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DYSLEXIA IN THE WORKPLACE

The particular needs of dyslexic people in the workplace are the subject of a special seminar organised by the Workplace Basic Skills Network on October 7 at Dean Court Hotel, York.

The one-day specialist course will explore key aspects of working with dyslexic people, including the responsibilities of employers and strengths and strategies that can be used by employees to overcome difficulties.

Participants will gain an understanding of dyslexia and how it relates to employment and the law. They will learn about the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) and how to cope with difficulties in the workplace. In addition, there will be an opportunity to learn about the essential elements needed for a successful learning programme.

Further information about the course can be obtained from: Sue Cunningham, Workplace Basic Skills Network, tel: 01524 592273.

Note to editors:

The Workplace Basic Skills Network, based at Lancaster University, is a national membership organisation dedicated to workplace language, literacy and numeracy provision. Founded in 1993, it supports "Skills for Life", the government's adult literacy and numeracy strategy. The Network builds professional capacity in workplace basic skills through sharing and dissemination of good practice and continuing professional development, supporting basic skills professionals to meet the language, literacy and numeracy needs of today's changing workplace. Address: Workplace Basic Skills Network, CSET, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YL; tel: 01524 593405; website: www.lancaster.ac.uk/wbsnet

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