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Maureen Dunne has over 30 years' experience working to increase learning opportunities and access to education for students with disabilities, and students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. She began her career working for the DAI as a tutor. At that time, she also researched and produced a spelling program for young Irish students with dyslexia. She subsequently worked in a school in Madrid which specialized in supporting students with learning differences. While working in TCD, she established the Trinity Access Program (TAP) and the Mature Student Office. In addition, she worked on the roll-out of the HEAR/DARE schemes and was employed in the Disability Office in TU Dublin. She is now the National Workshop Manager with DAI, where she manages the DAI nationwide Workshops; these offer out-of-school specialist tuition in small groups to students with dyslexia.

Dyslexia and Strategies for reading

Why reading, in many different contexts, can be a challenge for young people with dyslexia.

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Everyone loves to get lost in a good story! It's one of the pleasures of life. Yet the English language is a particularly difficult language to read.

This presentation will give some understanding as to why reading, in many different contexts, can be a challenge for young people with dyslexia. It will also discuss some ways around this. In doing so it will explore some of what we learned from a recent Dyslexia Association initiative: The Readable Project.

This online project was modelled on a book club. It endeavoured to awaken, in the students, the pleasure that can be had from stories and a fascination for words.