

Dyslexia Scotland Ambassador visited Skye & Lochalsh

“What an Inspiration!” “He was brilliant!” “Wow!”

Paul McNeill, Dyslexia Scotland Ambassador and Regional Manager West for the Scottish Football Association came to our area to deliver a ‘rollercoaster’ talk about living his life being dyslexic. He talked about his early years in school up to his life now in a dream job working for the SFA.



Feedback from Plockton High School :
“The students found it very inspiring that a very dyslexic person, who received no help in school was able to continue his education and go to university. A couple of students said that they feel more able in the future to talk about their struggles, instead of trying to hide their literacy difficulties.

The staff thought this was a very inspiring and engaging presentation, pitched at the right level for our students. We could see by our students' reactions that they were all engaged, following Paul's biographical account with great interest.

Thank you so much again for giving our school the opportunity to take part.”

If you would like to hear Paul's inspirational talk, click on the link below :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVoZ4NtuMrg&feature=share>



Dyslexia Scotland Skye & Lochalsh Branch

Further information on the branch can be found on the

Dyslexia Scotland Website :

<http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/our-branches/skye-and-lochalsh>

Facebook Page

Dyslexia Scotland Skye & Lochalsh

National Helpline

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To be kept up to date with local events, please join the mailing list by contacting :

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Adult Learning in Skye and Lochalsh

Book Week Scotland

A total of 65 books were handed to Skye & Lochalsh Young Carers, Alzheimer Scotland, Portree Nursery and Kyleakin Connections. The ages of participants receiving the books ranged from 21 to 82!

One of our tutors delivered an interactive Origami Session helping another volunteer organisation imbed new ideas for implementing numeracy and literacy activities into their work.

The session illustrated how following instructions, using various coloured paper, measuring of paper, teaching shapes, helping one another, giving ideas for Christmas decorations and Card Making can be used as a Family Activity which encompasses learning in a fun and productive way.



Digital Skills Classes

Classes are being run in Portree & Kyleakin and we cover the **Five Basic Digital Skills**:

Managing Information; using websites and finding information online

Communicating; sending e-mails or online messaging services

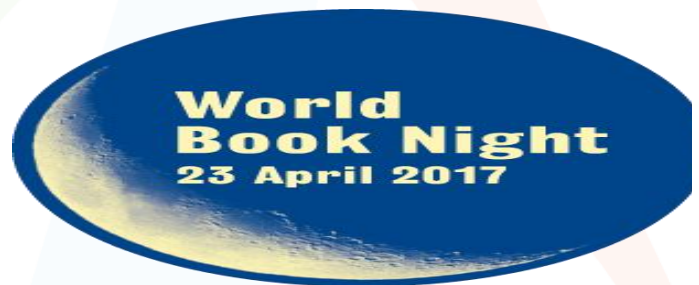
Transacting; buying items via a website, buying and installing apps

Problem Solving; solving problems using online help

Creating; completing online application forms which include personal details.

Literacies Events coming up this Spring

- Dyslexia Branch Talk on Stress & Anxiety (date to be confirmed)
- World Book Night (23rd April)
- Highland Adult Learning Partnership Annual Event (21st April) in Inverness
- Tutor Training: PDA SALL – Professional Development Award in Supporting Adult Literacies Learning
- 1:1 Tutoring Sessions
- Digital Skills Sessions in Portree & Kyleakin



During October 2016 to March 2017

- We engaged with 105 adults
- We delivered 370 contact hours
- 3 learners gained Scottish Qualification Awards in PDA SALL Unit 1

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**High Life Highland Adult Learning
Skye & Lochalsh**



and following the link on our website page for local programmes in each area:

www.highlifehighland.com/adult-learning/programmes/