

## THE UK DYSLEXIA ARCHIVE

### HELLO! A PROJECT UPDATE...

We've collected several more fascinating interviews for the project, with: Margaret Rooms, who has led the development of the teaching programme, Units of Sound, since 1992; Bernadette McLean, Principal of the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre; Patience Thomson, former Head of the specialist dyslexia school, Fairley House, and founder of the dyslexia-friendly publishing company, Barrington Stoke; and the actress, Susan Hampshire, who has dyslexia herself and has been a tireless campaigner and advocate for dyslexia causes. Thank you to all of them.



### HISTORY OF DYSLEXIA LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

It was our pleasure to invite our interviewees and contributors to a series of presentations and lunch at St John's on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We heard project updates from the team, followed by a panel discussion led by Kate, with Bernadette

McLean, Mike Thomson and Steve Chinn, discussing all things dyslexia. Thank you to everyone who attended.



### MAGGIE DISCUSSES THE PROJECT AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Maggie was at the Australian National University on July 25<sup>th</sup>, talking about her work on dyslexia and the History of Dyslexia project. With recent threats to government dyslexia support in the UK, she finished by warning against history repeating itself – something the project cares deeply about.

### MORE ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVE...

Dyslexia Action and the British Dyslexia Association have both recently provided materials to the archive, for which we are very grateful. We'll be appointing a Research Assistant to the project soon, who'll start to get to grips with cataloguing all the material we've collected. Over the coming months, we're aiming to put more of what we've collected onto the project website, and to start using the archive in publications.

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