

Norwich SEN Network



Profile of Jan Poustie

Jan Poustie is a Specific Learning Difficulty Specialist who teaches, assesses, advises, lectures, writes and publishes books on the subject of specific learning difficulties. She also designs specialist teaching materials for students affected by the conditions that come within the Specific Learning Difficulties Profile.

She has operated her own consultancy practice since 1993 and the Next Generation publishing house since 1996. Both operations come under the company name of 'Next Generation - www.janpoustie.co.uk'.

Jan has taught for twenty-five years a variety of subjects up to, and including, HNC level. Her teaching experience includes playgroup, primary, secondary and further education establishments. She has extensive experience in the field of special needs (including having been Head of a Special Needs Department).

Besides her professional interest in the SpLD Profile she also has considerable personal experience of it via her own Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Attention Deficits. In 1996 she published her first book <u>'Solutions for Specific Learning Difficulties: Identification Guide'</u>. This was written in co-operation with a wide range of very high calibre professionals of national and international repute in the educational and medical sectors. This title is recommended by the British Dyslexia Association, the ADHD Family Support Group UK and the Dyspraxia Foundation.

Jan holds the advanced teaching and assessment qualifications of the RSA Diploma in Specific Learning Difficulties/Dyslexia and the Sharma Certificate in the Diagnosis and Remediation of Learning Difficulties in Mathematics. She also has Associate Member of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA) status and is a member of PATOSS (the Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties). Her company has corporate membership of the British Dyslexia Association.

Since 1997 her expertise has been recognised by various national bodies involved in the field of specific learning difficulties and has been publicised by the media: She has written articles for national UK charities and other organisations plus she has provided workshops for AFASIC's 1998 AGM. Her membership of the Dyspraxia Foundation's Adult Subcommittee and her work in the field of Dyscalculia has resulted in her appearance on national television and local radio programmes in the UK. She is also part of the Dyspraxia Foundation's 'panel of experts' which provides advice during the final session of main conferences.

Her work in Dyscalculia has been recognised in local and national press, featured in national magazine and quoted in The Sunday Times. During the last two years she has received an increasing number of referrals for assessment and her advice sought on provision from other agencies and professionals e.g.: Various national charities (BDA, Dyspraxia Foundation, the AD/HD Family Support Group UK) A variety of medical professionals and specialists Private schools.





2002 Conference

This year we are holding our SEN Network Conference on the theme of **'Learning Difficulties in Mathematics'**, which will take place on Friday March 1^{st,} 2002, at the John Innes Centre. The lead speaker on that day will be 'Jan Poustie' and I enclose a profile of her on the reverse of this sheet. If you wish to see the work she does you can find her website on www.janpoustie.co.uk. In addition to Jan we will also be having a number of static displays on the theme of Special Needs Mathematics and General SEN issues.

The cost will be $\pounds 25$ per delegate which includes a buffet lunch.

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