

Cross Party Group on Dyslexia

Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 12:30pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Oliver Mundell MSP, Fulton McGregor MSP (online)

Non-MSP Group Members

Paul McNeill, Lois Lobban, Michelle Luciano, Cathy Magee, Lena Gilles, Frances Foreman, Margaret Crombie, Ross Duncan, Jen Ewan, David Hughes, Angus Neilson, Fran Evett, Marika Komori, Dawn Roberts, Kim Tebble, Marika Komori, Helen Woodruff, Martha Lobban, Zara Caldwell, Georgia Farthing, Mary Berrill

1. Introduction

Mr Mundell welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their attendance at the Scottish Parliament and said it was good to have this meeting in person. He welcomed the pupils of Trinity Primary School along to the meeting and said he and the CPG were really looking forward to hearing their presentation.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

3. Business arising from the minute

There were no actions from the previous meeting that did not appear on the agenda.

4. Presentation

Paul McNeill introduced the group from Trinity Primary School and informed the group that they had been part of the Edinburgh City Council project with Dyslexia Scotland via the Sir Sean Connery Foundation.

Mary Berrill then provided some background to the project and her own findings and observations, she indicated that the report would be available in due course.

Marika Komori (Teacher at Trinity Primary School) introduced the young pupils from the school and gave a bit of a background on the project and what they had done in the schools.

The young pupils then provided a very insightful and thought-provoking presentation on what challenges they faced but what projects, process and support had been put in place via their teachers and being involved in the project.

Oliver Mundell thanked the group and congratulated the young people on a fantastic presentation and asked if there was any questions from the group.

A number of questions were asked and the main answer that were provided were:

- To remember to be patient when working with dyslexic young people
- To ensure that more teachers understand what its like to be dyslexic
- To have more projects like the one in Trinity that has good support and areas to work.

The group thanked the young people for their time and very insightful presentation.

There was then three very moving, powerful and thought provoking presentations form:

- Jen Ewan
- David Hughes
- Fran Evett

All the presentation indicated the challenge that each person had faced but what they had all went on to achieve. The three made the point that with the correct support that had been highlighted by the pupils of Trinity anyone is able to achieve.

Oliver thanked everyone that had inputted and showed there was still lots of work to be done but we would continue to raise the challenges that we face.

6. Discussion points

The group had a general discussion about some of the areas raised and agreed that they should be followed up via Oliver and Paul.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be arranged after the summer.