



Whether you are a school or tertiary educator, SPELD NZ is here to help. We look forward to supporting you and your students.

## About us

SPELD NZ is a not-for-profit, registered charity that specialises in supporting people with dyslexia and other specific learning disabilities (SLD). For more than 50 years, we have assisted many thousands of children, teenagers and adults nationwide.

## What we can offer to support you

### Full diagnostic Woodcock-Johnson assessments - cognitive & educational achievement

[Our assessments](#) have key recommendations for what families, schools and tertiary providers can be doing to support learners struggling with SLD.

### Individualised one-on-one tuition

[Individualised lessons](#) with trained SPELD NZ Teachers. (All hold NZ-recognised teaching qualifications and a SPELD NZ Teacher Certificate.)

Our methods are based on international best practice and [endorsed by research](#) analysed by the University of Auckland.

### Financial assistance

We offer [financial assistance](#) for low-income families and individuals who struggle to afford assessment and tuition.

### Training

SPELD NZ offers [training and professional development](#) for teachers, special educational needs coordinators (SENCO), Learning Support Coordinators, teacher aides, families and caregivers. Until 2023, SPELD NZ was registered with NZQA. From 2018 to retirement in 2023 (to allow for more flexibility and reduce costs) we were a Category 1 provider with Excellence in all key evaluation areas. Read our most recent NZQA External Evaluation and Review Report [here](#)

NB: SPELD NZ continually fundraises to enable us to subsidise the cost of our training for educators and families.

### Professional development

SPELD NZ also hosts:

- [Regular conferences](#) where educators can learn from international experts on SLD
- [Local professional development workshops](#) on SLD-related topics
- [Assessor training](#) for those with Level C NZCER registration

### Support, advice and advocacy

We offer [support, advice and advocacy services](#) for learners, families and professionals working with them.

## Our website

Our [website](#) is a wonderful source of information and encouragement for those teaching and parenting those with SLD. For example:

- Our [Services for Educators](#) page. This includes links to strategies and tools to create a dyslexia-friendly classroom and Ministry of Education resources for educators.
- Our [Services for Children](#) page where families can go for help.
- Our [Services for Adults](#) page for advice on how they can access support.
- A detailed checklist of [Key SLD Indicators](#)
- Detailed [Definitions of SLDs](#)
- The [Dyslexia](#) and [Dyscalculia](#) pages also contain links to helpful **apps** for your students.
- [Encouraging stories](#) of children and adults with dyslexia/SLD who got the right help and transformed their lives.

## Information Packs

You can find out more about our services and costs in our [Information Pack](#) on every page of our website.

## Specialist programmes and resources from our library

You are welcome to [join SPELD NZ](#) as a “Friend” for just \$40 per annum - tax deductible as we are a charity. You can then access some of our libraries for your personal use – we have a huge collection of SLD-related professional reading.

Our family members can also borrow books, games, puzzles and specialist programmes that can help boost literacy and numeracy skills.

## The Record magazine

All members receive our [Record magazine](#) several times a year with stories of interest for professionals and families. It also showcases the writing, artwork and achievement of SPELD NZ students.

## Facebook

[SPELD NZ’s Facebook](#) is packed with encouragement, tips and advice to help professionals and families understand and support learners with SLD.

## YouTube

[SPELD NZ’s YouTube channel](#) is also a good place to learn more about our training, assessments, tuition and financial assistance programme.

## Contact us

Please feel free to get in touch with us to find out other ways we can help you:

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- Email [nationaloffice@speld.org.nz](mailto:nationaloffice@speld.org.nz)
- [Contact Page](#) of our website