

DFGF Voices

The newsletter of Dyslexia FeelGood Funday (DFGF)

Dyslexia FeelGood Funday DFGF Voices Newsletter
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Hello

I hope you are well.

- ... So in this 4th Issue of **DFGF Voices** Newsletter of **Dyslexia FeelGood Funday** we have:
- **1. The Next Big Event** ONLINE Colour the Music, Saturday 18 May, 1 pm 3 pm, GMT/UTC
- **2.The Funday Festival** Catch up on The Pilot Event of the Dyslexia FeelGood Funday Festival, Saturday 9 March, 12 noon 8 pm, London, UK
- **3. The Fun Continues** The DFGF Artists Info on their upcoming events and contact details etc.
- 4. Survey Winners Prize draw winners
- **5. Thank You** to supporters
- 6. Brent Libraries, Musuems and Archives Autism Friendly Sessions Dates of upcoming sessions

Please take a peak below!

<u>Please note</u>: Trialling a new newsletter platform which unfortunately has resulted in a few formatting errors in the edition below.

Thanks **DFGF**



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- A Dyslexic at work so please excuse typos.

The NEXT BIG DFGF Event

Don't miss the Colour the Music Workshop brought to you via the artistic talent of Dean and Paul from Sovereign Comics in collaboration with Dyslexia FeelGood Funday (DFGF).

Join us in this unique art and music Zoom session like no other where you get to unleash your creativity translating this into a comic strip as a result of your very own artistic interpretations of some exciting music tracks.

So pencils and paper at the ready for this innovative fun workshop!

ABSOLUTELY NO EXPEREINCE IS NECESSARY.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

ALL YOU NEED IS A PENCIL AND PAPER.

Eventbrite | Website

Email: hello.dyslexia.fun@gmailc.com





THE FUNDAY FESTIVAL

Catch up with the latest from the first ever Dyslexia FeelGood Funday Festival which took place on: Saturday 9 March 2024 at Anson Primary School.

- -100+ people attended.
- -There were 7 Workshops in:
- ~Spoken word poetry,
- ~2 in Arts and Crafts,
- ~Salsa dance with a live salsa band,
- -Under 5s sessions with song, counting, music, dance and movement
- ~Theatre games AND
- ~Great food and cakes as well!

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Picture, above: Showing scenes from the Dyslexia FeelGood Funday Festival, Saturday 9 March '24, Willesden London.

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Sandra, London Borough Brent

Well done, great event. The dancer in the orange dress at the end was fantastic! My daughter watches the video of her dancing that evening almost every day.

And thank you especially for the contact details for Anna. I can't wait to tell her how influential she's been on my daughter.

The other day we were at home and had some family visiting, and we put on the La La Land song, and my daughter made us all get up and dance to it... from grandad to cousins, parents and her almost-3-year-old self! Thank you again for organising such a lovely and engaging event.

Chris, Videographer of the event

I hope it might be able to become more of a regular thing. Speaking as someone with Autism, it's nice to see neurodiversity being celebrated.

Laka

Both daughters really enjoyed all the workshops! It was wondeful! Thank you 🌞 199 🕮

Please click here ... for photos and the video (a) \(\mathbb{T} \) Thank you. \(\mathbb{T} \)



The Fun Continues

Picture: Snap shot of the Artist Contact and Info Sheet/PDF.

No.	Artists	Name of Group/Artist & What they did at the Festival	Upcoming Event
1		Asher Hoyles (The Compere also Author & Spoken Word Artist)	N/A
2		Barry Goodman (Sound Engineer)	N/A
3		Cuban Vibes (Salsa dance troupe)	Please see website for details of special events
4	注	Dramagical Entertainment (Under 5s song, music, learning, dance and movement)	Please see website fo details of special events

Engrossed in painting, drawing and creating, finding your rhythm and getting your Latin groove-on or stringing together words in a captivating poem portraying your inner thoughts!!??

If, with the help of the fantastic DFGF Artists you experienced any of the above during the **Dyslexia FeelGood Funday Festival** and would like more of that, then please go to our PDF with all Artists' contact details and sessions info.

Check out the info on these pages: DFGF Webpage

PDF - Artist Contact and Information

Survey Winners



Picture: Laka winner of the Visitor Survey Prize Draw pictured here with her prize of the £20 gift card.

With little fuzzy pom pom balls in hand, 73 out of 107 attendees of all ages said that they had had a Fun day at the Dyslexia FeelGood Funday Festival event back on Saturday 9 March.

To get a bit more feedback we also did an evaluation session and surveys.

Thank you to Laka and Sandra for your participation. Laka won the prize draw of a £20 Gift Card and Romana a UEL student volunteer from Newham won the £20 volunteers prize draw.

Thank you to all guests, volunteers, supporters and artists who took part in our surveys.

Your contributions are extremely useful and greatly valued.

Results will be made available in the near future.



Just wanted to say ...

...So there are so many people to thank and cause I'm worried about unintentionally leaving someone out, I'll 'thank' groups ...

... Thank you all so very much for your support in helping put together this mammoth undertaking of running Dyslexia FeelGood Funday both the festival, Tasters & Online Workshop, Fundraisers, Interviews, Training, Meetings, Marketing, Day-to-day tasks and anything else I may have forgotten!

All who have provided help have been greatly appreciated ... N.B. the following list of those to thank is not in an exact order:

- -The DFGF Team
- -The DFGF Event Volunteers
- -All at Anson Primary School, Willesden the staff, parents & children.
- -Texthelp.com (Sponors)
- -Socolo Ltd (Sponsors)
- -Chalkhill Community Radio
- Brent Love Where You Live, Brent Libraries, Museums & Archives, Brent Facilities, Brent Strategy and Partnerships, Brent Staff Networks, Brent Connect, Brent Start and Brent Mayors Office
- -Old school friends, newer friends and my relatives
- -Exceptional Individuals
- -All those who so kindly helped at the Dyslexia Info Desk at the Festival
- -Ravensbourne University Careers, SEEDS & Charles Freeman
- -UEL Volunteering
- -UCL Volunteering
- -Dyspla
- -St John's Ambulance
- -MHR & CM Ltd (security & office staff)
- -Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (WFDA) Advocates and Trustees
- -Wow Savanah Taste
- -Bake and Party Crew
- -ADHD Babes
- -Jason Roberts Foundation
- -All the <u>DFGF Artists</u> (including sound and audio visual artists & providers)
- -BSL Interpreters & RAD
- -The Event Volunteer Trainers
- -Serene One
- -Preston Road Community Library
- -The Kiln Theatre
- -LinkedIn Contacts
- -Left 'n' Write
- -Crossbow Education Ltd
- -Dislexic World Podcast

And of course The Arts Council England — Pls click on their name in blue to find out more about the Arts Council England National Lottery Project Grants fund.

A BIG Thank You to all of you.

From DFGF



Brent Libraries Autism Friendly Sessions

On the 2nd April The Library at Willesden Green in the London borough of Brent had it's first Autism-Friendly Morning led by Brent Museum and Archives.

Children 5 - 15 years got an hour to explore the library, musuem and exhibition space, borrow books or do arts and crafts in the calm and quiet before the library opened at 10.30 am.

This opportunity will be repeated again later in the year.

For further details please email: <u>museum.archives@brent.gov.uk</u>

Or call

0208 937 3600.

UNDER 5s SESSION

Following on from this will be the Autism Friendly Under 5s Story and Rhyme Time.

Dates: Fri 10 May & Fri 14 June 2024.

Time: 9.30 am - 10 am

-For both dates

Age range: For 0 - 5 years, but older children are also welcome.

Enjoy songs, stories and the library in a relaxed environment.

Book via this Eventbrite link:

Autism Friendly Under 5s Session





Picture: Family at Autism-Friendly Morning at the Library Willesden Green, London.

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Thank you.

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