

## Dyspraxia Foundation: Big Lottery Fund – October 2013



The Dyspraxia Foundation are delighted to announce an award from the Big Lottery Fund for **£166,265** which will be spread over 3 years. The grant will provide support to children and adults with Dyspraxia as well as their families, aiming to reduce educational exclusion and increase the employability of sufferers. The Dyspraxia Foundation will be able to reopen its helpline, and run a series of workshops which will take place in Manchester and Birmingham. These workshops will be aimed at parents, adults with Dyspraxia, teachers and medical professionals and will be run in association with local disability groups. The workshops will be filmed and highlights will be made available online to widen the reach of the project.

The project will engage with young people through social media, as well as the chance to speak to other sufferers who are experiencing similar problems. A text service for deaf people with Dyspraxia will also be developed, and adults with Dyspraxia who are struggling in the workplace will be given support and advice with regard to communicating effectively and social and co-ordination difficulties.

Michèle Lee, Chair of the Dyspraxia Foundation said: “We are overjoyed with this funding which will mean we will be able to help the 12,000 people who come to us for urgent advice each year and provide a dramatically improved service over the next three years. As a result of the Big Lottery Fund grant we can relaunch our helpline and develop new advice leaflets and information materials. Although dyspraxia affects two children in every classroom very few people know much about the condition so this funding is crucial to continue our work to raise awareness and support those affected with Dyspraxia.”

## NEW WEBSITE HELPS EVERYTHING ‘CLICK’ INTO PLACE - October 2013

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Following the hugely successful Dyspraxia Awareness Week 2013 (which ran from 13 – 19 October) and the launch of a much awaited UK-wide Helpline Service, the Dyspraxia Foundation is delighted to announce its new-look website, thanks to a grant from Olympus KeyMed.

The new, improved site - designed by tmorph digital design (a Cambridge-based web design company) - went live during the final weekend of the nationwide campaign and now features even more information, advice and “signposting for support” – as well as an exciting new online shop.