



A company limited by guarantee

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 Sept 2018**

**Charity number 1129358
Company number 06707963**

The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Directors' report together with financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2018, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and Accounts for the Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

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: Dyslexia North East Office, Meadow Well Connected,
Waterville Rd, North Shields, NE29 6BA

Trustees/Directors of Dyslexia North East 2018

Mr. Roland Craig	President Elected April 2017
Mehrban Sadiq	Chair Elected January 2017 Appointed CEO 2018
Karen Tait	Vice Chair Appointed 2018. Elected January 2016.
Dr Elizabeth Ferguson	Secretary Elected January 2014. Resigned CEO 2018
Mrs Mary Kendall	Treasurer (re-elected 2016)
Kathrine Richards	Elected January 2017
Philippa Vince	Appointed January 2018
Helen Halliday	Appointed June 2018
Ronald Joyce	Appointed June 2018

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

Members of the Finance Committee

Ron Joyce Chair, Mary Kendall Treasurer, June Renaldi, Liz Ferguson

Independent Examiner

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

Bank details

Co-operative Bank,
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 enquiries and advertisement for 3 Trustees being made for the 3 vacancies. There are 119 Members which includes 75 with Free Membership and 44 have joint shared Membership of the BDA and Dyslexia North East. There are 14 members of Dyslexia North East SpLD Teachers Group which meets in Durham 3x per year for CPD training.

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 every 4 – 8 weeks to review activities and financial issues. The Organisation of Trustee roles is regularly reviewed and updated. Extra Management meetings are arranged monthly at the Dyslexia NE Office to supervise and update delivery of Services. The Chief Executive takes responsibility for co-ordinating the outreach and promotion of Dyslexia North East, and giving leadership in various roles, in consultation with the Office Staff, 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 and Support to individuals and families with dyslexia, including adults and children.
- **We aim** to raise awareness in the Community, and encourage Dyslexia Friendly Schools, Colleges and Workplaces.

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.

- **Educational and Topical meetings of interest are held** for both parents and professionals.

Over the past year there have been regular meetings and activities arranged for Parents and children, as well as Teachers and others which 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.

- Meetings have included a two Creative Writing and Story telling sessions this past year to improve skills and self confidence, and this has benefitted 10 families over the period of 6 weekly courses. Varied talks have been given on topics such as “What it is like to be Dyslexic” and A Parents Talking Circle for parents to share their problems and concerns, whilst working out how to support their dyslexic children.
These sessions have been greatly appreciated. We have also had some “Fun with Numbers” too.
- At our Dyslexia North East Centre in Meadow well Connected in North Shields we have benefitted from the skills of Jo Linton who has been working with dyslexic children aged 7-11 yrs and their families to improve their strategies to cope with anxiety management, confidence and teamwork. The group meets weekly in term time, and numbers have increased to enable the Group to offer a teens group for 11-14 yr olds which will run in parallel from March 2019. This Group is called “High Flyers” with the aim of helping the Group to achieve their goals and aim high.
- Jo has offered to help adults by forming a Support group. Meetings were arranged at a time to suit them, but it was not a success. This will be looked at again in 2019 after more research.
- A public consultation was carried out in April 2018 to find out what was needed. 56 responses were received and many said how Dyslexia North East had made a difference.

A parent said “Our son now understands why he finds some things more difficult than his friends do. He is more resilient and willing to give things a try. He uses tinted glasses, and now chooses to read when previously he avoided it. We have all benefitted from the support and help given by DNE”

- The Office Staff 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, Parents/ Carers, Professionals and anyone else who is interested.
- Information and support is supplied by Email, Website, Social Media, Newsletters, Face-to-face consultations and Telephone.

A Variety of Workshops were delivered to raise awareness and understanding about dyslexia:

- Bridges to Learning Workshops were delivered in Middlesbrough for School Support staff and a Group of Parents in Morpeth Northumberland organised by In-it-Together Parent Support Group.
- Workshop for Unison staff was held in Newcastle.
- Northumberland Information Roadshows were attended by Dyslexia NE at Ashington, Alnwick and Hexham for Parents and Carers. This gave a valuable source of information to help the needs of Parents and their children. Also a SEND Event in Newcastle for Parents and Carers.
- Dyslexia Awareness Sessions were given at Peterlee HMRC Learning at Work day: NGH Craggside Education Centre had 2 Presentations for NHS staff and also one at South Tyneside Hospital.
- A Presentation was given to Students attending a Newcastle University PGCE Course.
- An Interactive Workshop was given for a group of Schools from Pallion in Sunderland.
- Jo has given Dyslexia Awareness Workshops in 3 locations, including one for Foster Carers in Newcastle.

Dyslexia Matters Conference was held at Barnard Castle School in May 2018.

- The Conference was a great success and hosted 76 delegates who benefitted from expert lectures from Rob Long an Educational Psychologist , a lively speaker, and Rachel Ingham on Study Skills and Learning Support.
- There were 6 Workshops for delegates to choose from : Mental Health Toolbox, Working Memory, Dyscalculia, Multi Sensory Spelling, IT tips and Visual Stress. Delegates said “It was the best Conference she had ever attended” “Inspiring” “Very informative with lots of new approaches and ideas to try”

Assessments and other Services delivered:

- Educational Psychology Dyslexia Assessments for 40 Adults, and 16 children.
- Specialist Teacher Dyslexia Assessments for 31 pupils and 24 adults.
- 41 Dyslexia Screenings
- Specialist Teacher and Literacy specialists delivered free1:1 literacy support for 12 adults weekly
- 3 Adult Cogmed courses were completed.
- Weekly literacy sessions were delivered for 6 primary age children and 2 secondary age children. Some were held at DNE premises Meadow well Connected, and some at a child’s school or home. These sessions have been very much appreciated by the children and families, as it has given much needed support and helped improve achievement. 1 child is having Maths support. 2 adults have received support for study skills too.
- There has been a marked increase in numbers of requests over the past 12 months, which has been influenced in part by the closure of Dyslexia Action Centres in Newcastle and Darlington, as well as a huge increase in demand to the Dyslexia North East Office for Assessments, Screenings, help and support.
Dyslexia North East is still the only Charity Organisation supporting dyslexics in the North East of England.
There is not enough support for dyslexics across the North East as a whole. Dyslexics in parts of Northumberland, Durham and Teeside are really poorly supported, and many Schools do not have sufficient funds or trained staff to give specialised support to dyslexic pupils, or to offer Assessments.
- The cost of Dyslexia Assessments is expensive and Dyslexia NE offers sponsorship when we can for individuals, if they fulfil the criteria, and are genuinely unable to pay the full costs.
- It is possible to pay the fees in instalments.
- It is very difficult to provide satisfactory financial help for those on benefits. One option offered is to provide a Dyslexia Screening and a qualified Member of Staff to complete a report on the findings.
- If there is evidence of dyslexia traits or learning disability a Report can help an individual to have the evidence needed for their employer or to assist those who are claiming PIP payments.
- The costs for this service is £35 if paid by an Individual or £50 if paid by an employer. This rate is deemed to be reasonable for many on low incomes.
- Having a full diagnostic Assessment and Report with Recommendations can make all the difference to a child, student or adult. If they are given the right support as a result of the Assessment, it gives them an opportunity to succeed and achieve their goals.

- Failure results in anxiety, stress and underachievement . This in turn leads to depression and a situation of helplessness which is very damaging for a dyslexic.
- Other children and their parents have had consultations to provide appropriate tips about the use of IT to help them improve their skills for their school work and in exams.
- Some of the adults who have had a dyslexia screening interview with June, have found it “such a relief to talk to someone who understands” - and have frequently broken down in tears. “Someone has listened after all the years of feeling stupid and lacking in confidence”.

Social Media

Quoting figures from July – September 2018, Twitter followers amount to 22262, and 855 likes on Facebook. One post alone was read by 13,705 people !

Tara works hard to spread the message about dyslexia and raise awareness about current issues.

With younger people and a wider audience via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Hootsuite, much can be achieved.

4. Other Achievements and Performance.

- The past year has seen a big expansion of our work with many more phone calls per day, and more Dyslexia Screenings, Assessments, Tuition and Outreach sessions being organized with Dyslexia North East.
- Our Office space at Meadow Well Connected, North Shields has been expanded to keep up with demand. Dyslexia North East now has the use of 3 rooms - a Room for Assessment and Teaching, a Room for our Office Administration, and a room beside it for Consultations and Meetings.
- Meadow Well Connected has facilities which provides a spacious Hall for the After-School Club, and has provided opportunities for varied activities including Word games, Cooking, Water games, Dodge ball and Indoor Hockey, mind mapping and Memory skills game, to name but a few.
- The High Flyers group has received funding for 3 years supplied by the Graham Wylie Foundation to part fund a Project which covers 3 core themes
 - How it feels to be dyslexic
 - Exploring different coping mechanisms
 - Discover where each individual's strength lies, and ways to have their voices heard.
- The aim is to make a Book which covers their journey of experience so it can be exhibited and help others learn and understand what dyslexia actually feels like.
- In January 2019, 6 of the children will have individual Psychotherapy sessions provided by a qualified psychotherapist to help them cope more effectively with their anxiety and stress. These children have been carefully selected and their parents have been fully consulted about the counselling sessions. We are very grateful for the grant from St James Place to help with this work.
- Sports Works will also be providing Weekly Sports and games sessions with outward bound activities planned in the future.

Parents

And

Children



At High Flyers session

Outreach in the Community and other Organisations

Jo and others have worked together with many other Organisations across the North East.

- The DNE children enjoyed after School activities with the Meadow well children's Group especially at Hallowe'en and on Bonfire Night.
- Dyslexia North East has been in contact with Gateshead College again for Art sessions and help in preparing their "Celebrating Difference" Art Exhibition. The students were looking at the effects of mental health, depression and low self esteem on students' experience, as well as Equality and Diversity.
- New sports activities are being planned in co-operation with Sports Works, and the North Tyneside Active Kids project.
- Activities were enjoyed at Dance City in Newcastle, the Parks Leisure Centre in North Shields, especially with the Trampolining.
- Contacts and raising dyslexia awareness has been done with Northumbria Police, North Tyneside Community Policing Team, and the Ambulance Service. Contacts with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service and Moving on Tyne and Wear have also been very positive.
- Co-operation with Anxious Minds has been initiated and has prospects for the future.
- Volunteers are being sought at the local Tyne Met College and Sixth Form College.
- Contacts with North Tyneside Council, and In-It- Together Parents Forum for Northumberland are ongoing.
- Support from the Newcastle University Ladies Hockey Team has been marvellous for the High Flyers.
- Tyne and Wear Library Service has been very productive with Awareness sessions being held in different libraries in North Tyneside.
- Hoopstarz, The Hatton Gallery and the Beacon Centre on the West Road, Newcastle have been great.
- **Fundraising activities over the past year have included a** Comedy Entertainment night with Simon Donald and Friends on Saturday 14th July 2018 at CLUNY 2 in Newcastle. This was a happy and entertaining night attended by over 50 people. A Raffle and Silent Auction was held together with talented Music and Comedy Entertainment with Purest Green, Chris Cross and the Skapones. Over £200 was raised to help sponsor Dyslexia Assessments. It was a very hot evening, with lots of fun dancing to the Music.
- We were very grateful to John Lewis Waitrose Place to Be in Newcastle who donated £900 from their Green Token Scheme which helped Dyslexia North East provide activities for the 2 Dyslexic groups.
- Phil Knowles took part in the Great North Run again and shared some of his sponsorship funds with another Charity and DNE. Another parent had a sponsored Assessment arranged for her son and raised funds for DNE.

Thanks to our Sponsors and Funders

Dyslexia North East is very grateful to all our funders and sponsors over the past year.

- Especially we wish to thank the Graham Wylie Foundation for their generous grant of £3249 for 3 years for a Special Project at Meadow well with High Flyers.
- Our grateful thanks to North Tyneside Council for £500 for Active Kids
For activities for the High Flyers group to enjoy.
- The Trustees and Members were really delighted to receive a Grant of £10,000 from the Henry Smith North East Fund administered by the Community Foundation for core funding for our Organisation Development Manager's post from September 2018. This has meant a lot to us, so Jo can continue her work and expand the areas of support for dyslexic children.
- We are indebted to the St James Place Foundation for their Grant of £2,252.46 awarded for the work of Jo with High Flyers to provide Mental Health Counselling/Psychotherapy sessions to help some of the children who are currently suffering with anxiety and stress related conditions exacerbated by their dyslexia.
- In addition Dyslexia North East has been awarded an unrestricted grant of £5,000 from the Royal London Foundation and administered by the Community Foundation.
- This grant will go a long way to helping provide 2 extra computer laptops and provide support for the website update.
This grant is gratefully received.

Delegates

Attending

Dyslexia Matters



Conference at Barnard Castle School in May 2018

Financial Report

Income for Dyslexia North East has showed a significant rise of 60% over the previous year with a total of £70,470 being recorded, compared with £43,887 at year end 2017. This resulted in us being able to carry out more Assessments and undertake more Training, as well as other additional Charitable expenditure in a wide variety of areas.

(see note 10 of the Accounts for a full explanation).

The reserves continue to be strong, showing a total of £32,916 compared with £35,997 at the year end 2017. Cash and Bank balances have increased by £2,694 with creditors increasing by £5,156, and assets falling by £619, explaining the movement around the balance sheet.

This gives the Trustees and Service users comfort that the much needed Services will be able to continue into the foreseeable future.

Reserves Policy

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

At 30 September 2018 the Reserves stood at £32,916. 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 2018, the unrestricted reserves are well in excess of this target level.

5. Plans for the Future of Dyslexia North East

- Dyslexia North East is seeking to increase the number of Screenings, Assessments and sessions for Learning Support during the coming year, as well as seeking more qualified teachers and educational psychologists to help supply the Services required.
- Now that Jo Linton is expanding her role as Organisation Development Manager she will be delegating many tasks to the 3 members of staff who have now become self employed on a sessional basis to improve the Record keeping in line with GDPR, organising the DNE Office so all the tasks can be effectively managed, and all the requests for help to be attended to .
- Improving the Website so that it can provide accessible and useful information for enquirers and make it more professional.
- Providing the Office Staff with up to date laptops and monitors to improve the efficiency of operations and facilities.
- Reaching out to more families, adults and those in the workplace, and Job Centres. Workplace Assessments will be offered by an experienced Specialist Teacher who has worked with disabled students and given advice in workplaces.
- Providing more Parent and Child Workshops and Information days and Workplace Workshops to raise awareness and demonstrate strategies that help and support dyslexics.
- Plan a Dyslexia Matters Conference in 2020 to open up opportunities to the wider community.
- Encourage contacts with the Asian Communities who need support and help but are reluctant to engage.
- Extending contacts with dyslexics who have issues with mental health problems, and monitoring the effectiveness of the children's psychotherapy sessions at Meadow well Connected.

Working with our Volunteers

Dyslexia North East is indebted to our Volunteers who give their time and talents to help the children in our High Flyers group and RGS Junior School Group.

We would like to thank Dorota Golbeck, Beth Handyside and Emma Malcolm who have been an inspiration in these groups and helped the children a lot.

In the Office Dorothy Armstrong has been a wonderful support to Jo by helping filing items up to date and typing.

Sarah Robinson and Caroline Reid have given their time and talents free of charge to help with Literacy support for dyslexic adults. Also Jill Everrett has been a wonderful support to Karen Tait who have both been doing the RGS Junior School Creative writing sessions and other activities.

7. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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 2017

I report on the financial statements of Dyslexia North East for the year ended 30 Sept 2017, which are set out on pages 12 to 22.

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 Charitieshave 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 SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 30 Sept 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	3,481	-	3,481	5,099
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	34,079	6,327	40,406	18,774
Total income		<u>37,560</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>43,887</u>	<u>23,873</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8				
Operation of the charity		37,074	8,334	45,408	28,807
Total expenditure		<u>37,074</u>	<u>8,334</u>	<u>45,408</u>	<u>28,807</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net		486	(2,007)	(1,522)	(4,934)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		35,511	2,007	37,518	42,453
Total funds carried forward		<u>35,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,997</u>	<u>37,518</u>

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

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 Sept 2017

	Notes	£	Total 2017 £	£	Total 2016 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>					
Tangible assets	15		1,187		1,807
Total fixed assets			1,187		1,807
<u>Current assets</u>					
Debtors and Prepayments	16	-		600	
Cash at bank and in hand	17	41,622		39,380	
Total current assets		41,622		39,980	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(6,812)		(4,270)	
Net current assets			34,810		35,711
Total assets less current liabilities			35,997		37,518
Total net assets or liabilities			35,997		37,518
<u>Funds of the charity</u>					
Unrestricted income funds			35,997		35,511
Restricted income funds			-		2,007
Total funds			35,997		37,518

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr Mehrban Sadiq
Chair

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 Sept 2017

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:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts 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 Charities Act 2011.

DYSLEXIA NORTH EAST meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £35,997 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. 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.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

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.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 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.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investment and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 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 charities' work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

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

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

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:

Office furniture	Straight line over four years
Computer equipment	Straight line over four years

5.2 Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
6 Activities for generating funds				
Coffee	70	-	70	75
Membership fees	1,264	-	1,264	1,169
Fundraising	1,110	-	1,110	2,011
Tuition	945	-	945	614
Miscellaneous	91	-	91	1,230
	<u>3,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>5,099</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Incoming resources - voluntary income</u>				
General donations	2,049	-	2,049	4,971
<u>Income from grants</u>				
Community Foundation - Henry Smith NE	-	6,327	6,327	5,088
<u>Other income</u>				
Other income	1,212	-	1,212	-
Conference fees	2,384	-	2,384	50
Workshop fees	485	-	485	1,946
Assessment fees	27,915	-	27,915	6,705
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest	34	-	34	13
	<u>34,079</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>40,406</u>	<u>18,774</u>

Income was £43,887 (2016: £23,873) of which £37,560 was unrestricted or designated (2016: £18,784) and £6,327 was restricted (2016: £5,088)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Conference costs	1,008	-	1,008	-
Workshop costs	-	-	-	1,450
Books and articles	444	-	444	257
Assessment fees	22,790	-	22,790	6,350
<u>Support costs</u>				
Licences/insurances	436	-	436	105
Office costs	3,027	-	3,027	1,676
Subscriptions	-	-	-	371
Rent	4,700	-	4,700	7,200
Sundries	788	-	788	1,192
Secretarial costs	1,210	-	1,210	3,443
Project coordinator costs	1,098	8,334	9,432	5,562
Training	-	-	-	90
Volunteer expenses	239	-	239	-
Depreciation	620	-	620	620
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Professional fees	222	-	222	13
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	492	-	492	480
	<u>37,074</u>	<u>8,334</u>	45,408	<u>28,807</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £45,408 (2016: £28,807) of which £37,074 was unrestricted or designated (2016: £23,258) and £8,334 was restricted (2016: £5,549)

9 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2017 £	2016 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	492	480
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	222	-
	<u>714</u>	<u>480</u>

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

	2017 £	2016 £
Salaries and wages	8,960	5,169
Social security costs	116	61
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	356	155
	<u>9,432</u>	<u>5,386</u>

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees.

11 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There has been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

12 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 0.5 staff (2016: 0.5) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	0.5	0.5
	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>

13 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charitable company contributes to individual private staff pension schemes. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity.

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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15 Tangible fixed assets	Office furniture £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Balance brought forward	1,025	1,452	2,477
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>1,025</u>	<u>1,452</u>	<u>2,477</u>
Depreciation			
Basis	SL	SL	
Rate	25%	25%	
Balance brought forward	278	393	671
Depreciation charge for year	257	363	620
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>534</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>1,290</u>
Net book value			
Brought forward	<u>747</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>1,807</u>
Carried forward	<u>491</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>1,187</u>
16 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)	2017 £	2016 £	
Prepayments	-	600	
Rent deposit	-	600	
	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	
17 Cash at bank and in hand	2017 £	2016 £	
Cash at bank	41,622	39,380	
	<u>41,622</u>	<u>39,380</u>	
18 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)	2017 £	2016 £	
Pension	-	155	
HMRC - PAYE & NI	7	-	
Net pay	46	-	
Accruals			
Independent examination of accounts	492	480	
Deferred income			
Community Foundation	3,768	3,635	
St James' Place Foundation	2,500	-	
	<u>6,812</u>	<u>4,270</u>	

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19 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	<u>2017</u> <u>£</u>
Balance brought forward	3,635
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(3,635)
Amount deferred in year	6,268
Balance carried forward	<u>6,268</u>

20 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

21 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
General unrestricted fund	23,155	37,560	(32,374)	-	28,341
Designated fund	12,357		(4,700)	-	7,657
Totals	<u>35,511</u>	<u>37,560</u>	<u>(37,074)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,997</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund 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					
Community Foundation - Henry Smith NE Grant Fund	2,007	6,327	(8,334)	-	-
Totals	<u>2,007</u>	<u>6,327</u>	<u>(8,334)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor

Community Foundation - Henry Smith NE Grant Fund To meet the costs of a Project Coordinator to develop community projects

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22 Capital commitments

As at 31 Sept 2017, the charity had no capital commitments (2016 -£nil)

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,187	-	1,187
Cash at bank and in hand	41,622	-	41,622
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(6,812)	-	(6,812)
	<u>35,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,997</u>