

DYSLEXIA NORTH EAST ENGLAND
A company limited by guarantee

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 Sept 2017

Charity number 1129358
Company number 06707963

DYSLEXIA NORTH EAST

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Trustees and Directors
Annual Report
30 September 2017**

The Trustees for Dyslexia North East, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2017.

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity name: Dyslexia North East
Working name: Dyslexia North East England
Registered Charity No: 1129358 Registered in England and Wales

Registered Company Limited by Guarantee No: 06707963 Registered in England and Wales
Local Dyslexia Association affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association.

Registered Office: 6 Green Close Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6PE

Dyslexia North East Office and Teaching/Training Centre:
Meadow Well Connected, Waterville Rd, North Shields, NE29 6BA

Trustees/Directors of Dyslexia North East as at the AGM on 28 Jan 2017

Mr. Roland Craig	Chair (resigned January 2017)
Mr. Roland Craig	Elected President April 2017
Mehrban Sadiq	Elected Chair January 2017
Miss Susan Tron MBE	Vice Chair (resigned March 2017)
Dr Elizabeth Ferguson	Secretary / CEO (re-elected 2014)
Mrs Mary Kendall	Treasure (re-elected 2016)
Mrs Angela Guy	(Resigned September 2017)
Michael Martin	(Resigned January 2017)
Stephen Hutton	Elected January 2014
Robbie Redpath	Elected January 2015
Karen Tait	Elected January 2016
Tariq Saifi	Elected January 2017 (resigned June 2017)

Patron Simon Donald (2011) (Comedy Entertainer and Cartoonist)

Members of the Finance Committee

Stephen Hutton Chair, Mary Kendall Treasurer, Liz Ferguson

Independent Examiner

Michelle Wright
Ellison Services Ltd
Higham House, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF

Bank details

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PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, Lancashire WN8 6WT.

Leeds Building Society
Albion St, Leeds LS1 5AS

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Dyslexia North East is a Company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Currently there are 7 Trustees, with enquires and advertisement for 3 Trustees being made for the 3 vacancies. There are 72 Members which includes a number who are in the process of renewing membership. Dyslexia North East is a Local Dyslexia Association of the British Dyslexia Association. The majority of Members have joint shared Membership of both Organisations. A new option was introduced in September 2017 which included membership of a Dyslexia North East SpLD Teachers Group. More about this is explained later in this Report.

Appointment and Retirement of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the AGM in January each year, and one third of the Trustees must retire in rotation at each AGM. A retiring Trustee can be re-elected. Other Trustees can be co-opted at a Trustees meeting according to the governing document. The maximum number of Trustees for the Board is ten. Potential Trustees are approached by personal recommendation together with CV and references. Trustees are sought by advertising for applicants among the Members, NCVS, Newcastle Volunteer Centre, VODA and other Organisations.

Organisation

The Trustees Board including the Finance Committee meet monthly to review activities and financial issues. The Organisation of Trustee roles is regularly reviewed and updated, with extra management meetings instituted according to need. The Chief Executive, Liz Ferguson, appointed on January 9th 2014 takes responsibility for co-ordinating the activities and organisation of the Charity's functions, and arranges appropriate meetings and events, in consultation with the Members and Trustees. Where possible, responsibilities are shared out among the different Trustees, according to their expertise and skills. Management of the Charity's finances are part of this responsibility.

3. Objectives and Activities

The Objects of the Charity are to promote the advancement of education, and to give support to those affected by specific learning difficulties, including related conditions, so as to assist them achieve their full potential.

- **Our Vision** is to create a Society that celebrates difference.
- **We seek** to promote knowledge, skills and understanding of dyslexia.
- **We aim** to improve our Outreach to individuals and families with dyslexia, both adults and children.
- **We aim** to raise awareness in the Community, and encourage Dyslexia Friendly Schools, Colleges and Workplaces.

The Charity has continued to hold twice monthly Educational and Topical meetings of interest for both parents and professionals. Over the past year there have been regular meetings and activities arranged.

Meetings for Parents and children, and teachers have been held at the Royal Grammar Junior School, Jesmond (with the kind permission of the Head Master and School Governors). These meetings are open to all, whether they are members or non-members.

In addition, our Project Co-ordinator has organized an After-School Club on Mondays in term-time at our base in Meadow Well North Shields. This group for Parents/Carers and children aged 7 – 11yrs old was started in March 2017. An adult group was commenced monthly at Meadow Well for support and information.

The Trustees work hard to deliver information, guidance and support to any family or individual who seeks help. Also, a great deal of thought is given to producing a Programme of Events and Activities to benefit Members, and any others who wish to come.

Information and support is supplied by Email, Website, Social Media, Newsletters, Face-to-face contacts and Telephone.

Workshops were delivered to raise awareness and understanding about dyslexia:

- 3 Workshops entitled “Hands on Dyslexia” have been held at Libraries in North Shields, Whitley Bay, and Stockton for Parents/Carers and children, with information and activities to help Dyslexics. 1 ppt Presentation was delivered for Gateshead Library staff during a Workshop day.
- 2 Workshops for NHS staff were delivered at Lanchester Rd Hospital, Durham, and 1 Workshop given at Newcastle General Hospital to NHS staff on Understanding Dyslexia, How to Recognise and Support those with dyslexia.
- 4 short 30 minute Workshops were delivered for Northumbria Police Staff training, to help them understand about Dyslexia.
- Northumberland Information Roadshows were attended at Ashington, Alnwick and Hexham for Parents and Carers.
- Other presentations were delivered at VODA in North Shields, Peterlee HMRC Learning at Work day, ESPA Workshops for staff in Sunderland, looking after children with Autism and requesting Workshop Presentations about Dyslexia.
- Workshop at Trinity Academy in the west end of Newcastle for teachers about recognizing Dyslexia and support strategies.
- Information days were attended at Wallsend and North Shields Libraries, and at the YMCA in Walker to offer support and information for Parents and Carers.

Assessments and other Services delivered:

- Educational Psychology Dyslexia Assessments for 30 Adults, and 21 children
- Specialist Teacher Dyslexia Assessments for 13 pupils and 5 adult students
- 14 Dyslexia Screening only
- Pre-assessments by a Specialist Teacher for 19 adults were performed and recommendations made. 1 Basic Assessment was delivered.
- 6 Cogmed memory training courses were delivered for children between ages 7-11
- Adult Cogmed courses are being planned.

All these services have shown a marked increase in numbers since 2016, which has been influenced in part by the closure of Dyslexia Action Centres in Newcastle and Darlington. Since June 2017, two members of staff from Dyslexia Action have joined us to deliver Dyslexia Assessment and Learning Support for Dyslexia North East. The Trustees have made a pledge to fund 10 Dyslexia Assessments free of charge, or at a very minimal cost, to help those on low incomes who cannot afford the cost of Assessments.

New Ventures

Joanne Linton, our Project Co-ordinator, funded generously by the Community Foundation Henry Smith North East Grants Fund, has been instrumental in setting up an After-School Club at our

base in Meadow Well North Shields, first at the Cedarwood Centre, and since September 2017 it has been meeting at Meadow Well Connected. With the help of volunteers, Joanne has devised a varied and stimulating programme for Parents/Carers and dyslexic children aged 7 – 11 to help them gain confidence and new skills. Joanne has been able to use the Ipads donated from the Big Lottery grant so that the children can develop more skills about creating stories and using programmes such as Nessy reading and spelling, and much more. This new group is now called “High Flyers” to indicate the potential they want to achieve. 14 families have benefitted from this Group in Meadow Well.

Joanne has also initiated an Adult Group which has been meeting monthly. This group is helping to support dyslexic adults who need additional skills to find work, and some have been referred from the local Job Centre.

Use of Social Media to reach out to a wider population.

Joanne has been adept and skillful to engage with younger people and a wider audience via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Hootsuite.

To date the number of people reached between March and September 2017 is 137,852.

354 followers on Facebook, new followers 77, Page likes 358, Reaching 39,687.

Twitter: 2,438 followers, new followers 342, impressions 98,165 and direct messages 6.

Public Benefit In setting the objectives and activities of the Charity, the Trustees make sure that the guidelines of the Charity Commission are followed, as defined in the Charities Act 2006, so that its purposes benefit members of the public, whatever their culture, background or ethnicity.

4. Other Achievements and Performance.

During the past 11 months, Dyslexia North East has moved premises twice. In December 2016 Dyslexia North East moved from Wallsend Town Hall premises to the Cedarwood Centre, Meadow Well, North Shields and then in September 2017 the Charity moved to Meadow Well Connected, Meadow Well, North Shields. There is also an effective space for a Teaching/Assessment Room as well as an Office for administration and consultations. The Apple tv donated by the Big Lottery has been situated in one of the Training rooms, so it can be used for training other groups in the Centre, and to deliver Workshops on Dyslexia Awareness by Dyslexia North East.

Meadow Well Connected has facilities which provides a spacious Hall for the After-School Club, with access to outdoor play areas. There are opportunities to network with other groups too in the Centre. The group took part in a Hallowe'en Party and Bonfire night celebrations. Plans are underway to extend outreach and activities to help and support more dyslexics.

In March 2017, Dyslexia NE hosted a Dyscalculia Workshop at the Cedarwood Centre with Rachel Ingham. This was attended by 21 Teachers and 6 Parents/Carers. This was warmly welcomed as a Dyscalculia Workshop has not been arranged before by Dyslexia North East. Delegates came from all parts of the North East and North Yorkshire to be there. Feedback showed that it much appreciated. Resources were demonstrated and active participation was encouraged.

On the April 1st, Dyslexia North East held a “Dyslexia Matters Conference” at the Josephine Butler Campus at the Northumberland C of E Academy in Ashington. It was well attended with 86 delegates attending, and included stall holders from SEN books, the Durham Dyslexia Support group,

and Contact a Family. The keynote speakers discussed “Sensory Processing Differences in Children with Neurodevelopmental difficulties”, and “Common Mental Health and Behaviour problems in Children with Autism”. 4 Workshops on different topics were held. The feedback was very positive. Grateful thanks were expressed to Andrew Day and the Staff for the use of facilities at the Academy.

Outreach in the Community and Opportunities for Teachers

During the Summer months, Jo our Project Co-ordinator, and June one of our Volunteers, spent time in the Beacon Shopping Centre at North Shields meeting people and giving out information about dyslexia. Many shoppers did not know of the existence of Dyslexia North East, and how we can offer help and support. Jo and June also went to Wallsend Shopping Centre to distribute information leaflets and tell people about our work.

Another venture was visiting the North East Council on Addiction in Newcastle. Jo wanted to make contacts and find out how Dyslexia North East can help dyslexics who are having difficult experiences in their lives.

In September 2017 a new Teachers Group was formed from the previous NE Patoss group that has been meeting at Durham School for some years. An enthusiastic Committee of 6 Teachers has been chosen to plan the programme for the Dyslexia NE SpLD Teachers group. The Group is planning 3 meetings per year for CPD training, and provision of attendance certificates. The possibility of a combined membership with Dyslexia NE, BDA and SpLD Teachers is now available.

We look forward to working well in partnership.

Local groups in Hexham and Durham have been meeting intermittently. The need for local groups is recognized, because of the long distances to travel to get to Meetings in Newcastle or North Shields. Regular meetings at RGS Junior School have been held, with 2 groups for Handwriting and Creative Story telling being held in the Autumn and Spring terms this year. We are very grateful to Karen Tait and Jill Everett who have led these sessions, and to Jo Linton who has given lots of ideas and support to the Parents/Carers attending, especially with Ipads and useful apps. The children benefitted from the group by improving their writing skills and confidence.

Also we enjoyed talks from Helen Bailey from Contact a Family and Mum Lynn Brown discussing the support needed to help children with Special Educational Needs and Dyslexia. Shona Chambers discussed managing difficult behaviour in children with dyslexia, and Gill from Petit Poussins inspired the children with her “Fun with French” with the help of 2 puppets.

Another outstanding event was “Celebrating Difference” at the Baltic Campus, Gateshead College with Kathy Richards, one of the Trustees. This Exhibition was part of a celebration of Equality and Diversity week at the College, and under the guidance of Kathy and her staff, the students enthusiastically planned and assembled some amazing Art to represent the topics they had chosen. It was good to have the support of Ross Linnett from “Recite me” and Joanne Linton who both shared their experiences of what it is like to be dyslexic. The climax of the sessions were shown in a wonderful Exhibition of the students’ work in December 2016. Simon Donald our Patron also came to view their work and Art displays. A number of these students also have dyslexia.

Fundraising activities over the past year have included a Comedy Entertainment night with Simon Donald and Friends on 5th June 2017 at the Stand in Newcastle. This was a happy and entertaining night attended by over 75 people. A Raffle and Silent Auction together with Ticket money raised was £673 to help dyslexics, especially those who cannot afford the total cost of Assessments. We are very grateful to the Owners of the Stand and the Entertainers for giving their time and talents, as well as the use of the Venue free of charge. In July, Joanne Linton arranged a Tombola in the Morrisons Morpeth Store. That event raised £201 which was great. Joanne managed to arrange a Community Green Token collection at the Asda Blyth Store and raised £500 which was a marvellous effort. Congratulations to Joanne. In August at the Newcastle Mela, Liz and a volunteer Lindsay held an information stall for Dyslexia North East including a fun Spinner game for adults and children to win a prize. Lots of people from all cultures and backgrounds visited our stall. Phil Knowles also took part in the Great North Run this year and shared the proceeds of his sponsorship with Dyslexia North East and another Charity close to his heart. We also congratulate Robbie Redpath on his very successful Golf day at Bamburgh in September. Robbie raised a terrific £750 for Dyslexia North East. Thank you Robbie.



Dyslexia NE has benefitted from affiliation to the British Dyslexia Association, as Members can share membership advantages and receive Dyslexia Contact magazine. Also there is information and knowledge obtainable from the BDA staff about issues and concerns. In addition, there is now an option for teachers to join Dyslexia NE SpLD Teachers group, affiliated to the BDA. This will give further opportunities for teachers to benefit from expert speakers to obtain CPD and update their knowledge and skills. More information is available from the DNE Office and website.



Local Support groups in Durham and Hexham. The Durham Dyslexia Support Group has organised Workshops for parents and children, in the Durham area, with teachers on hand to help. This Group is currently being re-organised. The Group in Hexham is in abeyance until it is possible to organize Volunteers to run it.

The Dyslexia North East Website has a Live Chat tab provided by Chat Heroes so that people with enquires can obtain the information they need and contact the Charity directly.

Plans are underway to improve the social media contacts and update with the website connections. This is an ongoing project.



Cogmed Memory training courses have continued to be very successful and a number of children and adults have completed the course. Cogmed is monitored and supervised by one of our Trustees, Mary Kendall. It has made a real difference to those who have used it. Thanks to Mary for her support and input.

Away Day for the Trustees

In March 2017, the Trustees gathered at the Sikh Temple in the West End at the invitation of the Sikh Gurdwara. It was a new experience for many of us, and the Meeting was led by Mehrban Sadiq, our Chair person. We enjoyed their hospitality very much, and we had a meaningful discussion about the Priorities for Dyslexia North East, and focused on our aims and objectives, and how we could promote our knowledge and skills. We discussed Enriching, Empowering and Enabling our Charity to reach out to dyslexics, and considered funding issues, and how best to deliver what was needed.

Volunteers have been very important, and their contribution to offer support for the work of Dyslexia North East in a variety of different situations has been invaluable. We are very grateful to Karen Tait and Jill Everett who have led the Handwriting courses at RGS Junior School in September 2016, and Jill offering her expertise again in the Spring term 2017. Emily Taylor, a volunteer student was really helpful with the children during the time she was available. Joanne Linton was very supportive for the Parents/Carers in the Autumn 2016, providing lots of information and support especially how to make the best use of the ipads apps.



Volunteers have helped Joanne in the High Flyers Club at Cedarwood and now at Meadow Well Connected. We are very grateful to Qasim Saifi who has helped with this venture, and to June Renaldi who has helped organize Resources, and help Joanne. Also thanks are due to Maria Conaty who has been instrumental in helping organize and develop the running of the Dyslexia NE Office, with updating the recording, and monitoring of the Charity's activities, as well as many other administrative duties. Thank you to Sarah Robinson, Alison Murray and Caroline Reid with the Adult Literacy classes at Meadow Well.

Talking Circle for Parents has continued to be successful in helping parents to share their experiences with each other, and offering a helpful platform for an exchange of views - about coping with the problems faced by dyslexic children and their families. This is normally arranged on a monthly basis, more or less, and the children have been given interesting practical activities at the same time by our volunteers in the Art room at RGS Jun School.



Financial Review

Applications for funding staff and projects is highly competitive, given a changing world, with less funds available. With that in mind we are indebted to our sponsors and funders for their support.

For the year under review we acknowledge with grateful thanks to:

The Henry Smith North East Grants Fund from the Community Foundation for a second grant of £6,460 towards the cost of a Project Co-ordinator, in addition to a Grant of £8,723 in March 2016. Dyslexia North East is expected to fund the shortfall of the second grant.

Simon Donald's entertainment event £673 received from ticket sales, raffle and auction.
Robbie Redpath's Golf Day in September 2017 raised £750
St James Place donation of £2,500 for IT equipment to help dyslexic children.

The fund-raising sub-committee meets on a monthly basis.

It helps the main board of Trustees make financial decisions about the activities of Dyslexia North East England, and to plan for controlled growth with financial stability. It also monitors and assesses bids for funding before submission.

Further grants are being applied for to further our work and the services of Dyslexia North East England from our new base in Meadow Well Connected in North Shields.

It is vital that funding is obtained to secure our progression, and development.

Excluding the grant for the Project Co-ordinator funding income has increased to £36,677 from £18,263 (of this increase, £19,845 is attributable to fees from Assessment.)

Excluding the Project Co-ordinator employment costs, expenditure has increased from £22,783 to £34,451.

(of this £16,440 is attributed to Assessment costs)

Although we are reporting a loss of £707 this is a significant improvement on the loss in the previous year of £4,934

There is £7,647 remaining in our designated fund which would cover almost two years' rent. New grants are being applied for, and the launch of the 100 Club is to be made in the New Year. This will help towards the costs of the Rent and Funding of Joanne Linton's post.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees recognises the need to maintain adequate unrestricted financial reserves to meet unforeseen contingencies.

At 30 September 2017 the Reserves stood at £36,811. The Trustees maintain a rolling projection for at least 12 months ahead and will continue to ensure that funding is sought from as wide a variety of sources as possible.

The Trustees will take all necessary steps to ensure that at no time in the foreseeable future, would it be possible for the ending of an income stream to seriously jeopardize our future so that we could continue to provide an effective and sustainable service.

In reviewing costs that would continue, should a significant reduction in income be experienced, our policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level equivalent to at least 3 months core operating expenditure. At 30 September 2017, the unrestricted reserves are well in excess of this target level.

5. Plans for the Future of Dyslexia North East

Dyslexia North East England has established its new base at Meadow Well Connected, the Meadows, Waterville Rd, North Shields, and we look forward to sharing and working alongside the organisations that are based there. It will also enable us to play an important role in the community, and reach out to dyslexics of all backgrounds, and particularly in the deprived area of Meadow Well. It will be a new challenge for us, as we will need to find more staff and volunteers to help us deliver services to make a difference for dyslexics.

Our goals will be to:

- **Support a greater number of dyslexics through** teaching, mentoring and community outreach sessions.
- **Extend our Work with Schools and Workplaces** by offering more Workshops to raise awareness and improve strategies to help dyslexics and teachers, as well as After School Sessions.
- **Expand provision to include new and unrepresented groups** such as dyslexics from ethnic minorities and dyslexics on low incomes.
- **Develop services** to support employers and employees at work and teachers in schools and colleges as well as for parents helping their children at home.
- **Providing family learning opportunities** and supporting families struggling to cope with dyslexia and behaviour issues.
- **Offering bespoke sessions for teenagers, young people and adults** who are unemployed and disengaged from work because of dyslexia.
- **Increasing the number of Assessment appointments, Learning Support and other interventions** that could help support dyslexics such as ICT help, Cogmed memory courses, and handwriting sessions. Literacy and appropriate support in Schools and at the Dyslexia North East base.
- **Plan and Deliver a Dyslexia Matters Conference in Co Durham at Barnard Castle School on Saturday May 5th 2018.**

Dyslexia North East works hard to network with other agencies,



including the British Dyslexia Association, co-operation with In-It Together, the Parent/Carer forum in Northumberland. Contacts in Teesside to help support dyslexics in Stockton, Darlington, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough.

Contacts have been made with dyslexia teachers in Wooler, and members of the Scottish Borders Dyslexia Group, Gateshead College Baltic Campus Art and Design students, and Local Libraries.

Contacts with NHS staff, Police Training Officers and other Organisations have increased.

Support and information has been shared by phone or email, website and social media..

Further contacts with Colleges, Schools and Workplaces is anticipated as Dyslexia North East expands its services.

Small Companies Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees and Directors of Dyslexia North East have read and approved this Annual Report,
Signed by:

Mr Mehrban Sadiq

Chairperson for Dyslexia North East

Signature:

Date:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 30 Sept 2016

I report on the financial statements of Dyslexia North East for the year ended 30 Sept 2016, which are set out on pages 11 to 19

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- h examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- h to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- h to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- h to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - h to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Wright
Ellison Services Limited
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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 30 Sept 2016

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	4,971	-	4,971	2,320
Charitable activities	4	-	5,088	5,088	8,865
Generating funds	5	5,099	-	5,099	4,655
Other income	6	8,701	-	8,701	9,340
Investment income	7	13	-	13	42
Total income		18,784	5,088	23,873	25,222
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	8	23,698	5,213	28,911	20,787
Total expenditure		23,698	5,213	28,911	20,787
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		(4,913)	(125)	(5,038)	4,435
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		39,985	2,468	42,453	38,019
Total funds carried forward		35,071	2,343	37,415	42,453

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 Sept 2016

	Note	£	Total 2016 £	£	Total 2015 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		1,807		2,426
Total fixed assets			1,807		2,426
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	16	600		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		39,380		42,137	
Total current assets			39,981	42,137	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	17	(4,373)		(2,110)	
Net current assets			35,608		40,027
Total assets less current liabilities			37,415		42,453
Net assets			37,415		42,453
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			35,071		39,985
Restricted income funds			2,343		2,468
Funds of the charity			37,415		42,453

The trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charitable company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 380 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

and are signed on its behalf by:

Chair

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 Sept 2016

1 Accounting Policies

The principle accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Dyslexia North East meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

At the date of transition no restatements were required.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported an unrestricted surplus for the year of £7,013. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

d) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance or provision of other specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the charity.

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g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of providing support to the voluntary and community sector and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

i) Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Musical instruments	-20%	straight line
Computer equipment	-20%	straight line

j) Pensions

The charitable company does not operate a pension scheme at present.

k) Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charitable company qualifies as a small charitable company

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
3 Voluntary income				
<u>Donations</u>				
General donations	4,971	-	4,971	2,320
	<u>4,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u>2,320</u>
4 Income from charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants and contracts</u>				
Big Lottery	-	-	-	8,865
Henry Smith NE Grants Fund (Community Found)	-	5,088	5,088	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>8,865</u>
5 Activites for generating funds				
Coffee	75	-	75	23
Membership fees	1,169	-	1,169	1,455
Fundraising	2,011	-	2,011	1,992
Tuition	614	-	614	960
Miscellaneous	1,230	-	1,230	225
	<u>5,099</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,099</u>	<u>4,655</u>
6 Other income resources				
Conference fees	50	-	50	2,755
Workshop fees	1,946	-	1,946	335
Assessment fees	6,705	-	6,705	6,250
	<u>8,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,701</u>	<u>9,340</u>
7 Investment income				
Bank interest	13	-	13	42
	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>42</u>

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
8 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Conference costs	-	-	-	2,616
Workshop costs	1,450	-	1,450	1,050
Books and articles	257	-	257	184
Assessment fees	6,350	-	6,350	5,050
Children's activities	-	-	-	64
<u>Support costs</u>				
Licences/insurances	105	-	105	536
Office costs	1,676	-	1,676	6,893
Subscriptions	371	-	371	433
Rent	7,200	-	7,200	1,400
Sundries	1,192	-	1,192	447
Secretarial costs	3,443	-	3,443	1,654
Project coordinator costs	452	5,213	5,665	-
Training	90	-	90	-
Depreciation	620	-	620	52
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Professional fees	13	-	13	48
Accountancy & Independent examiner's fee	480	-	480	360
	<u>23,698</u>	<u>5,213</u>	<u>28,911</u>	<u>20,787</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £28,911 (2015: £20,788) of which £12,595 was unrestricted (2015: £13,273) and £16,316 was restricted (2015: £7,514)

	2016 £	2015 £
9 Net income/(expenditure) for the year		
This is stated after charging :		
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	480	360
	<u>480</u>	<u>360</u>

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10 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

	2016	2015
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	5,169	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	61	-
Employer's pension costs	258	-
	<u>5,489</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2015: nil)

11 Trustee expenses

No trustees were paid expenses during the period (2015: £nil).

The charity trustees were not paid any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2015: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity. (2015: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees.

12 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count was 0.5 staff (2015: no staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2016	2015
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	0.5	1.0
	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1.0</u>

13 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity does not operate a pension scheme at present.

14 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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	Office furniture £	Computer equipment £	Total £
15 Tangible fixed assets			
Cost			
Balance brought forward	1,026	1,452	2,478
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,452</u>	<u>2,478</u>
Depreciation			
Balance brought forward	21	30	52
Depreciation charge for year	257	363	620
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>278</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>671</u>
Net book value			
Brought forward	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>2,426</u>
Carried forward	<u>748</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>1,807</u>
16 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)			
	2016	2015	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	
Prepayments			
Rent deposit	600	-	
	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	
17 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)			
	2016	2015	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	
Pension	258	-	
Accruals			
Independent examination of accounts	480	360	
Other accruals	-	1,750	
Deferred income			
Community Foundation	3,635	-	
	<u>4,373</u>	<u>2,110</u>	

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18 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General fund	19,985	15,324	(12,595)	-	22,715
Designated fund - future rent & salary	20,000	3,460	(11,104)	-	12,357
Totals	39,985	18,784	(23,698)	-	35,071

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund

This represents the 'free reserves' of the charity

Designated fund

This is to cover future rent and salary costs

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery	336	-	-	-	336
Community Foundation/Reeds Fund & Hospital of God at Greatham	2,132	-	(2,132)	-	-
Henry Smith NE Grants Fund (Community Foundation)		5,088	(3,081)	-	2,007
Totals	2,468	5,088	(5,213)	-	2,343

Purpose of restricted funds

Big Lottery

For the purpose of IT equipment and training

Community Foundation/Reeds
Fund & Hospital of God at
Greatham

To meet the cost of administrative/secretarial support

Henry Smith NE Grants Fund
(Community Foundation)

To meet the cost of a Project coordinator post for community projects

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2016 £
Cash at bank and in hand	37,037	2,343	39,380
Tangible fixed assets	1,807	-	1,807
Other net current assets	600	-	600
Creditors (payable within 1 year)	(4,373)	-	(4,373)
	<u>35,072</u>	<u>2,343</u>	<u>37,415</u>