



Dyslexia Association of Ireland  
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## DYSLEXIA COURSE

Dear Teacher

Please find enclosed information about an upcoming **Dyslexia Association Course for Teachers in the Ashbourne Marriott Hotel**. If you wish to attend this course please complete the enclosed application form and send in your fee of €250 immediately. *Places are allocated on a first-come first served basis to qualified applicants on receipt of a completed application form and the course fee.* The course content is outlined overleaf.

### **DAI IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TEACHERS**

**Presenters:** The course will be presented by a team of specialist teachers and educational psychologists.

**Fee:** €250

**Venue:** The Boyne & Blackwater Suite, Ashbourne Marriott Hotel, The Rath, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

**Dates:** The course runs over **4 Saturdays:**  
16<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> January & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Times:** 9.30 am – 3.00 pm each Saturday  
*Tea/coffee and sandwiches will be provided at lunch-time.*

**No exception will be made to the following requirement:**

- ◆ Attendance at each session and on each day will be necessary in order to obtain the DAI Certificate.

**Completed application forms should be returned to DAI, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2, immediately. Cheques should be made payable to DAI and returned with the application form. The fee for this course is non-refundable unless a cancellation is received more than 48 hours prior to the start date.** All successful applicants will be notified in writing before the commencement of the course. **Places on these courses are limited so early application is advisable.**

**Please contact DAI if you have any queries (01-6790276 or [info@dyslexia.ie](mailto:info@dyslexia.ie)).**

#### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

This course is offered only to qualified primary and secondary level teachers, including Learning Support and Resource teachers. Accepted qualifications include:

- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)
- B.A. + Higher Diploma in Education (H.Dip.)
- 3 levels of Montessori (i.e. up to age 12)
- Equivalent international professional primary or secondary teaching qualifications e.g. PGCE.

It is also sometimes open to related professionals, i.e. qualified Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists.

## **DAI COURSE FOR TEACHERS**

The course will be presented by a team of practising teachers and psychologists.

The aims of the course are:

- a) to provide an understanding of the nature of dyslexia, the difficulties in language processing experienced by persons with dyslexia, and the practical implications of these for classroom and teaching practice.
- b) to provide course participants with knowledge and skills relevant to assessment and intervention, suitable for pupils and students who have dyslexia.

### ***Topics covered will include:***

- the history of dyslexia
- causal theories
- what does it mean to have dyslexia
- why reading is difficult
- recognising indicators in the classroom
- screening and assessment
- interpreting psycho-educational assessment reports
- implementing recommendations
- teaching phonics
- teaching reading comprehension skills
- spelling
- the writing process
- creating an inclusive classroom environment
- co-existing conditions
- assistive technology and IT
- dyslexia and maths

In addition, information with regard to suitable teaching, screening and testing materials will be available to view, as well as recommendations for further reading.

### **At the end of the course a participant will:**

- ✓ Have an understanding of the possible causes of dyslexia.
- ✓ Be able to identify in a pupil/student learning behaviours which are consistent with dyslexia.
- ✓ Have an understanding of assessment and diagnostic reports.
- ✓ Have knowledge of appropriate methodologies and strategies for intervention.
- ✓ Support the child who has dyslexia in the general classroom.

**The DAI course certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. The criterion for successful completion includes full attendance.**

Serving teachers should note that financial assistance may be available through the Local Initiatives Scheme of the Special Education Support Service. Application forms can be downloaded from the SESS website ([www.sess.ie](http://www.sess.ie)). Teachers pay DAI, and then may be able to claim back some financial assistance from SESS.



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## IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' COURSE APPLICATION FORM

**VENUE:** Ashbourne Marriott Hotel

**START DATE:** 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of University Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, etc.

College/Institution	Subjects	Award	Years of Study

### Details of Remedial/Special Education/Dyslexia Courses completed.

Course Title	Organiser	Total Hours	Year Attended

### DETAILS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

*(Please begin with present or most recent post)*

School Name & Address	Post Held	Dates

Are you interested in working as a tutor for students with dyslexia (outside of school) after completing this course? Yes  No

(Note – Only fully qualified teachers can be accepted as tutors with DAI)

I wish to pay the €250 course fee by:

Cash  Cheque/Postal Order  Debit Card  Credit Card

Fee of €250 enclosed or card details section completed: Yes

