning about dyslexia and how it is supported in other countries, the young people also met Maltese politicians, made films, memories and new friends. Everyone who attended the youth camp has been keeping in touch via a Facebook group. We hope to meet again soon. Currently, the volunteers who attended are creating reports/blogs/vlogs/picture collages of their time in Malta. We'll post these on our website and YouTube channel very soon.

New Employment Service

From 2013-15, Dyslexia Scotland ran a volunteer-led careers service pilot for dyslexic job-seekers. Due to demand, funding was sought for a paid post to support the work of this service. In May 2016, Katie Carmichael took up the post of Employment Adviser.



Our Employment Service aims to help adults with dyslexia to fulfil their career potential, feel more optimistic for their future and feel more confident about their job prospects. It can also help adults with dyslexia to identify the services in their local community.

The service can provide help in a number of different ways (for example—job search; making or updating a CV; assistance with application forms; interview techniques and practice) as well as one-to-one careers guidance to help job-seekers to identify personal strengths and choose a career path. We are now recruiting volunteers to help with this service — see page 4 for more information.

Further information about this service can be found on our [website](#).

Hellos and Goodbys (since December 2015)

- Hello and welcome to: **John, Iain, Brian**
- Good bye and good luck to: **Bill (see page 4)**



Volunteers Week (1-12 June)

Each year in early June, we shine an extra spotlight on the great work that our volunteers do, in support of Dyslexia Scotland. This year, the usual Volunteers Week was extended due to the Queen's charity Patron's lunch on 12 June. As volunteers are located across Scotland in Branches, Adult Networks and also in our offices in Stirling, we wanted to highlight what they do through our social media platforms. Please see below a few of the many posts from that week.

