



# Driving Inclusion: Creating champions for literacy difficulties

## 2021-22 brochure



## About the programme

Driver Youth Trust is a national education charity with a mission to change the way SEND and literacy difficulties are approached in schools across the country. We provide a range of training for education professionals at all levels, from teaching assistants to governors and trustees.

Part of our 'Driving Inclusion' system, 'Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties' is an intensive and comprehensive action research programme for school staff with a responsibility for literacy which runs over the course of 6 weeks. Based on our new online learning system, the programme is fully flexible to your schedule and workload and includes a blended learning approach.

'Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties' will encourage you to reflect on your own role in championing the needs of learners with literacy difficulties and/or SEND. The programme will challenge your views on inclusion and disadvantage, and help you to identify and address a specific need in your school.

# Six cohesive modules

Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties is designed around evidence-based practice and aims to challenge your understanding of literacy difficulties, SEND and disadvantage. Participants will work their way through six modules expertly developed to promote a culture of inclusion and improve the literacy outcomes of learners in most need of support.

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## **Directing the spotlight of literacy on disadvantage**

Reflecting on your own understanding of ‘disadvantage’, and exploring the difference between reflexive and reflective practice and its importance in education.

## **‘Good’ and ‘better’ literacy: moving onto more difficult ground**

Understanding the strengths and limitations of different literacy theories, and evaluating what literacy provision looks like in your setting.

## **Literacy difficulties: how and why we must take action**

Building your understanding of literacy difficulties and identifying the SEND profile of your setting. Outlining an area for development to support learners with literacy difficulties.

## **Becoming discerning about research and data**

Understanding the foundations of assessment in relation to literacy difficulties and learn how to develop ‘student voice’ as part of your case study. Curating your own evidence base of recent research.

## **Grasping the nettle: compassionate collaboration & coaching**

Create an overview of literacy in your setting to share with your peers, present your case study proposal to the course cohort, and identify key stakeholders and influencers in your setting.

## **Leaving your footprint**

Identify an area for development in your setting and share your plans to champion literacy difficulties with your colleagues. Evaluate the impact you've had on literacy in your setting since starting the course.

# How the programme works

'Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties' is a blended learning programme composed of the following:

## Live sessions

Hosted online by a DYT consultant teacher, these sessions will facilitate group work around the programme's six modules.

## Video and audio guidance

Each module will include video or audio guidance from a DYT Consultant on key elements and themes, which you can refer back to at any time.

## Discussion boards and forums

Discuss, explore and reflect on each module with your peers via online forums and join an online learning community.

## Downloadable resources & guides

Discover and take home curated resources including planners, tracking sheets and toolkits for implementing your learning across your setting.



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## By completing this programme you will:

-  Gain a better understanding of SEND and disadvantage nationally, locally and in your setting
-  Gain demonstrable knowledge of literacy difficulties and literacy development
-  Develop a shared language of inclusion to use in your setting
-  Understand how to collaborate with key stakeholders to support learners with literacy difficulties
-  Gain a network of peers for continued support and collaboration beyond the programme
-  Leave with a product to address an identified need in your setting

## Why learn with DYT?



### Practical strategies:

All of DYT's professional development services are built around easily-applicable and practical strategies and advice. Participants will be able to reflect and implement new strategies in their settings from day one.



### Whole school approach:

Your whole school will benefit from our strategies, frameworks and guidance. Participants will discover how to effectively work with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure that literacy strategy is transformed across their setting.



### Improve outcomes for all of your learners:

The SEND-friendly practices shared in the programme can be used in the classroom to support all learners, not just those with identified support needs.

## Pricing

Both Driving Inclusion programmes are priced at £550 per participant. However, we do offer the following discounts:

### Two 'seats' for £900

Train two literacy champions at once, or mix & match with our 'The Strategic SENCo' programme

### Multi-buy discounts

For purchases of five or more seats - contact us for a quote.

## Schedule

We will be running three cohorts of 'Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties' programme over the 2021-22 academic year.

[See the course schedules here.](#)

## How to book

The 'Creating Champions for Literacy Difficulties' programme is open to any and all English teachers, department heads, pastoral staff, leaders and TAs who have a responsibility for literacy in their setting.

To book, head to

**[drivervyouthtrust.com/driving-inclusion](http://drivervyouthtrust.com/driving-inclusion)**

Get in touch to find out more:

**[programmes@drivervyouthtrust.com](mailto:programmes@drivervyouthtrust.com)**

## About DYT

Driver Youth Trust is a national education charity. Our mission is to help all children and young people with literacy difficulties. We do this by:

- Working in partnership with educational professionals to equip them with the knowledge & skills they need to support learners with SEND
- Campaigning on behalf of learners, teachers and schools so that they have the resources and support they need to succeed.

Our offer to schools is designed to provide evidence-based classroom practice improvements that enable all learners to access the education that is responsive to their needs.

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