

Special Educational Needs And Parents

Presents

Dyslexia

Public Information Evening

Hosted by

Deirdre Mc Guinness

Liaison Officer

and

Mary Ball

Psychologist

working with

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

THE PARKWAY HOTEL

DUNMANWAY

on Tuesday 30th September 2008

at 8pm sharp

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Guest Speakers include:

Deirdre Mc Guinness

Liaison Officer with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland. She has a long acquaintance with dyslexia, having personal experience of what it is like to guide a child with dyslexia through his formative years at school and in college. She trained and worked as a teacher and now works in the DAI Office in Suffolk Street, Dublin. Her role as Parent Liaison officer includes lecturing to parents and facilitating local DAI Branch parent committees. She contributes to the DAI Teacher In-Service courses on Dyslexia.

Mary Ball

Mary Ball is a psychologist working with the Dyslexia Association of Ireland. Before training as a psychologist she trained and worked as a teacher for many years, at all levels. Her work with the Dyslexia Association includes assessing children and adults with reading difficulties and directing the education services of the Association. She regularly lectures to parents, special needs assistants and teachers. She is co-author, with Anne Hughes and Wyn McCormack, of the DAI publication 'Dyslexia: an Irish Perspective'.

'**Dyslexia: an Irish Perspective**' arose out of a need to produce a text that will be of help to parents, particularly in an Irish school context. It discusses what we know at this point in time about dyslexia, how it may be identified, the process of psycho-educational assessment and how to put in place structures both at home and in school that will support the child's learning. Of particular interest to many parents is how to seek and avail of the various learning supports and accommodations made by the Department of Education and Science to assist the child with dyslexia. It contains many useful references.