

**Personal Statement from Lesley Hill
to
Support my Nomination as a BDA Trustee**

29th October 2018

I have decided to put myself forward this nomination as a Trustee to represent Local Dyslexia Association (LDA) Members on the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) Management Board (MB) because I feel strongly that LDAs need the support of the BDA in order to support dyslexic people and their families. However, I feel equally strongly that individual members and LDAs should be supporting the BDA to achieve its aims and principles.

I have completed 3 years in this role, and now have a better understanding of the organisation of the BDA and the importance of the MB, as well as of the role of BDA Trustees. I now feel that this experience has given more confidence in this role and I would like to contribute further to the development of the BDA under the new leadership of the appointed CEO and Joint BDA Chairmen.

Communication is vital and as a Local Association Board (LAB) representative for the West Midlands, and caretaker for the South East Region, I am already in a position to build on links between the BDA, LDAs and the community.

In addition, I have been actively involved with NWCDA since its foundation, and have always maintained an active interest in the activities of the BDA by regularly attending the BDA AGM and any other national meetings.

I have a strong belief that volunteers need support and training to fulfil their roles, and have practiced that view by not only being trained by the BDA for my LDA Helpline and Befriender roles, but also trained as a Trainer, organising and delivering several training courses for others. In the last 3 years I have also been an active member of the LDA Helpline Training Team.

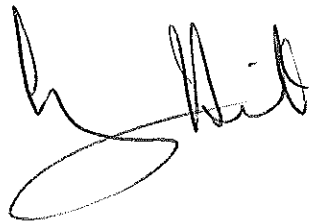
I am married with three adult children two of whom are dyslexic, one of which severely so. The other was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome about 8 years ago, and I was, for a time, his main carer.

We started the North Warwickshire & Coventry Dyslexia Association (NWCDA) some 26 years ago and I have been actively involved, taking various Committee roles, including Secretary, Membership Secretary and Chairman since then. Currently I run the Association Helpline, am one of our team of Screening Volunteers and make efforts to raise the profile of dyslexia by attending various community and parent and carer forums.

In conclusion, I feel that my various experiences have equipped me with an understanding of the work of a trustee in a large organisation, participating in board meetings, and my personal qualities include reliability and conscientiousness. I am able to participate actively in both formal and informal meetings and have an ability to see more than one point of view.

If elected to the Individual Member Trustee Representative, I will endeavour to fulfil the responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Signed:



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