



# Dyspraxia Foundation

## Professional Conference

### "Genes to Jeans- Growing up with dyspraxia"

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

Friday, 10 & Saturday, 11 November 2006

The Beeches Conference Centre  
Bournville  
Birmingham  
B30 1LS

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day One - Friday 10 November

9.30 Registration/Tea/Coffee

10.00 Welcome and Introduction - Pam Williams, Dyspraxia Foundation Chair

### **Keynote Speech – Current thinking about DCD**

Carolyn Dunford, Clinical Specialist/Research Occupational Therapist, Cardiff University

11.30 Tea/Coffee/Exhibition/Poster displays

11.50 Presentation of Papers

1.00 Lunch/Exhibition/Poster displays

2.00 Workshop Sessions 1

3.00 Tea/Coffee/Exhibition

3.15 Workshop Sessions 2

4.15 Close

5.00 Conference Drinks Reception kindly sponsored by Equazen

## CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS DAY ONE

### **A Goal setting for intervention**

Carolyn Dunford, Clinical Specialist/Research Occupational Therapist

Explore using the Perceived Efficacy and Goal Setting System and Canadian Occupational Performance Measure with school aged children with DCD. The rationale and evidence behind this approach will be presented. Methods of planning intervention based on children's goals will be explored. A small research study of group intervention using this approach will be presented.

### **B Social skills for adolescents**

Phil Lucas, Curriculum Manager for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities  
Exploring the expectations placed on young people by society with regard to social skills. Delegates will be offered practical strategies for helping young people with their skills by coaching/facilitating improvement through effective target setting.

### **C 101 different ideas, strategies and resources to use in the classroom.**

Barbara Hunter, Director of Inclusion and Outreach,

This action packed presentation is full of practical ideas to benefit learning support staff and their pupils. All sorts of viable solutions are conjured up from everyday objects.

### **D Speed Up Handwriting**

Lois Addy, Senior Lecturer in Professional Health Studies

Speed-up is a short but effective 8 week intensive programme, designed for use with children in school Years 3 to 8 whose writing seems to be laboured, slow, illegible, lacking fluency, with an uncomfortable mixture of print and cursive lettering. The approach focuses on movements to develop kinaesthetic acuity with positive results.

Day Two - Saturday 11 November

9.00 Registration Tea/Coffee

9.30 Welcome and Introduction - Michele Lee, Dyspraxia Foundation Conference Chair

**Keynote Speech - Assessment of Handwriting**

Dr Anna Barnett, Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Oxford Brookes University

10.30 Presentation of Papers

11.00 Tea/Coffee/Exhibition/Poster displays

11.30 Workshop Sessions 1

12.30 Lunch/Exhibition/Poster displays

1.30 Workshop Sessions 2

2.30 Tea/Coffee/Exhibition

**2.45 Keynote Speech - Outcome of Children with DCD**

Dr M Cousins, Lecturer in Psychology, University of Central Lancashire

3.45 Closing Remarks - Pam Williams, Dyspraxia Foundation Chair

**CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS DAY TWO**

**A Transition to the Workplace**

Jo Todd - Managing Director Key 4 Learning Ltd

The transition from school, college or university requires planning & consideration. In education there is a focus on personal performance the work place requires contribution to a team. This workshop will consider how individuals with Dyspraxia can communicate to employers how appropriate adjustments can maximise their performance.

**B Motor Skills for schools**

Karen Gillman - Batty, Specialist PE Teacher

An overview of a system set up in Birmingham schools to help children who have specific gross motor difficulties. Covering some of the strategies used to get school staff at all levels involved in using gross motor skill development to support learning.

**C Sensory Processing**

Claire Howell, Occupational Therapist

Aimed to provide delegates with an introduction to the senses and how effective sensory processing supports occupation. Identifying indicators for sensory processing dysfunction, making sense of the behaviours we see and thinking about strategies we can use to support participation.

**D Being able to do things—small steps to success**

David Taylor, Training & Development First Class Learning

All students, especially Dyspraxic students, struggle to grasp intermediate steps and complex algorithms in maths. Addressing key areas in arithmetic and maths, breaking topics into small logical steps and not giving “too much Information” can help scaffold the learning experience of all students.

## VENUE

The Beeches Conference Centre Selly Oak Road Bournville Birmingham B30 1LSTel: 0121 433 3311, Fax: 0121 459 1509, Email: [beeches@chartridge.co.uk](mailto:beeches@chartridge.co.uk)

Part of The Chartridge Conference Company, the Beeches Management Centre in Bournville offers a superb leaning and meeting environment. Tucked away in the leafy suburbs of Bournville, The Beeches seems many miles from the hustle and bustle of Birmingham, yet it is only 15 minutes from the city centre.

Just 3 miles from Birmingham City Centre within easy reach of J4(M5) and J2 (M42) and a 20 minute taxi ride from New Street Station.

### Accommodation

If you wish to book accommodation, please contact The Beeches Conference Centre for availability or alternative options.

## CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

The Dyspraxia Foundation reserves the right to change the details of the conference without notice.

Closing date Friday: 27th October 2006

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received in writing no later than 27th October will receive a full refund less £20.00 administration charge. No refunds are possible after 28th October. 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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## Genes to Jeans – Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation : \_\_\_\_\_ Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

You have a choice of **two** workshops on each day

Friday, Day One

Please circle the two you would like to attend during the day a / b / c / d

Saturday, Day Two

Please circle the two you would like to attend during the day a / b / c / d

Booking fee:

Please note, Dyspraxia Foundation members receive 10% discount on conference fees.

Please tick as appropriate

Cost; £140 one day \*Fri/Sat  £250 two days

\*please indicate which day you wish to attend

Lunch and refreshments included.

Do you require special dietary provision Yes/No Please give details \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Drinks Reception Day One; an opportunity to network in a relaxed enviroment.

The event is free of charge but please indicate if you would like to attend

I enclose a cheque (payable to Dyspraxia Foundation)

(less DF membership 10% discount if applicable) £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please invoice my organisation for £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my credit card: Master/Visa/Switch/Solo

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Card Issue No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Confirmation will be sent together with directions and final programme after the closing date.