

SCOTTISH DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION

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**Annual Accounts to
6th January 1997**

Chairman's Report



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1996

Like Topsy the Scottish Dyslexia Association has just grown!

The National Headquarters opened with 12 volunteers each giving a few hours of time. We now have three paid staff working about 76 hours per week and 2 volunteers - the Chairman and Treasurer on unlimited schedules!

Early in 1996 it became apparent that we needed a part-time secretary and with the appointment of Mrs Janice McGregor to work 10 hrs per week the back log of enquiries were tackled.

Successful application to S.O.E.I.D. provided funds for further staff. In July, Sharon Duncan became our full-time Office Administrator and in August Jan McGregor was appointed part-time Field Officer. At this point Janice McGregor relinquished her secretarial duties on her appointment as part-time Development Officer.

These three ladies have worked very hard in the time that they have been with us and together with our indefatigable treasurer Mr Bill Bannerman, have created an efficient, professional team which has surely helped to increase the credibility of the Association.

Leaflets

Since July we have produced a comprehensive supply of leaflets on dyslexia. These deal with aspects of dyslexia from pre-school recognition and help through to advice on careers and employment. A selection of these have been compiled into an information pack which is sent out initially to enquirers.

Books

A large number of specialist books have been acquired, either by donation or by careful shopping and these have formed the basis of a reference library.

Exhibitions

With the purchase of an exhibition stand, courtesy of the Scottish Dyslexia Trust, we have had an S.D.A. presence at several exhibitions and conferences. At these venues our reference books and leaflets have been on show and as a result of this we now have a certain amount of income being generated by orders for these.

Book Bus

The Development Officer took responsibility for organising the Bus which toured venues in Southern Scotland in November. This was most successful and attracted a great deal of interest.

Another tour is proposed for October 1997 when the Bus will visit parts of the North-East, Strathspey, Fort William and Oban.

We are indebted to Readiscovery for the use of the Bus.

Field Officer

Jan McGregor, who is a qualified teacher of dyslexic students, has been involved in running workshops for staff from very varied backgrounds. These include pre-school playgroup leaders, learning support staff, careers personnel, members of the metal and construction industries training board and lecturers from Further Education Colleges. The development of computer software for use as an assessment tool has meant that some of Jan's time has been devoted to researching the use and possible advantages of these programmes.

Enquiries

While the staff have been involved in each of these projects the real work of the S.D.A. has not been ignored. Together we have processed around 1,300 telephone calls, many of which required follow-up procedures. Since these calls regularly come to us as a last resort, the callers making them are often fraught and desperately worried which means that we can spend up to 30 minutes just listening and trying to help.

Calls and letters have come to us from as far afield as Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai.

The Branches

A very important aspect of the work of the S.D.A. and, in fact, the very essence of the Association's existence is to give support and encouragement to all members at local level.

Local branches have been very busy this year and most have found that the re-organisation of local government created extra worries and work.

This was especially so for Dyslexia Scotwest who had to adapt to working, not with one education authority, but with 12.

Despite the pressures involved in this and the ever-present worry of reduced provision in the form of fewer specialist teachers, most branches have continued to organise events to help keep awareness of dyslexia to the fore.

Throughout the country there are reports of increasing interest from adults who have failed at school and now wish to improve their literacy skills. We are all very conscious that at the moment there is minimal support available and feel strongly that much more should be done for those people who have been let down in the past by an inadequate level of educational support.

Our Association is indebted to those committee members who work incredibly hard and devote precious, hard-won time to help keep the branches in good heart.

New branches in Islay and Dumfries & Galloway were established and we extend our best wishes to the members and assure them of our continuing support.

Financial Support

As can be seen from the accounts a great many people have provided the much needed funding required to establish our National Headquarters. I would like to thank them all most sincerely for demonstrating their confidence in our work and giving so generously.

One successful venture has been the creation of our S.D.A. calendar - each month being 'sponsored' by a company whose details are advertised on that month's page. The amount sponsored covers one month's office running costs.

THE FUTURE

Perhaps the most remarkable change which has taken place during my term of office has been the growing awareness that dyslexia 'exists' and that many difficulties can be remediated, or in many cases avoided, with early recognition and the correct teaching methods. Noticeable, too, is a greater openness and willingness on the part of the educationists to work with the Association for the benefit of all dyslexic people.

As a result of the reduction in funding within schools, Further Education and the Higher Education sectors there will be a much greater need to use the expertise that exists within the Association.

I hope that our links with all those concerned with helping dyslexic youngsters and adults will be strengthened in the coming years and that together we can forge a successful future for them all.

In conclusion may I thank all those who have helped make my Chairmanship interesting and rewarding. These include the Directors of the S.D.A. who have given me unstinting support and encouragement, the Office Bearers in the Branches who have responded to all requests for information and help, the volunteers who helped set up and run the office in its initial stages, and, lastly, my family, without whose patience and encouragement I could not have fulfilled my duties with as much commitment.

May I wish the Scottish Dyslexia Association every success in the future.

Sheila Airth

SCOTTISH DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR TO 6TH JANUARY 1997

INCOME

Branches' Capitation Fees		£1,207	
Donations			
Amicable Friendship Trust	£300		
S. Airth (Incl. tax recovered)	415		
Dunoon Dyslexia Association	238		
Dyslexia Central	100		
Gordon Fraser Charitable Trust	500		
Metcom Ltd	1000		
T&L Owens	111		
Royal Mail	100		
Scottish Dyslexia Trust	200		
Scottish International Educational Trust	1881		
Miscellaneous Donations	267	5112	
Fundraising Efforts			
C. Airth	£130		
Glenochil Prison Officers	928		
J McGregor	110	1168	
Sponsorships			
Clark, Gillone Financial Services (including tax recovery)	£382		
Greig Middleton Co. Ltd	290		
H & F Drilling Ltd (Including tax recovery)	382		
T Inglis	75		
Scotial Pharmaceuticals Ltd	300	1429	
Other Income			
Bank Interest	£456		
Sale of Books and Publications	1671		
Lecture Fee	35		
Repayment of Loan - Orkney D.A.	75	2237	
Scottish Office Funding		25505	£36,658

EXPENDITURE

Administration Expenses			
Accommodation Costs	£3,742		
Staff Salaries and National Insurance	11084		
Office Expenses	3412		
Travel Expenses	577	£18,815	
Council Meetings		802	
Other Expenditure			
Loans to new branches	£150		
Purchase of Books and Publications	1333		
Subscriptions	163		
Professional Indemnity Insurance	£248		
Less recovered from branches	215	33	
Book Bus		378	
'Surplus For Year		2057	21674
			£14,984
'Balance Brought Forward from 1995			3470
'Balance Carried Forward to 1997			<u>£18,454</u>

I have examined the books and records of the Scottish Dyslexia Association for the year to 6th January 1997, and confirm that they are in order, and that the Income and Expenditure Account prepared therefrom is a correct statement of the Association's financial affairs for that year.

Wendy Buchanan
Wendy Buchanan (Honorary Auditor)

28/3/97

Balance Sheet As At 6th January 1997

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash In Hand	£146
Cash At Bank	£18,308

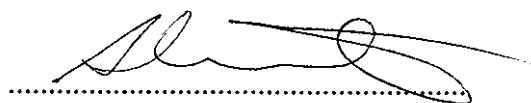
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GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	£3,470
Surplus For Period	£14,984

	£18,454

- i. For the period ended 6th January 1997 the company was entitled to the exemption under sub-section (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985.
- ii. No notice from members requiring an audit, has been deposited under section 249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- iii. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:-
 - a) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221, and;
 - b) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.
- iv. In preparing these accounts the directors have relied upon the exemptions of individual accounts provided by section 246 and they have done so on the grounds that the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.



Chairman