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Dyslexia information group in Tamworth

Our year

2014 to 2015

About Dig-iT

Community volunteer support group:

- We offer regular support drop-ins for dyslexic people of all ages and their families, for mutual support, information, advice and activities.
- We aim to raise awareness of dyslexia, its characteristics, co-occurrences and its wide ranging impact on society.
- We collaborate with other voluntary and statutory bodies.
- Promote practical solutions for people that are affected by dyslexia.
- Volunteers and committee members include dyslexic adults.
- We want to develop from the 'bottom up' to meet local need.

How we began

- Three parents with children at school got together.
- One-off 'drop-in' held in Philip Dix Centre in Sept 2011.
- 25 families attended - a group was needed.
- Monthly drop-ins started at Carnegie Centre in Jan 2012
- Dig-iT became a constituted group in April 2012.
- Additional drop-ins with Community Cafe at Kerria Centre from Autumn 2012.
- Dig-iT:Adults began in September 2014

Families supported / contacts

- 325 people on general mail out list since January 2012
(153 in the past year, including other organisations)
- 35 new families contacted us April 2014-March 2015 (same no. as last year)
- Carnegie Centre: 20% (7 initial enquiries - down 50%)
- Amington Community Cafe: 3% (1 initial enquiry - down by 87%)
- Dig-iT:Adults group: 23% (8 initial enquiries)
- Outreach (events/website/email): **54%** (19 initial enquiries - up by 46%)
- People referred from other agencies: 17% (6 people - up by 100%)

Families supported / contacts

- Average no. of families at Carnegie drop-in: = 4 (down 60% from last year)
- Average no at Dig-iT:Adults: = 5 (Started Sept 2014)
- Trend shows initial contacts reducing at Carnegie drop-in due to:
 - ❑ Increase in contacts via Dig-iT:Adults
 - ❑ Direct referrals from other organisations
 - ❑ Increase in contacts via 'outreach' methods

We are now considering planned/promoted children's sessions at drop-ins

- Number of child dyslexia screenings: = 8 (as of Sept 2014)
- Number of adult dyslexia screenings: = 4 (as of Sept 2014)

Reasons for contact

- Adult = 15 contacts (43%)
- Child = 20 contacts (57%)
- Education = 23 contacts (66%)
 - Primary school = 74%
 - Secondary school = 4%
 - College = 13%
 - University = 9%
- Employment = 4 contacts (11%)
- General = 8 contacts (23%)

Common enquiries

- Screening assessments = 63%
- Dyslexia traits = 43%
- Literacy help & tips = 29%
- Diagnostic assessments = 26%
- Help at school = 20%
- Help at work = 9%
- Getting a statement = 6%
- Other = 34%

(Note: Data based upon multiple reasons per contact)



Finances



1. Income

Sources of Income	Amount
Screening Donations	£105.00
Grants	£3417.00
Fundraising & other donations	£1846.00
Interest	£1.44
TOTAL	£5369.44

2. Expenditure

Category	Amount
Venue / Pitch Hire	£198.00
Computer / Phone	£1345.74
Insurance	£165.35
Craft / sales resources	£376.24
Training (Dyslexia NE Conference)	£75.00
Printing / promotion	£276.00
Miscellaneous	£40.00
TOTAL	£2476.33

4. 2014 surplus b/f

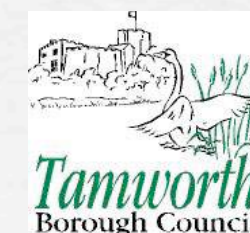
£71.51

5. 2014 /15 surplus

£2964.62

Networking & collaboration

- Fired Up Theatre
- Groundwork
- In It Together (Support Group)
- NRG Street Dance
- SPAN (Staffordshire Parent Action Network)
- Staffordshire Umbrella Network (SUN)
- Tamworth Dyspraxia Group
- Tamworth Library & Tamworth LitFest
- Tamworth Community Cafe
- Tamworth Learning Support Network (Schools LSAs)
- Tamworth Borough Council (ARCH / Children & Communities)
- Ultra-Vibrancy Puppets
- Wilnecote High School



Activities developed

- Adults Support Group (Sept 2014)
- Social Media (Now on Facebook @digitamworth)
- Dyslexia screening service (children & now adults too year)
- Positively Different (Annual exhibition & show for 'Dyslexia Awareness Week')
- Community participation (Locality network meetings / Community Learning Trust / Employment Action Group / Fired-Up Theatre / Community Together CIC / Tam Lit Fest)
- Positively Puppets Workshop (creativity, confidence & socialising)
- Volunteer development (Reading Buddies/ dyslexia awareness / safeguarding)
- Adult Literacy project (Community Together CIC / Tamworth College - on hold)



Policy & participation



Dig-iT:

- ❑ Collated SEN support stats relating to Tamworth's primary & secondary schools, to bring to attention of Tamworth Borough Council elected members:
 - ❑ Worrying trend of unexpectedly uneven proportions of SEN at high schools (given nature of catchment areas)
 - ❑ Lower than expected levels of registered SEN in some primary schools.
 - ❑ The need to encourage schools to attain Dyslexia Friendly Status at the higher level.
- ❑ Attended Staffordshire Parent Partnership workshops on new SEN Code of Practice (Coton Centre) and development of Staffs SEN Family Partnership
- ❑ Wrote several times to Christopher Pincher MP regarding feedback on his survey of dyslexia support in schools. No replies received.

Memorable Events



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Cook & Share Course March-May 2014



Dig-iT and Groundwork presents...

One Stop Community Centre,
Kern Road
Aston
Birmingham
B4 7 4EW

10 places available to book on a 'first come, first served' basis

8th March
22nd March
5th April
19th April
3rd May

FREE

COOK & SHARE

Fun cook-and-eat course for children aged up to 13 who have dyslexia/dyspraxia. Parents, carers and siblings welcome!

Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm

To book:
Dig-iT: 0753 451 3336
Email: office.tamdyslexia@gmail.com
Support of £5 on the day refundable if course completed

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Staffordshire County Council Tamworth Borough Council target: wellbeing



Stonydelph Easter Event 2014



Saturday
12 April 2014
11am - 2pm

Stonydelph Easter Event

St Martin's Centre, Ellerbeck,
Stonydelph, B77 4JA

Games Bran tub Table top sales
Dance Show Arts and crafts
Refreshments Food Mucky Pup

To book a sale table for £5, contact
Cllr Margaret Clarke on 07761 822052

For more information contact Yasser Din on 07891052193

An event brought to you by the Stonydelph Locality Network,
a group of organisations that come together to help improve Stonydelph.



Amington Fete 2014



AMINGTON FETE
SATURDAY 28 JUNE
11.30AM - 4.00PM
AMINGTON RECREATION GROUND
TAMWORTH ROAD

FREE ADMISSION
Prize Programmes £1

Parade leaves the
Kerria Centre
at 11.30AM

Theme:
'War and Peace-
1910-1920s'

Marching Band
Stalls, Games,
Arena Shows,
Music, Theatre, DJ,
Food and lots more

Children's prizes for
best period fancy dress

Supported by

 LANDAU FORTE
ACADEMY
AMINGTON



CVS Fair, Castle Grounds June 2014

**VOLUNTEERING
FAIR** 1-7 JUNE 30 years
VOLUNTEERS' WEEK
extravaganza

Find out more about all the great things going on in Tamworth and how you can make a difference

Friday 6 June 2014
Tamworth Castle Grounds
10am - 3pm

plus special guests broadcasting live **TCR**

For more information contact
Tamworth Volunteer Centre
on 01827 709657

This event is brought to you by **Volunteer Centre Tamworth** "WILD ABOUT TAMWORTH"

and delivered in partnership between **wildlife trusts** and **Tamworth Borough Council**



'We Love Tamworth', Castle Grounds July 2014



'Dyslexia Info Day' Ironbridge, Oct 2014



'Positively Different' Exhibition - Oct 2014



'Positively Different' Variety Show -Oct 2014



Stonydelph & Amington Santa's Grottos & Mayor's 'Christmas Lights Switch' -on Dec 2014



**Saturday 6 December
11am - 2pm**

Christmas Fayre @ St Martin's Centre

Santa's Grotto Tombola
Raffle Refreshments
Stalls Craft Activities

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Tables are available for hire at £5 each. Please contact Margaret Clarke for details. Phone 01827 330669

This is a family event and all children must come with an adult or someone aged over 16

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For further information, contact the Community Development Officer (Stonydelph) Yasser Din on 07891 052193 or email yasser-din@tamworth.gov.uk



Dig-iT:Adults support group starts - Sept 2014



**Becki's & Julie's workshop
'About Dyslexia'**

Dig-iT at Leyfields Community Engagement Event featured in Tamworth Herald - 7th Jan 2014

Tamworth  Herald



Tamworth LitFest Inaugural Event - March 2015


(LitFest graphics designed by Dig-iT's very own Graphics Lizzie!)



Dyslexia North East Conference, Sunderland- March 2015



'SPAN' Info Event, Coton Centre, March 2015



The poster is for a 'SPAN' Info Event. It features a bright blue background with a sun, clouds, and balloons. The 'SPAN' logo is in a purple speech bubble, and 'SkillShare' is in a green box. The title 'Information Days' is in large yellow letters. The event dates and locations are listed in yellow text. A pink cursive line says 'Tea and cake provided. No need to book, just turn up.' Below this, there is a paragraph about the event's purpose and a list of participating organizations. At the bottom, there are social media icons, contact information, logos for Lottery Funded, Contact a Family, Aiming High, and Staffordshire County Council, and a statement 'We are a charitable organisation.'

S.P.A.N.
Staffordshire Parent
Action Network

SkillShare

Information Days

19 March 2015, 10.00 am til 2.00 pm, Gatehouse Theatre Stafford ST16 2LT
26 March 2015, 10.00 am til 2.00 pm, The Coton Centre, Tamworth B79 9AA

Free event for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.
Children most welcome. There will be a children's area with balloon making/magic man.

Tea and cake provided. No need to book, just turn up.



Have your say on how the new Special Educational Needs and Disability Act is working for you.
Find out more and feedback about the new Education Health and Care Plan and Staffordshire's
Local Offer.



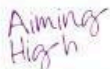


There will be an opportunity to talk informally to:

- Staffordshire Parent Action Network
- Sports Across Staffordshire and Stoke
on Trent - Disability Sports
- SEND Family Partnership (Information
Advice & Support) Service including
Staffordshire Umbrella Network
(SUN) and SkillShare
- National Autistic Society
- Contact a Family - disability
information and benefits advice.
- Midland Psychology - Autism Services
- Healthwatch
- Dig-IT - Dyslexia Support Group
- Entrust, Careers and Participation
Service - Further Education
- Community Connecting - supporting
people with a learning disability or
autism to become part of the local
community.
- Staffordshire Venture - day
opportunities for adults with learning
disabilities
- Aiming High providers

...plus more!

www.span-info.co.uk
span.staffordshire@gmail.com

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Dyslexia Talk, Tamworth Rotary Club - March 2015



'Be Tamworth' Ceremony, Town Hall, March 2015





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Onwards and upwards!