

## Press release

### **'Dyslexia Unwrapped' – new website for young people with dyslexia**

Dyslexia Scotland is delighted to announce the launch of 'Dyslexia Unwrapped', our new website for children and young people with dyslexia, on 9 November in Edinburgh at Edinburgh's Central Library. The launch will be hosted by Edinburgh City Libraries.

This exciting new website, created specifically for young people with dyslexia, will be unveiled or 'unwrapped' by several of Dyslexia Scotland's Young Ambassadors who have been involved in the website's development. Dyslexia Unwrapped is a separately designed, interactive, age appropriate Dyslexia Scotland website for dyslexic young people, maximising the use of graphics, audio and videos to make it dyslexia-friendly. We listened closely to the views of young people with dyslexia when developing the site, in order to make it their own, dyslexia-friendly online space.

Cathy Magee, Chief Executive, said, "A constant theme running through the feedback we receive from young people with dyslexia taking part in our activities is that they feel they 'belong'; they don't have to explain themselves to others; they can relax knowing that the others involved 'get' dyslexia; 'there is more than one of me'. That's why we thought it was really important to develop a website especially for young people with dyslexia. We're delighted that this has been possible with the support of a grant from the Scottish Government through the Corra Foundation."

Councillor Ian Perry, Convener of Education, Children and Families, said: "We are delighted to be able to host the 'unwrapping' of Dyslexia Scotland's fantastic new website for young people. As a Council we are committed to improving opportunities for people of all abilities, so it's wonderful to be involved in the launch of Dyslexia Unwrapped, which is a great resource for young people with dyslexia."

The launch event will include talks by our inspirational Ambassador, Paul McNeill, Regional Head of the Scottish Football Association and Margaret Rooke, author of 'Dyslexia Is My Superpower (Most of the Time)' which features stories and drawings by children with dyslexia from all over the world, including many from Scotland. Musician and songwriter, Adam Strachan, who has dyslexia, will play at the event.

The launch will take place during Dyslexia Awareness Week (6 - 11 November) whose theme 'Positive about Dyslexia' will raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia through an exciting range of events taking place across Scotland.

All of the events taking place can be seen on [Dyslexia Scotland's website](#).

## Notes to the Editor

1. Dyslexia is a combination of abilities and difficulties that affect the learning processes in reading, spelling, writing, mathematics, memory or organisation. One in ten people in Scotland are thought to be dyslexic, with up to one in four of these thought to be severely dyslexic.
2. Dyslexia Scotland is the national voluntary organisation representing the needs and interests of people with dyslexia in Scotland. It provides advice and support for dyslexic children, parents and adults with dyslexia. Dyslexia Scotland is based in Stirling, with a network of 19 volunteer-led branches across Scotland.
3. Dyslexia Scotland's Helpline: 0344 800 8484  
Dyslexia Scotland's website: [www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk](http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk)  
  
Dyslexia Scotland's new website for young people (**live from 9 November**)  
[www.unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk](http://www.unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk)
4. For information and resources about Dyslexia Awareness Week in Scotland, including free, downloadable presentations for schools, workplaces and the community, go to: [www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/dyslexia-awareness-week](http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/dyslexia-awareness-week).
5. To book spaces at the launch, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/positive-about-dyslexia-tickets-39007631877>

For more details about the programme on the night:

<http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/events/dyslexia-unwrapped-launch-event>

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