

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (D.A.D.S)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103684

Details

Known as D.A.D.S.

Status Received

Registered 2015-09-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The purposes of Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (DADS) are to advance education, treatment and assessment of, and to relieve the conditions of Dyslexia and Dyspraxia among people, and in particular young children and young adults who are Dyslexic and Dyspraxic and the training of teachers and other persons in the education and treatment and assessment of such children and adults by associating together such people and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for such people. DADS will work with individuals and families with learning disabilities from any part of Northern Ireland.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, Disability

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Mental health, Sensory disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£73,343	£63,777	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Marie Mcstocker		
Denise Doherty		
Gerry Lynch		
Kathleen O'loughlin		
Michele Mckeown		
Pauline Quinn		
Tanya Steele		

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Accounts

**DYSLEXIA AND DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT
(DADS)**

NIC103684

Receipts and Payments Accounts

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Notes to the accounts

Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Unrestricted free reserves

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Management Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

	Number of grants made	£
Grants		
	Total	-

	Authority under which paid	£
Trustee remuneration - details		
		-

Trustee expenses - details	None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses	-
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	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Transactions with trustees and connected persons			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0

Other information

Dyslexia & Dyspraxia Support Group -

Year ended 31/03/2025

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Sunflower Support	-	-	-	2,000
Think Network	-	-	-	500
Other	1,000	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	1,000	-	1,000	2,500

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	70,039	70,039	-
Haliux Foundation NI	-	-	-	4,500
Total	-	70,039	70,039	4,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Training, Resouces & Activities for children	553	-	553	7,368
Membership fees	351	-	351	497
Rental income	1,400	-	1,400	1,550
Total	2,304	-	2,304	9,415

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages & NIC	1394	38,823	40,217	32,357
Consultancy	-	-	-	7,440
Programme Costs	680	5,664	6,344	-
Rent& Rates/ Room hire	-	5,100	5,100	4,661
Telephone	318	520	838	1,705
Heat & light	170	576	746	368
Insurance	626	-	626	674
Stationery & postage	136	767	903	300
Training and tudor costs	-	-	-	4,849
Marketing and Communications	487	700	1,187	-
Travel	326	579	905	12,01.26
Conference costs	7	-	7	-
Recuitment Campaign	-	684	684	-
Travel/ Childcare/Volunteer costs	168	-	168	12,01.26
Equipment	-	1,288	1,288	-
Educational materials	317	490	807	1,100
Repairs & renewals	2,596	-	2,596	1,098
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	50
Total	7,225	55,191	62,416	54,602

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Accounts

**DYSLEXIA AND DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT
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NIC103684

Receipts and Payments Accounts

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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		Number of grants made	£
Grants	Haliax Foundation NI	1	4,500
	Total		4,500

	Authority under which paid	£
Trustee remuneration - details		-

Trustee expenses - details	None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. They are only reimbursed for charitable expenses	-
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			0	0

Other information

Dyslexia & Dyspraxia Support Group -

Year ended 31/03/2024

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

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	£	£	£	£
Sunflower Support	2,000	-	2,000	-
Think Network	500	-	500	1,500
Other	-	-	-	800
	-	-	-	-
Total	2,500	-	2,500	2,300

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Fund	-	-	-	50,000
Haliux Foundation NI	-	4,500	4,500	-
Total	-	4,500	4,500	50,000

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£
Training, Resouces & Activities for children	7,368	-	7,368	9,284
Membership fees	497	-	497	29
Conference fees	-	-	-	550
Rental income	1,550	-	1,550	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	9,415	-	9,415	9,863

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/03/2024	31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages & NIC	-	32,357	32,357	33,940
Consultancy	-	7,440	7,440	-
Rent & Rates/ Room hire	-	4,661	4,661	4,844
Telephone	-	1,705	1,705	766
Heat & light	-	368	368	964
Insurance	-	674	674	562
Stationery & postage	-	300	300	916
Training and tudor costs	-	4,849	4,849	30,031
Advertising	-	-	-	566
Travel	-	2,249	2,249	1,673
Conference costs	-	-	-	2,120
Travel/ Childcare/Volunteer costs	11	443	454	2,628
Educational materials	-	1,100	1,100	2,276
Repairs & renewals	1,098	-	1,098	-
Sundry expenses	50	-	50	82
Total	1,159	56,146	57,305	81,368

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Annual report

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (DADS)

Trustee's Report

The Trustees presented the Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for Year Ended 31st March 2024.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

DADS offers a non-threatening base where people with learning disabilities and their families can vent their difficulties and their frustrations. It is primarily a self-help group with parents supporting each other to understand and be able to assist with the difficulties faced by young people with a learning disability. We liaise with local schools, the Education Authority, the Psychology Service, the PSNI to try and create a better understanding of Special Educational Needs. We are a point of contact for parents who are bewildered by their child's condition. We try to access funding so that we can provide activities which are not available through the statutory system. We offer training courses, lectures and seminars, personal development, confidence building, anger management and at the same time recreational activities such as canoeing, wall climbing, outdoor pursuits, trampoline, all of which are benefit to individuals with Specific Learning Difficulties. We try to keep up with the latest research into these conditions and to access technological specialist equipment which is made available to our members. Mostly however, we exist to help break the taboos surrounding educational disability.

Public Benefit

The public benefit flowing from the purposes of DADS are that individuals suffering from learning disabilities but particularly Dyslexia and Dyspraxia are helped to understand their condition, to accept their condition and where possible to improve their condition. Their parents and extended families of these individuals also benefit from being able to access assessments, workshops, lectures and conferences delivered by experts in the field of learning disabilities. The schools benefit because the teachers have access to the conferences, courses, and workshops delivered by DADS so that they can improve their own knowledge about these disabilities and therefore improve the way that they can understand and teach such pupils. The Education Authorities benefit because they can direct families where they can meet together and feel comfortable with each other and with DADS members. They can also participate in a variety of games, recreational activities where they will be valued and not judged as a result of their disability. The whole community benefit because there is an organisation which understands and proactively assists the individual and their families who suffer from a learning disability. These benefits are measured by the numbers of individuals attending the workshops, the training sessions, the lectures, the conferences, the recreational activities, or the self-help evenings. Feedback is gained in a variety of ways. Evaluation forms are distributed at of our lectures and conferences. Feedback is also obtained from focus groups made up of both young people and their parents. Individuals with learning difficulties assist in planning the activities each year. Teachers also give feedback as to the performance of individuals that we have targeted for in-depth assistance and support. There is no harm flowing from the activities of DADS except that we are occasionally limited by lack of funding as to how much assistance we can offer individual families.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Constitution

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (DADS)

Trustee's Report

Financial Instruments

Objectives and Policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the Board of Trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The Charity does not use derivatives financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash Flow Risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit Risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The Charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparts are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparts and customers.

Liquidity Risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future development, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity at the AGM on Tuesday 28th January 2025 and was signed on behalf by:



Gerry Lynch

Chairperson

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (D.A.D.S)

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Annual return

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia support (DADS)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DYSLEXIA AND DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT (DADS)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise of the receipts and payments accounts, statement of balances, the accounting policies and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia support (DADS)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF DYSLEXIA AND DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT (DADS)**

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Michelle Mawhinney FCCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Northern Ireland

Date: 28th January 2025

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Accounts

Charity Registration Number: NIC 103684

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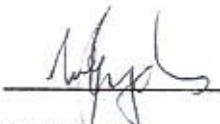
**Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

DYSLEXIA & DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT GROUP
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR TO 31/03/23

	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>31/03/2022</u>
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
NRC - Unrestricted Funds	0	702
Income for Training, Resources & Activities for Children	9,283	17,576
Membership fees	29	0
Conference fees	550	0
Donations	2,300	5,200
Empower grants	50,000	100,000
Total Income	62,163	123,478
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Wages & NIC	33,940	29,396
Consultancy	0	0
Rent & Rates / Room hire	4,844	4,586
Telephone & Internet	766	598
Heat and Light	964	1,315
Insurance	562	601
Stationery & Postage	916	401
Training / Tutoring Costs	30,031	-1,442
Advertising	566	1,504
Travel	1,673	988
Conference Costs	2,120	0
Travel/ Childcare/ Volunteer costs	2,628	0
Educational Materials	2,276	0
Project costs	0	4,340
Accountancy & Legal Fees	171	400
Repairs and Renewals	0	233
Sundry Other Expenses	83	50
Donations	0	2,000
Bank Charges	198	244
Total Expenditure	81,737	45,213
Net Income / - Expenditure	-19,574	78,265

Signed:

Date:



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Gerry Lynch

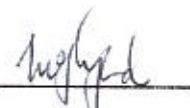
DADS Chairperson

DYSLEXIA & DYSPRAXIA SUPPORT GROUP
BALANCE SHEETS-TRIAL
BALANCE
AS AT 31/03/2023

	<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Equipment	550	550
		-
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank / Cash	85,984	105,487
Debtors	155	181
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>86,139</u>	<u>105,668</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	527	483
Net Current Assets	<u>85,611</u>	<u>105,185</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>86,161</u></u>	<u><u>105,735</u></u>
<u>Represented By:</u>		
Opening Reserves	105,735	27,472
Net Income / - Expenditure for year	-19,574	78,263
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>86,161</u></u>	<u><u>105,735</u></u>

Signed:

Date:



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Gerry Lynch

DADS Chairperson

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Support (D.A.D.S)

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DADS

Chairperson's Report

For the Year End March 2023

COVID restrictions began to ease but the number of individuals attending the webinars continued to drop off. We decided to develop online presentations and Rebecca McCullough finished working for the project in early April. The Buddy Hubs continued but again numbers were down. We tried a variety of activities for the children including music and drama, basketball and dance. The coffee mornings continued and continued to be well supported and we view these important to maintain our links in a variety of basis. We continue to spread the word, we give presentations to the EA guidance centre, and had a very successful information in Meadowlane Shopping Centre Magherafelt.

We continue to support both Sunflower Support Group and Tourette's Support NI while at the same time planning our next proposal for the National Lottery Community Fund which will be called 'Transitions'. Lots of summer activities were planned.

We surveyed our parents who told us that their lives were becoming busy again after COVID so we spent more effort putting resources and materials online so that they could be accessed when parents had time. Because we are now regarded as a Social Economy Enterprise we started to develop Balanceability Sessions and this has been successful and has taken us all over Northern Ireland. We bought our own equipment but encouraged children to bring their own bikes to each session.

We reviewed our summer activities which included Rugby Cub, Crafty Teddies, Healthy Eating, Photography, Belfast Zoo and the Infinity Park in Banbridge. We met with our Project Officer Michael Liggett and planned our Conference due for October 2022 in Tullyglass Hotel.

The Balanceability sessions have continued to be successful and we have had networking meetings in Garvagh, Derry, Omagh, and Newry.

The end of Project Conference was very successful and we are now putting finishing touches to our new National Lottery application. The scope of this application is wide and we hope to limit numbers so that we can gain most success.

Parents still keep coming forward with real difficulties that they are finding with statutory agencies, and we continue to try and assist them.

By the end of February 2023 the Lottery allowed us to extend the project until August 2023. The balanceability sessions has been facilitated in Newry, Omagh, Armagh, Moortown and Magherafelt. We still actively support Tourette's Support NI, Sunflower Support and the Base in Moortown and continue to have links with the local Council, Northern Trust, CWSAN, RCN, CYPSP, Mid Ulster Disability Forum, Mid Ulster Volunteers and many other community organisations.

We are at a key stage in our Empowering Young People application and are lucky to have sufficient funding generated by DADS to keep the project working in the meantime. We are hopeful of a successful outcome for our next application which would bring us work for the next 5 years. We would like to thank all of our Trustees for their continued support and look forward to working with them into the future.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Dyslexia & Dyspraxia Support (DADS)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are detailed and attached.

Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner:

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to: Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65 (9) (B) of the Charities Act.

State whether particular matters have come to my attention. Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Marie Devlin

Address: 47, Ballymulligan Rd, Loup, Magherafelt, BT45 6ET

Date: 30th January 2024