The Specific Learning Difficulties Team within Northumberland Inclusive Education Services (HINT) would like to draw the attention of school staff to Dyslexia Awareness Week running from 06.10.2025 to 12.10.2025 by offering a week of free training events in relation to dyslexia, taking place virtually and face to face:

**06.10.2025 Dyslexia Awareness** Conference Room 2, County Hall 3.45-5.15pm

The course aims to provide all staff with a basic understanding of dyslexia: what it is, common characteristics, how this can affect the individual and ways to support them in school.

**07.10.2025 Setting SMART Targets for Literacy Difficulties** Virtual 3.45 - 5.15pm

This course considers factors that Education staff need to think about when setting targets as part of the 'plan, do, review,' process, for pupils with specific literacy difficulties in their school or setting. We will consider what makes targets/outcomes 'SMART ' and hope to improve participants' confidence in setting SMART literacy targets/outcomes.

**08.10.2025 Dyslexia Awareness** Virtual 3.45 - 5.15pm

The course aims to provide all staff with a basic understanding of dyslexia: what it is, common characteristics, how this can affect the individual and ways to support them in school.

**09.10.2025 How to use the SpLD Screening tool – Literacy** Face to face 3.45-5.15pm

TLDC, Bothal Primary Upper, High Market, Ashington NE63 8NT

Guidance on undertaking the SpLD team’s literacy screener with individual pupils, including a discussion on computerised dyslexia screeners.

**For the above courses, please sign up via Learning Together.**  If you are unaware of how to do this, please contact [HINT@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HINT@northumberland.gov.uk) for guidance.

**10.10.2025 Introduction to secondary Examination Access Arrangements to support pupils with literacy difficulties.** Virtual 12.30- 1.30pm

To sign up for this session, please email [Margaret.Shahin01@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Margaret.Shahin01@northumberland.gov.uk)

**Please note, courses are limited to 20 places for face to face courses and 40 places per virtual course, so early booking is recommended.**