



Dyslexia Association of Ireland  
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## DYSLEXIA COURSE

Dear Teacher,

Please find enclosed information about an upcoming **Dyslexia Association Course for Teachers** which will be held in West Cork Education Centre, Dunmanway. If you wish to attend this course please complete the enclosed application form and send in your fee of €250 immediately. The course content is outlined overleaf.

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

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

**Fee:** €250

**Venue:** West Cork Education Centre, The Square, Dunmanway, Co. Cork

**Dates:** The course runs from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**Times:** 9.30 am – 2.00 pm

*Tea/coffee and sandwiches will be provided at break-time.*

This course qualifies as an in-service course for National Teachers. Primary teachers must provide their PPS number, and school roll number. This assists the Dept. of Education and Science in crediting Extra Personal Vacation (EPV) days to primary teachers. Teachers should only provide the name which appears on their payslip from the Department.

### **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 72 hours prior to the start date.** All successful applicants will be notified in writing before the commencement of the course. This course may be cancelled if minimum enrolment is not reached.

**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.**



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## IN-SERVICE TEACHERS' COURSE APPLICATION FORM

**VENUE:** West Cork Education Centre      **DATES:** 6<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009

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

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

PPS Number:

School Roll No:

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

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

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 may be accepted as tutors with DAI)

I wish to pay the €250 course fee by:

Cash  Cheque/Postal Order  Debit Card  Visa Card

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

