

## Personal Statement

I am currently a Trustee of Dyslexia Cornwall ( previously The Cornwall Dyslexia Association). I have been actively involved for over twenty five years supporting young people with dyslexia in Cornwall. I am a primary trained teacher and eighteen years ago I gained my Diploma in SpLD through Dyslexia Action.

I left main stream teaching in 2001 and set up my own Dyslexia and Literacy Centre in Truro, teaching and assessing whilst maintaining my close links with what was then, The Cornwall Dyslexia Association. When funding was difficult I offered Dyslexia Cornwall the use of one of my offices. We worked alongside each other for a couple of years. I focused on offering support to children and young people and Dyslexia Cornwall, with a large lottery grant, provided the DAISI initiative.(Dyslexia Advice, Information and Support Initiative.)

I still work from home teaching private students and assessing youngsters, but my main contribution is in developing and supporting the work of Dyslexia Cornwall. We have had to close our Drop In Centre in Truro due to lack of ongoing funding but we maintain, through volunteers, an essential Help Line offering Advice and Guidance across the county.

I am the Dyslexia Cornwall's representative for the County's IDFS (Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly Schools ) initiative. I am involved with the assessing and monitoring of school practices and work closely with The Cognition and Learning Department of Cornwall Council.

As funding has dried up Dyslexia Cornwall has weathered the challenges of the last few years. We are fortunate enough to have a team of committed volunteers able to offer Advice and Guidance, well qualified private assessors and a dedicated Treasurer/Secretary.

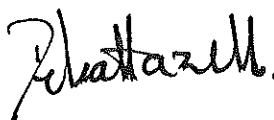
Dyslexia Cornwall strives to keep the awareness of dyslexia alive in Cornwall. We offer support to businesses, schools, private individuals children, adults both in and out of employment.

Although in Cornwall we often feel cut off from the rest of the country, we are very proud of our achievements over the last twenty years. The opportunity to be actively linked to our parent national organisation with its ability to influence governmental decision making and support individuals working within the dyslexia field nationally and internationally would be highly valued.

We feel as a satellite organisation we can contribute to the national picture.

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