THE UK DYSLEXIA ARCHIVE

A PROJECT UPDATE...

The project's initial two-year funding comes to a close at the end of September, so we've been busily tying up loose ends and getting all our outstanding donations archived. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. The project's currently bidding for further funding, so watch this space...

MILES DYSLEXIA CENTRE

In September, Robert Evans, project advisor, and Philip visited the archives of the Miles Dyslexia Centre at Bangor University. The archives hold a fascinating collection of case files from the Centre, under its previous name, the Bangor Dyslexia Unit. These show the kinds of difficulties children with dyslexia were having from the 1970s onward, how they were being treated by schools, and the role of their parents in getting them specialist support.



The Centre was initially led by Tim Miles with the support of his wife, Elaine (pictured): two pioneers of dyslexia research, teaching and assistance. In its early years, Tim did most of the assessments, and it's been very touching looking through his notes and seeing how much he and his team cared about a group of children who were otherwise not receiving much help.

SUE FLOHR

In July, we interviewed Sue Flohr, Policy and Helpline Manager at the British Dyslexia Association, who joined the organisation in 1990. Sue gave a fascinating interview about her work at the BDA, and the huge range of issues that she has encountered via the helpline. In 2015, Sue was made an MBE for her work – Sue was quick to point out that this was a team effort!



THANK YOU KIERAN!

Last, but not least, thank you to Kieran for all his work over the last year. Kieran is moving on at the end of the month, and has done a great job consolidating the existing archive, and expanding it. He's also been doing a great deal of work with the Orton Archive in New York, the leading dyslexia archive in the US, tracing the origins of dyslexia research and teaching on that side of the Atlantic. We're looking forward to seeing his work in print soon.

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