



Dyslexia Association of Ireland
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DAI's 2010 Annual Conference & AGM

Dyslexia – Practical Strategies

Venue: Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Date: Saturday 17th April, 2010.

The AGM will take place from 10.00am to 11.00am and is open to all current members of DAI. Attendance at the AGM only is free.

The Annual Conference will begin at 11.20am and conclude at 4.30pm.

This year, the conference will have two strands: there is a programme of talks for parents and teachers, and a separate programme of talks for adults with dyslexia.

The conference will begin with an overview of current research on dyslexia and its practical implications. Talks for parents and teachers will cover practical strategies, hints and tips for managing dyslexia at primary, secondary and third level. Talks for adults will focus on access to adult education, and practical strategies for managing dyslexia in the workplace.

The detailed Conference programme and a booking form are enclosed.

Pre-booking is essential as there are limited places available at the conference.

Tea and coffee will be provided in the morning at 11.00am, but lunch is not included in the conference fee. The Glenroyal Hotel offers a variety of lunchtime options from soup and a sandwich to a full meal. There are also many cafes and pubs nearby.

In an effort to make this conference accessible to as many people as possible, and bearing in mind the current economic climate, DAI is keeping the conference costs to a minimum.

Conference Fee per person: €30 DAI Members. €50 Non-Members.

PLEASE NOTE – reduced rates are available for people on social welfare/low income. Please contact DAI at 01 6790276 or email info@dyslexia.ie if you need to apply for a reduced rate fee.

DAI's 2010 Conference and AGM

Advance Booking Form

Please complete the form below and return it to DAI, 1 Suffolk St., Dublin 2, before April 9th.

NAME: _____ Membership No.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Tel. No.: _____

Please reserve _____ places for the Conference and _____ places for the AGM.

I enclose €_____ to cover the cost of _____ conference places.

(If booking for more than one person, please provide the name of each person below.)

Fee per person: DAI Members: €30.

Non-members: €50.

Reduced rates are available on request to people on social welfare/low income. Please contact DAI at 01 6790276 or email info@dyslexia.ie if you need to apply for a reduced rate fee.

Attendance at AGM only (10.00am -11.00am) is free.

If booking for more than one person, list all names below:

1. _____ DAI Memb. No.: _____

2. _____ DAI Memb. No.: _____

3. _____ DAI Memb. No.: _____

4. _____ DAI Memb. No.: _____

DAI 2010 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

11.00 – 11.20	Registration & Tea and Coffee.	
11.20 – 11.30	Conference Opening by Josephine Gannon, DAI National President.	
11.30 – 12.00	Mary Ball "An Overview of Current Research on Dyslexia".	
	TALKS FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS	TALKS FOR ADULTS WITH DYSLEXIA
	Corrib & Cashel Suite	Clifden Suite
12.00 – 1.00	Anna Dangerfield "Practical Strategies for Dyslexia at Primary Level".	Margaret Doyle & Sheila Kavanagh "Managing Dyslexia in the workplace, including the use of technology: PART 1".
1.00 – 2.15	LUNCH BREAK	
2.15 – 3.30	Wyn McCormack & Deirdre McElroy "Managing Dyslexia at Second Level".	Niamh Farran "How to Get Involved in Adult Education". Emma Matthews & Mary Wafaie "Career Paths Course for Adults with Dyslexia".
3.30 – 4.00	Gillian Boland "Practical Strategies for Managing Dyslexia in College".	Margaret Doyle "Managing Dyslexia in the workplace, including the use of technology: PART 2".
4.00 – 4.30	Open Forum with Panel of Speakers – Q&A Session	
4.30	CLOSE	

Conference Speakers:

Mary Ball is DAI's Director of Education. Before training as a psychologist she taught for many years at secondary level and lectured at third level. Her work with DAI includes assessing children and adults with dyslexia and directing the educational work of the Association and DAIs teachers training courses. She is co-author of "Dyslexia: An Irish Perspective".

Anna Dangerfield is a practicing psychologist working mainly in the area of educational psychological assessment. Before training as a psychologist she had worked in education teaching at second level, and as a learning support teacher. She has worked in all areas of education and has written educational material for both primary and post-primary schools. She has also lectured in psychology for adult learners.

Wyn McCormack is a Guidance Counsellor and Special Education Teacher in St. David's School, Greystones, as well as being a parent of sons with dyslexia. She has written the book "Lost for Words" which deals with dyslexia at second level in Ireland, and she is co-author of "Dyslexia: An Irish Perspective".

Deirdre Mc Elroy is a Mathematics and Special Education Teacher in St. David's School, Greystones, and is the parent of four children. She has a Masters in Special Education Needs during which she carried out research on Mixed Ability Teaching. She is also a qualified psychologist and has conducted research on using Co-operative Learning methods for teaching in a mixed ability classroom.

Gillian Boland co-ordinates the Writing and Research Support Service at IADT. She has a teaching qualification from the University of Greenwich and several years lecturing experience in the UK. She trained in dyslexia assessment and support at the University of the South Bank in London and has a qualification in Disability Needs Assessment from Trinity College Dublin.

Margaret Doyle is a Tutor on the Career Paths for Dyslexia course, where she helps adults to advance their literacy and learning skills. Margaret also provides dyslexia awareness training to companies, as well as advising on suitable workplace accommodations for people with dyslexia. Margaret has a special interest in technology aids for work or learning.

Sheila Kavanagh is a Tutor on the Career Paths for Dyslexia course, where she helps adults to advance their literacy and learning skills. Having taught for many years at second level, Sheila moved to adult tuition in 2002, where her expertise in I.T. has been used to great effect.

Emma Matthews is Course Co-ordinator on the Career Paths for Dyslexia course. Emma is a graduate of this course. She is also a qualified I.T. teacher and delivers the computer training on the course.

Mary Wafaie is also a graduate of the Career Paths course who now works as Assistant Co-ordinator on the programme. Mary delivers the Personal Development training and job preparation modules.

Niamh Farran is Communications Officer for AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation. She is responsible for the promotional strategy of the organisation, including promoting AONTAS and the adult education sector, as well as developing their website and producing their quarterly magazine, *Explore*.

DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (Formerly A.C.L.D.)

Annual General Meeting 2010

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the Dyslexia Association of Ireland (formerly A.C.L.D.) will be held at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on Saturday, 17th April 2009. (The Glenroyal Hotel is located on the right hand side of the road between the N4 and Maynooth. It is served by buses No. 66 & 67A from Dublin city. Maynooth train station is also nearby).

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the D.A.I., an election will be held at the AGM for twenty members (max.) to serve on the National Executive Committee. If you would like to put your name forward for election, or to nominate another person, please complete the form below and return it to D.A.I., 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2, before March 31st, 2010. Serving on the N.E.C. involves attendance at up to 10 meetings annually and requires dedication and commitment to the aims of the national association.

If you would like to put forward a motion for discussion at the AGM, please submit it in writing (in standard motion format) to D.A.I., 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2, by March 31st.

I wish to nominate _____ for election to the National Executive Committee of D.A.I. on 17/4/2009.

My/her/his address is: _____
_____ Membership No.: _____

I _____
(signature of nominee)

am willing to stand for election and I am aware of the duties and responsibilities which attach to membership of the National Executive Committee.

Proposed by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Membership No.: _____ Membership No.: _____

Please note that only full current members of the Association are eligible to serve on the National Executive Committee or to attend or vote at general meetings of the association.

Agenda for 2010 AGM of the Dyslexia Association of Ireland

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1. Minutes of 2009 AGM.
2. Report of National President, Jo Gannon.
3. Financial Report & Accounts.
4. Report of Education Officer.
5. Report of Branch Liaison Officer.
6. Election of National Executive Committee.
7. Debate on Motions submitted.
8. Appointment of Auditors.
9. Any Other Business.