



Dyspraxia Foundation

Professional Conference

Spanning the years: a joint approach to dealing with dyspraxia

A one day conference for professionals
supporting children, teenagers and adults with
neuro-developmental disorders

Saturday, 27 September 2008



Sheraton Heathrow Hotel
London-Heathrow, England

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30 Registration and Refreshments

9.00 Welcome and Introduction - Sally Payne, Dyspraxia Foundation Chair

9.10 **Keynote Speech – Bringing it all together: children, parents, professionals, and scientific evidence.**

Guest Speakers: Dr Donald Maciver and Christine Owen, ACHIEVE Alliance, Scotland
This presentation will discuss a framework that comprehensively covers the child and family journey through services, highlighting the voice of service users, importance of partnership with education and the role of allied health professionals in the support of children with DCD.

10.30 Presentation of Papers

11.30 Tea/Coffee/Exhibition of Resources

12.00 Choice of Workshops. Session 1

1 a) Strategies to improve self esteem

Professor Amanda Kirby

b) Intervention for the young child with DCD

Dr Mary Chambers

c) Working memory in DCD children: screening and support

Dr Tracy Packiam Alloway

1.00 Lunch/Poster Displays/Exhibition of Resources

2.00 Choice of Workshops. Session 2

2 a) Intervention programmes for the classroom for children with DCD

Dr Mary Chambers

b) Working memory in DCD children: screening and support

Dr Tracy Packiam Alloway

c) Social Inclusion for children and young people with Dyspraxia/DCD

Kate Ripley

3.00 Afternoon Tea/Exhibition of Resources

3.30 **Keynote Speech - Co-morbidity and overlapping conditions with DCD**

Guest speaker: Professor Amanda Kirby

The child with “just” DCD is an unusual one as most children with DCD often have attention, reading and social difficulties at varying degrees. This presentation will discuss the evidence for this statement and the implications for both health and education professionals in designing and delivering support for children, adolescents and adults with DCD. Latest research in this area will be presented.

5.00 Closing Remarks - Sally Payne, Dyspraxia Foundation Chair

CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS

Delegates may choose to attend one workshop for each session

Session 1: 12.00 - 1.00pm

1 a) **Strategies to improve self esteem**

Workshop leader: Professor Amanda Kirby, Medical Director and founder of The Dyscovery Centre

This workshop will consider many practical ways to encourage and improve a child's social confidence. It will consider the home-school partnership and the importance of a 24 hour curriculum for children and how this needs to be considered. It will also offer an opportunity for participants to discuss key issues around this topic area and share their experiences and successful approaches.

b) **Intervention for the young child with DCD**

Workshop leader: Dr Mary Chambers, University Senior Lecturer

This workshop will look at the identification and assessment of young children with movement difficulties and will discuss the use of the Early Years Movement Skills Checklist in this process. It will also consider the effectiveness of intervention programmes for young children.

c) **Working memory in DCD children: screening and support**

Workshop leader: Dr Tracy Pakiam Alloway, Senior Research Fellow

This workshop will provide an introduction to what working memory is and how it affects children diagnosed with developmental coordination disorder (DCD). DCD children tend to have specific deficits in visuospatial working memory. This impairment affects their learning, even after their IQ skills have been taken into account. Details of early screening and support will be discussed.

Please note: This workshop is repeated at 2.00pm.

Session 2: 2.00 - 3.00pm

2 a) **Intervention programmes for the classroom for children with DCD**

Workshop leader: Dr Mary Chambers, University Senior Lecturer

This workshop will look at developing activities for young children with movement difficulties that can be used in the classroom.

b) **Working memory in DCD children: screening and support**

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c) **Social Inclusion for children and young people with Dyspraxia/DCD**

Workshop leader: Kate Ripley, Educational Psychologist

The workshop will start with a review of some of the barriers to social inclusion that children and young people with DCD experience over time. Some practical intervention strategies will then be presented.

VENUE

Sheraton Heathrow Hotel, Colnbrook Bypass, Harmondsworth, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 0HJ. tel: +44 (0)20 8759 2424 fax:+ 44 (0)208759 2091 website: www.sheraton.com/heathrow

DIRECTIONS

From Heathrow Airport: Exit the airport to pick up A4 west. The hotel is 3 kilometres down on the right hand side. The Hoppa Bus Service runs between the hotel and Terminals 1,2, 3 and 5 every 14 minutes during peak times. The fare is £4.00 single and £8.00 return. Delegates travelling to or from Terminal 4 should take the Heathrow Express Train (free of charge) to or from Terminal 3 arrivals.

From the North: Leave the M25 at Junction14. Turn left on to the A3113 and then left on to the A3044. At the traffic lights, turn right on to the A4. The hotel is 640 metres down and on the left.

From the East/London: Leave M4 at J4 and turn right. Take the left hand lane and turn 1st left at traffic lights. Pass back under motorway carrying straight across 2 mini roundabouts. At the 3rd turn left on to Hatch Lane. At traffic lights turn right onto A4 Colnbrook Bypass, turning right across dual carriageway to reach the hotel.

From the West: Leave the M4 at Junction 5 for the A4 east and take the 3rd exit at the roundabout. The hotel is 5 kilometres down on the left side.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates wishing to reserve accommodation at the Sheraton Heathrow Hotel should telephone 020 82831579 or email chloe.davidson@sheraton.com for BB conference rates:
Single room £75, Double room £80

BOOKING CONDITIONS

The Dyspraxia Foundation reserves the right to change the programme without notice.

Fee: £135.00 Please note: Dyspraxia Foundation members receive 10% discount.

Closing date: Friday, 12th September 2008

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received in writing no later than 12th September will receive a full refund less £20.00 administration charge. No refunds are possible after 12th September. Substitutions are welcome at any time, however an administration charge of £10.00 will be levied.

Data Protection

The personal information provided by you will be held on a database. It may be used to keep you up to date with future events or developments in the field of dyspraxia. We will not disclose this information to any other person or organisation.

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