



DYSLEXIA SOUTH EAST CIC

CAN YOU HELP?



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Dyslexia South East CIC is the not-for-profit community arm of Dyslexia South East.

WHO ARE WE?



Dyslexia South East CIC is a community-led, not-for-profit organisation providing affordable, expert support for dyslexia, dyscalculia and related learning differences.

We create welcoming spaces where children, adults and families can find clarity, connection and practical next steps without long waits or high costs.

Our cafés, workshops and early-help pathways are built on compassion, inclusion and over 30 years of specialist SEND experience.



We exist to reduce barriers, empower our community, and ensure no one has to navigate learning differences alone.

OUR SERVICES



Our work includes:

- **Community Dyslexia Cafés** that offer a warm welcome, early guidance and a sense of belonging.
- **Workshops** that equip families with practical tools for learning, organisation and emotional wellbeing.
- **Early-Help Screening** to gently explore strengths, challenges and pathways to further support.
- **Peer Groups for Adults** navigating dyslexia and dyscalculia at home, work or in education.
- **Outreach & Resources** to raise awareness and improve access to trustworthy information.

Everything we do is designed to remove barriers and help people feel understood.



OUR IMPACT



Every week, through our contact with the community, we see the difference that understanding, connection and early support can make.

Children become more confident, **families** feel less alone, and **adults** finally have language for experiences they've carried for years.

- Our community cafés reduce isolation.
- Our workshops build confidence.
- Our screening pathways create clarity in moments when it's most needed.



We measure impact not only in numbers, but in the relief, reassurance and progress people tell us they feel after meeting us.



PARTNER WITH US



WHY YOUR PARTNERSHIP MATTERS



Community venues like yours play a vital role in creating safe, welcoming places where people can come together, feel supported and find the help they need. By opening your doors to our Dyslexia Cafés and workshops, you become part of a shared mission to support children, adults and families who may otherwise struggle to access early help.

Our presence in your space does more than run an event – it creates connection. Families discover a venue that cares, adults find a place they trust, and visitors often return to explore the other activities, services and community groups you already offer.

Together, we extend your reach, deepen your impact and help build a community where everyone feels seen, supported and welcome.

By hosting us, you are not just offering space – you are offering hope, clarity and belonging to people who need it. And in doing so, your venue becomes a trusted part of their journey.

HOW YOUR VENUE CAN HELP



Your venue can play a vital role in bringing early-help dyslexia and dyscalculia support directly to the heart of our community. By partnering with us, you provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space where people can access guidance, connection and clarity, often for the first time.



Hosting our Dyslexia Cafés and workshops is simple, low-impact and fully supported by our trained team. You offer the space; we bring the expertise, volunteers and resources. Together, we create an environment where people feel calm, understood and able to take their next steps with confidence.

Every session you host helps remove barriers, reaches those who feel isolated, and strengthens the sense of belonging within your community.

Your venue can help by providing:

- A safe, accessible room for approximately 2–2.5 hours (usually on a Saturday Morning)
- Basic seating and tables for welcome, conversation and workshop areas
- Permission (and facility) to serve light refreshments (where appropriate)
- Clear access to fire exits and venue safety information
- A welcoming environment that reflects the inclusive ethos of your space

That's it, we'll take care of the rest. We handle setup, delivery, volunteers, safeguarding, equipment and pack-down.

WHY YOUR SPACE MATTERS



A calm, welcoming room can completely change someone's journey.

For a family feeling overwhelmed, a parent unsure where to turn, or an adult seeking clarity, your venue becomes the place where things finally begin to make sense.

Your support enables:

- Earlier identification of learning needs
- Reduced isolation and improved wellbeing
- Trusted community connection
- Better access to SEN pathways
- Outreach to people who may never engage with formal services

This is how your space helps this community grow.



By offering us a home for just a few hours, you help unlock support that can change lives – and strengthen your venue's role at the heart of the community.

WHAT A DYSLEXIA CAFE LOOKS LIKE



A Dyslexia Café is a relaxed, community-focused drop-in session designed to offer reassurance, clarity and practical guidance. The atmosphere is warm, calm and inclusive. It's more like a friendly community gathering than a formal event.



Visitors are welcomed by our volunteers, invited to take a seat, enjoy a drink and join gentle conversations with others who may share similar experiences. Some come with specific questions; others simply want to feel part of a supportive community.

Throughout the session, our specialist team offers one-to-one guidance in open, visible spaces, helping families and adults gain understanding and clear next steps at a pace that feels right for them.

What You'll See in the Room

A welcoming, low-pressure environment:

- People chatting in small groups
- Parents and carers finding reassurance
- Adults sharing experiences and feeling understood
- Children relaxing in a supportive space
- Volunteers offering a warm greeting and gentle support

A calm, structured flow supported by our team:

- A simple digital check-in (we manage everything)
- A quiet zone for those who need a softer space
- A conversation area for informal support
- Open, visible seating for one-to-one guidance
- Clear signposting to next steps, resources and workshops

OUR VALUES



Our values shape the spaces we create. They ensure every person is welcomed, heard and supported – just as they are.

Compassion – We meet every person with empathy, patience and understanding, creating calm spaces where people feel safe to share their story.

Inclusion – We welcome everyone. Our cafés and workshops are designed to be accessible, respectful and supportive for all ages, backgrounds and needs.



Integrity – We are transparent, ethical and evidence-informed. Families and adults can rely on our guidance to be honest, balanced and clear.
Community

Connection sits at the heart of what we do. We build supportive networks that reduce isolation and strengthen local relationships.
Equity

Support should never depend on postcode, cost or circumstance. We work to remove barriers so everyone can access help when they need it.

Empowerment – We give people the tools, knowledge and confidence to move forward. We believe in strengths and potential, not just challenges.



SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING



Health & Safety in Your Venue

Before every session, we complete a venue safety checklist, including:

- Fire exits and evacuation routes
- Trip hazards and general safety
- Accessibility considerations
- Lighting, ventilation and room layout
- Emotional and sensory safety
- We hold our own public liability insurance.

We leave your space exactly as we found it — clean, calm and respected.

Data Protection & Confidentiality

We operate under strict UK GDPR compliance:

- Only minimal data is collected
- No sensitive information is stored on personal devices
- No photography without explicit consent
- Personal information is handled securely and respectfully
- No data is ever shared with your venue

Your organisation remains completely protected.

You can rely on us to deliver sessions that are:

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ Well-managed
- ✓ Inclusive
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Fully compliant

Your venue's reputation and community trust are always upheld.

WHAT WE BRING TO EACH SESSION



Our team arrives fully prepared and self-sufficient. We bring all the equipment, materials and resources needed to run a smooth, engaging and safe Dyslexia Café or workshop. Your venue simply provides the space — we take care of the rest.

Everything we bring is portable, tidy, and easy to set up and pack away, ensuring minimal impact on your venue and maximum benefit to the community.



Digital & Technology Setup

We bring everything needed to support digital access:

- Presenter laptop for demonstrations, signposting and workshop delivery
- Portable projector or screen, if the venue doesn't have one
- Public-use laptops/tablets for attendees to access online resources, complete registrations or explore relevant tools
- Secure wifi hotspot (when appropriate) so we never rely solely on venue internet
- Assistive technology demonstrations (where appropriate), such as digital readers, overlays or accessibility tools

Refreshments & Welcoming Atmosphere

- Light refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits)
- Cold drinks if permitted
- Disposable or reusable cups (or washing up materials), depending on venue preference
- A warm, friendly welcome from our volunteers

Every session is delivered by:

- Specialist Directors trained in dyslexia, dyscalculia and early-help support
- Safeguarding Lead and Deputy, present at all events
- Compassionate volunteers who manage welcome, registration and community interaction

HOW TO PARTNER WITH US



If you think your venue could be a welcoming space for local families, adults and children seeking dyslexia and dyscalculia support, we'd love to talk.

There's no complicated process: just reach out, and we'll guide everything from there.

We handle the full setup, delivery, safeguarding, promotion, equipment, volunteers and breakdown. We'll also promote the event across our social media channels and can tag your organisation as co-host, supporting your own outreach and visibility.



If you'd like a representative from your venue to attend and connect with the community we jointly serve, you're warmly welcome to join us. All you need to do is **contact us**, using any of the details below and offer the space.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference to the community you already serve.

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