



**30<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Congratulations to Michèle Lee, Trustee and former Chair of the Dyspraxia Foundation, appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2018 New Year Honours List**

We at the Dyspraxia Foundation are delighted and extremely proud at the appointment of former Chair Michèle Lee as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2018 New Year Honours List. Michèle has dedicated much of her professional life as a Chartered Physiotherapist to improving the lives of young people with dyspraxia. She has also volunteered her time, skills and knowledge to the Dyspraxia Foundation as a Trustee and twice as Chair from 2000-2004 and 2012-2017. Michèle has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of our organisation to ensure that dyspraxia is recognised and understood by policy makers, professionals and the public so that people with dyspraxia of all ages receive the support they deserve and need.

Michèle is highly regarded as an expert in the field of dyspraxia. She has lectured extensively about dyspraxia in the UK and abroad, published several papers and authored a book "Coordination Difficulties – Practical Ways Forward", all of which have helped to raise our credibility as an organisation that can be trusted. As well as editing the Dyspraxia Foundation Professional Journal and chairing the Research Panel, Michèle has also been an active fundraiser, organising two Charity Balls raising over £41,000 for the Foundation.



Eleanor Howes, CEO for Dyspraxia Foundation said “Michèle has been a long-standing supporter of the Dyspraxia Foundation and despite running a busy physiotherapy practice, she has willingly given her time, energy and expertise to our organisation. Her inspiration, energy and support for people of all ages affected by dyspraxia has helped us to become the trusted and respected organisation that we are today, and we are delighted that Michèle’s hard work and dedication to dyspraxia has been recognised with this MBE.”

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**The Dyspraxia Foundation offers a dedicated helpline from 9 – 1, Mon – Fri**

**Tel: 01462 454986 or via the Helpline tab on the website.**

**For more information about the ongoing work of the Dyspraxia Foundation and how to become involved or access help, information and advice, please visit**

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