



# SOMERSET DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

**Tuesday 5th May 2020 Conference**

**At Oake Manor Golf Club, Taunton, Somerset TA4 1BA; 9am for 9.30am start to 3.30pm**

***Get it right for Dyslexia – get it right for all!***

**Speaker: Neil Mackay**

**(Keynote speaker at the British Dyslexia Association Feb 2020 conference)**

**This conference is about how to implement inclusive practices for students who think faster than they read, write and spell.**

- Very practical workshop setting - full of things to do/try tomorrow to raise the achievement of students with Dyslexic Type Learning Needs in unsupported mainstream settings
- Solution focused approaches to address poor working memory, slow speed of processing, cognitive overload etc for our students who typically think faster than they deliver
- Inclusive solutions in the form of high impact accommodations for students who are on the Dyslexia Spectrum, usually without a formal label and who:
  - use jargon words appropriately but who struggle to spell at that level
  - comprehend better than they decode – or decode better than they comprehend
  - can talk a great narrative but struggle to get it down on paper.

By the end of the presentation participants will "do" all the activities and have time to discuss and reflect.

**Neil Mackay** is previously Senior Teacher/SENCO in a large secondary school in North Wales and now an independent consultant and trainer; he originated the phrase and the concept "Dyslexia Friendly Schools. Neil works with state, independent and international schools and LAs in the UK, Europe, New Zealand Australia, Dubai and Hong Kong, supporting teachers to develop inclusive accommodations which help individuals without always needing to give individual help. Neil is known for his ability to bring the classroom into his training and he regularly models inclusive strategies in classrooms around the world and in the UK.



**TICKETS cost £75. This covers all refreshments on the day and easy parking.**

**To book please use the booking form attached or go to the website [www.somersetdyslexia.co.uk](http://www.somersetdyslexia.co.uk)**

**Members of the SDA qualify for a discounted rate £60.**

**There will also be an exhibition of SEN Books, brought by Colin Redman of SEN Marketing.**

**Come early – Registration from 9am. Start time 9.30.**

*All the activities of the SDA, ie conferences, free Saturday drop-in, helplines and more, are run entirely by volunteers which helps keep ticket prices as low as possible.*

*If you are interested in joining the committee, please let us know.*

**The SDA's Charity Number is: 289263.**