



Edinburgh City Libraries and Dyslexia Scotland

Dyslexia Awareness Week Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November, 2014

Dyslexia Matters...

- ***To the 1 in 10 people in the UK affected by Dyslexia***
- ***Because with early intervention and the right support, people with dyslexia can reach their full potential***
- ***At school and at work, making the environment dyslexia friendly can benefit all.***

Pre – sessions:

Our Dyslexia-friendly library services for adults



Wednesday 22nd October

Central Library Conference Room, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

An informal guide to the accessible services available from Edinburgh City Libraries, with input from the local Dyslexia Scotland Group.

To book a place: www.edinburghreads.eventbrite.co.uk

Dyslexia Awareness Workshops for Staff in the City of Edinburgh Council as part of the Life Long Learning Agreement between the Unions and the Council, secured by UNISON.

Thursday 30th October, 9.30am – 12.30pm or **Friday 31st October**

, 1.00pm-4.00pm or 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Waverley Court , 4 East Market Street, EH8 8BG

These workshops are a great starting point for people who work with colleagues, clients who are dyslexic or who have friends or family who may have Dyslexia to gain a valuable and constructive insight into it. These practical and interactive half day courses will provide learners with information around coping with Dyslexia; gain an understanding of issues relating to Dyslexia; understand how people with dyslexia can be supported within the workplace; know where to find and signpost further support. To find out more and book a place go to myHR or contact The Council's Leadership & Development Admin Team on 0131 529 6517/8.



Monday 3rd November

Fountainbridge Library, 10am-12 .00pm

Anita Govan, performance poet and Stirling Makar, leads a poetry workshop with invited pupils from Tynecastle High School

Anita is renowned for her fantastic performance poetry. She has been deeply involved in poetry slams in Scotland, including the annual Inter City School Poetry Slams for 12-14 year olds. She also happens to be dyslexic.



Monday 3rd November

Conference Room, Central Library,

2.00pm-3.00pm : invited pupils from local High Schools.

6.30pm-7.30pm : Sam Barclay in conversation with Cathy Magee,

Dyslexia Scotland

To book an evening place, go to www.edinburghreads.eventbrite.co.uk

Reedeeng! Meet Sam Barclay, Graphic Design and typography- winner of several design awards. Hear his own personal story of living with Dyslexia and creation of his award winning book, 'I wonder what it's like to be dyslexic'.

"The impact of Dyslexia is rarely seen in greater force than in education. Students that cannot learn to read have enormous difficulty reading to learn. If those around them - be it their teachers, parents or fellow students - can begin to understand what it feels like for them to be face to face with a page of text, the positive impact on their self esteem will be felt for the rest of their lives." Sam Barclay

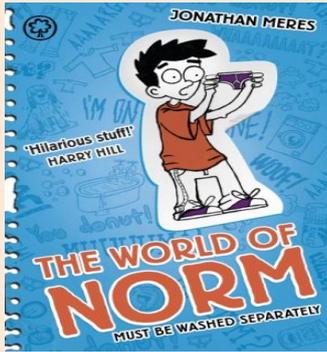


Tuesday 4th November

South Queensferry Library, 10.30am-11.30am

Muirhouse Library, 2.00pm -3.00pm

Paul McNeill, Ambassador for Dyslexia Scotland will be meeting with invited school pupils and sharing his story



Wednesday 5th November

Gilmerton Library, 10.00am-11.00am

Best selling author, Jonathan Meres meets and enthuses local invited school children to enjoy books and reading. Says Jonathan, 'Coming from a background of stand up comedy, schools visits are something I love to do, well they don't fill me with dread, maybe it's the performer in me. Over the past few years I've visited, quite literally, loads of schools, libraries and festivals and the feedback is pretty favourable, even though I say so myself, usually along the lines of "well that was something we didn't expect from an author"'

Wednesday 5th November

Granton Library, 10.00am-11.00am

Fiona Manson, Specific Learning Difficulty/Dyslexia Tutor

Mobile devices such as ipads are increasingly used in teaching and learning and to support children with additional support needs. Come along to this session and learn about some apps that could help motivate your dyslexic child to enjoy learning! An informal session for any parents, carers or those interested in supporting children with Dyslexia.

Fiona says, 'I am passionate about helping people with Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Difficulties to develop skills to overcome the significant difficulties that they may face. I take a very person-centred approach to my work and will tailor my tutoring style to whatever is necessary to help the child or adult to capitalise on their strengths, increase their confidence and explore new and effective strategies to meet their learning goals.'



Thursday 6th November

Portobello Library, 6.30pm-7.30pm

D is for Dragons: Anita Govan, performance poet and Stirling Makar.

Hear her own personal story. Be inspired by her performance poetry!

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It's your library-join in for FREE

Chatterbooks for children with Dyslexia aged 8-12 years. Meets monthly.

Contact **wendy.pearson@edinburgh.gov.uk**

For books about Dyslexia search the catalogue on www.edinburgh.gov.uk

For children who are less confident readers go to

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20012/libraries/141/books_for_less_confident_readers

For more information about dyslexia
and events in other parts of Scotland during Dyslexia Awareness Week, visit www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk

Support Ellie's "Blue Ribbon" Dyslexia Campaign – ribbons will be available at events.

