

Curriculum Vitae Highlights

Name: Professor Amanda Kirby

Institution and Title: Medical Director
The Dyscovery Centre
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Professor Kirby has a chair in developmental disorders in education at the University of Wales, Newport. She founded and has been running the Dyscovery Centre since 1997, an interdisciplinary centre providing assessment and intervention for children and adults with a range of developmental disorders including Dyspraxia (also known as DCD), ADHD, Dyslexia, Specific Language Impairment, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Behavioural issues. Her background as a GP and also working in community paediatrics and psychiatry has provided a good understanding of developmental disorders in both child and adulthood. She is also the parent of an adult with developmental disorders so has personal as well as professional experience of living with the difficulties.

She has a research team at the centre and has recently undertaken research in adolescents with Dyspraxia as well as looking at the effects of Omega 3 supplementation on learning and behaviour.#

She has lectured across the world at international seminars and spoken to 1000s of teachers, health professionals and parents. She is currently the patron of the Dyspraxia Association in New Zealand, Advisor to the Dyspraxia Association in Ireland and Medical Advisor to the Dyspraxia Foundation in the UK. She is on the learning disabilities group for the Royal College of General Practitioners and is on the Welsh Assembly Special Education Advisory Board.

She has written extensively in the field of Developmental Disorders and her books include 4 books on Dyspraxia (DCD) , skill packs for schools, Mapping SEN (a CDROM programme)

She is co-author of the Do-IT profiler, a detailed computerised assessment tool for schools and colleges that is being used internationally to understand individual's

strengths and difficulties and study behaviours and provides detailed guidance and advice.

See websites that she has developed with her team:

www.parent-plus.org

www.spldtransitions.co.uk and Professional sites include : www.adhdtraining.co.uk and

www.dcd-uk.org

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Personal Information

Qualifications:

1981 MBBS University of Wales College of Medicine

1987 MRCP with distinction Royal College of General Practitioners

2009 Phd in Education – emerging adulthood in DCD

http://issuu.com/amandakirby/docs/emerging_adulthood_in_dcd

Occupational Experience:

1997 - Medical Director and founder of The Dyscovery Centre, Cardiff

1989 - 1995 Partner in General Practice

1985 - 2001 Clinical assistant – Community Psychiatry

1985 - 1988 Clinical assistant - Community Paediatrics

Membership of College and Learned Institutions:

2009 Advisor to the Dyspraxia Association, Ireland

2009- Committee member of The National Handwriting Association

2009 Scientific Committee of the International Society for DCD

2008- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

2008 Member of the National Association of Disability Practitioners

2007 – Member of Additional Learning Needs Panel of the Minister of Education,
Lifelong Learning and Skills Advisory Group

2006- Member of Royal College of General Practitioners Learning Disabilities Work
Group

2004- Inaugural member of the International Society of Research into DCD

2000-Member of the Royal Society of Medicine

1995 -1998 Member of RCGP Women in Medicine Task Force

1987-Member of the Royal College of Practitioners

Awards:

2004 Honorary Fellow of University of Wales, Newport

2003 Winner of UK Pavilion awards for best creative and accessible and effective
training programme - school disability awareness training package

2002 Bronze award – for BBC “Living with Dyspraxia” documentary

1994 UK national award winner : The Doctor of the Year award

1987 MRCGP with distinction

Publications

Books and Monographs

- Kirby A, Peters L .2007 100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils with Dyspraxia and DCD Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd.; (Mar 2007); Pages: 128 ISBN:0826494404;
- Kirby, A. 2006. *Mapping SEN*. London: Fulton Press ISBN 1-843124602
- Kirby, A. 2004 *The adolescent with developmental co-ordination disorder*. London: Jessica Kingsley Press ISBN 1-84310-178-5
- Kirby, A., Drew, S.A. 2003 *A Guide to Developmental Co-ordination Disorders*. London: Fulton Press ISBN 1-85346-913-0
- Kirby, A & Kaplan, B. 2003 *Fast facts in specific learning difficulties*. Oxford: Health Press ISBN 1-903734-39-8
- Kirby, A. 2001. *Dyspraxia and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder*. London: Souvenir Press ISBN 0-285-63512-3

Translations:

- Kirby, A. 2001. *Dyspraxia and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder*. London: Souvenir Press ISBN 0-285-63512-3 translated into Italian, Czech and Hebrew. Reprinted 2009 -translated into Polish

Chapters in Book

- Kirby A 2009 – Developmental Co-ordination Disorder p 18-25 Employment and Dyslexia Handbook 2009. British Dyslexia Association. ISBN 978-1-872653-97-6
- Kirby and 2009 EDS in press
- Kirby, A 2006 - Social and communication skills British Dyslexia Association Dyslexia Handbook pp 191-116 ISBN 1-872653-39-1
- Kirby, A 2006 - Developmental Co-ordination Disorder - Good Schools Guide Special Educational Needs pp. 49-53.ISBN 0-9532-659-94
- Kirby, A 2005 - British Dyslexia Association Dyslexia Handbook 2005 Developmental Co-ordination Disorder
- Kirby, A 2005 - Overlapping difficulties - Adult Dyslexia: A guide for learndirect tutors and support staff

Kirby, A 2005. Overlapping conditions: overlapping management: services for individuals with developmental coordination disorder. In D.A.Sugden & M.E. Chambers (Eds.). Children with developmental coordination disorder. London: Whurr. 2005; 242-265.

ISBN 1-86156-458-9

Kirby, A 2001 Guide to General Practice Careers - edited by Baker and Chambers - chapter on Combining Work and Life - Royal College of General Practitioners pp111-123
ISBN 0850842573

Forewords Written for:

Nicholls. 2002. *Stephen Harris in Trouble*. Jessica Kingsley Press. ISBN 1-84310-134-3

Colley. 2002. *Living with Dyspraxia*. Dyspraxia Foundation. ISBN 0953434419 (reprinted 2006)

Drew, S.A. 2003. *Jack and the Disorganised Dragon*. Dyscovery Press. ISBN 0954594703

Weronowska. 2003. *Dyspraxic Voices*. DANDA. ISBN 0954502108

Dew-Hughes. 2003. *Educating children with Fragile X*. Routledge Falmer. ISBN 0415314887

Peer reviewed journals

Salmon,G and Kirby A. (2009) The role of teachers in the assessment of children suspected of having ADHD.Vol 36,3,147-154.

Kirby A, Edwards, L, Sugden DA, Rosenblum S, (2009) Development of checklist for Adults with Developmental Co-ordination Disorder. Journal of developmental disabilities

Kirby A , Woodward, A, Jackson S, P (2009) Benefits of Omega-3 Supplementation for School Children: Review of the Current Evidence . British Journal of Educational Research.

Kirby A (2009) ADHD Practice Nurse

Kirby A (2009) ADHD GP

Kirby,A (2009) Najlepsze sa proste rozwiazania;*Zwueercuiadto*, 1 ,102-104.

Sugden, D.A., Kirby, A. & Dunford, C. (2008). Children with developmental coordination disorder. *Special Edition of International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*, 55, 2, 93-187.

Sugden, D.A., Kirby, A., & Dunford, C (2008) Movement difficulties in children: Developmental coordination disorder. *International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*, 55, 2, 93-96.

Sugden, D.A., Kirby, A., & Dunford, C (2008) Issues surrounding children with developmental coordination disorder. *International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*, 55, 2, 173-187

Kirby, A., Sugden, D., Beveridge, S. & Edwards L. (2008) Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) in adults and adolescents. *Journal of Research in Special Education Needs*, 8 (3), 120-131.

Kirby, A., Sugden, D., Beveridge, S., Edwards L. & Edwards, R. (2008) Dyslexia and Developmental Co-ordination Disorder in Further and Higher Education - Similarities and differences. Does the 'Label' influence the support given? *Dyslexia*, 14(3), 197-213.

Kirby, A., Edwards, L. & Hughes, A. (2008) Parents' concerns of children with specific learning difficulties. Insights gained from an online message centre. *Support for learning*, 23(4), 193-200.

Kirby, A (2008) Book review – Understanding non verbal learning disabilities- *European Journal of Special Educational Needs*

Salmon, G. & Kirby, A. (2008) Schools: Central to Providing Comprehensive CAMH Services in the Future? *Child and Adolescent Mental Health* Volume 13, No. 3, pp. 107–114.

Kirby A, Salmon G, Edwards L (2007) Should Children with ADHD be Routinely Screened for Motor Coordination Problems? The Role of the Paediatric Occupational Therapist *British Journal of Occupational Therapy* November , 70(11).

Kirby A, Salmon G, Edwards L (2007) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and developmental co-ordination difficulties: knowledge and practice among child and adolescent psychiatrists and paediatricians. *Psychiatric Bulletin* 31 pp 336-338

Salmon, G. & Kirby, A. (2007). Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: new ways of working in primary care. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health*.

Kirby, A. & Sugden, D.A. (2006) Children with Developmental Coordination Disorders *Journal of Royal Society of Medicine*.

A. Kirby, R. Davies (2006) Developmental Coordination Disorder and Joint Hypermobility Syndrome - overlapping disorders? Implications for research and clinical practice *Child: Care, Health and Development* (OnlineEarly Articles). doi:10.1111/j.1365-2214.2006.00694.x

Smith, J. & Kirby, A. 2006. Identification and implication of specific learning difficulties in a prison population. *Forensic Update* 84, pp.15-19.

- Kirby, A. 2006 A longer term view of DCD- emerging adulthood. *Dyspraxia Foundation Professional Journal*. 5, pp.13-24.
- Kirby, A. 2005. Developmental Disorders - recognising the early signs. *The New Generalist*. 3(3), p.74.
- Kirby, A., Davies, R. & Bryant, A. 2005. Hypermobility Syndrome and developmental co-ordination disorder. *International Journal of Therapy and Rehabilitation*. 12(10), pp.431-437.
- Kirby, A., Davies, R. & Bryant, A. 2005. Do teachers know more about specific learning difficulties than General Practitioners? *British Journal of Special Education*. 32(3) 122-126.
- Kirby, A. 2004. Hypermobility Syndrome and DCD similarities and their impact on function. *National Association of Paediatric Occupational Therapists Journal*. 8(3), pp.19-22.
- Kirby, A. 2004. Is Dyspraxia a medical condition or a social disorder? *British Journal of General Practice*. 54,498, pp.6-8.
- Kirby, A. 2004 Neurodevelopmental disorders: a primary care issue? *The New Generalist*. 2,4, pp 47-50
- Kirby, A. 2003. Developmental Co-ordination Disorder. *Community Practitioner and Health Visitor Association, Clinical Effectiveness Bulletin*. Issue 14 September
- Kirby, A. 2003. Managing the clumsy child. Update. *Journal of Continuing Education for General Practitioners*. 66(1), pp.20-25.
- Kirby, A. 2003. School children: their health and the challenge. *Nutrition and Health*. 17(3), pp.199-203.
- Kirby, A. 2002. What happens when children with DCD grow up? *Dyspraxia Foundation Professional Journal*, 1, pp3-7.
- Kirby, A. 2002. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Update. *Journal of Continuing Education for General Practitioners*. 65(7), pp.448-453.
- Kirby, A. 2002. Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder. Update. *Journal of Continuing Education for General Practitioners*. 65(8), pp.522-531.
- Kirby, A. 2001. Children - establishing a multidisciplinary approach for children with learning difficulties. *Clinical Governance Bulletin*. 12, Vol 2, No 3.

Kirby, A. 2001. Co-ordination problems, *Community Practitioner*. 74(8) pp.294-296.

Kirby, A. 2000. The Future for CME and CPD- can one size fit all? He@lth Information on the internet. Royal Society of Medicine Press.16, pp8-9.

Kirby, A. 1998. A Voyage of Discovery. *Special Children Nursing Standard.*, 12(49), p.18.

Kirby, A. 1992. Care of patients with psychiatric problems. *The British Journal of General Practice*. 42(360), p.303

Morgan, C.J., Badawy, A.A., Thomas, D.R., Dando, T.G., Kirby, A. 1989. The [lactate]/[pyruvate] ratio and alcohol metabolism: experiments with naloxone in fasting normal male volunteers. *Alcohol Alcohol*. 24(3), pp.185-188.

Additional Papers, Articles and Reports:

Ferner, R., Huson, S., Thomas, N., Moss, C., Willshaw, H., Upadhyaya, M., Evans, G., Towers, R., Gleeson, M., Steiger, C., Kirby, A. 2006. Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of individuals with Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1).

Kirby, A. 2005. The Good Parenting Guide.

Kirby, A. 2005. Developmental Disorders - recognising the early signs. *The New Generalist*. 3(3), pp.74.

Kirby, A. 2005. Back to sleep, front to play, sit to speak. *Practical Professional Child Care*. July. (pull-out section, not paginated.)

Kirby, A. 2005. Working with Norman No-mates. *SENCO Update*. March, pp.8-9.

Kirby, A. 2005. The child that was. *Dyspraxia Foundation Magazine*. Spring 2005 Issue 8.

Kirby, A. 2005. Food for thought. *Head Teacher Update*. April 2005 Summer 1, p.13.

Kirby, A. & Salmon, G. 2005. GPSi model of practice. *ADDIS Newsletter*. Autumn edition number 8, p.3.

Kirby, A. 2004 Dyspraxia, ADHD and Aspergers – or how people come in all shapes and sizes and one size cannot fit all. Provision and Use of Information Technology with Dyslexic Students in University in Europe pp50-54

<http://www.welshdyslexia.info/minerva/book.pdf#search=%22kirby%20Dystrain%22>

Kirby, A, 2004 Dyspraxia- Transition and developmental co-ordination disorder Welsh Association for Supporting Pupils with Physical Difficulties. Autumn 1.p3

Kirby, A. 2004. Focus on developmental co-ordination disorder. *Special Needs Co-ordinators file*, pp.1-4. ISSN 1479-2-28 London: pdp publishers

Kirby, A. 2004. Wrong box. *Times Educational Supplement*. 27th February 2004.

Kirby, A. 2004. Developmental Disorders. *The New Generalist*. 3(3), pp.74.

Kirby, A. 2004. Neurodevelopmental disorders - a primary care issue. *The New Generalist* 2(4), pp.47-48.

Kirby, A. 2003. Ehlers Danlos Syndrome 3 and DCD. *Fragile Links Magazine*

Kirby, A. 2002. Dyspraxia or developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD). *Clinical Effectiveness Bulletin*.14, pp.2-3.

Kirby, A. 2002. Dyspraxia or developmental co-ordination disorder (DCD). *Community Practitioner*. Issue 32 (reprinted in *Special Educational Needs in Practice*).

Sugden, D.A., Kirby, A., Chambers, M.E., Drew, S. and Jones, N. 2002. Models of provision for children with DCD. *Special*. Autumn, pp.16-19.

Kirby, A. 2000. Developmental Co-ordination Disorder. *Special*. October, pp.33-35.

Working Parties and Consultancy:

2009 Statementing advisory Board for WAG

2009 Advisor to Irish Government on Disability provision – Dare Access Route to Education 2010

2009 Dyslexia benchmarking study for NAW (£ 105 k)

2008- Dyslexia review for NAW (5k)

2008- SPId working party NAW

2007 Consultancy to the Football Association (UK)

2007 –Strategy group to the National Assembly for Wales

2006- Learning Disability Taskforce Royal College of General Practitioners

2006 - Advisor to the International Cod Liver Omega 3 Foundation

2006- Medical advisor to UK Industry sponsored “Fats” Panel

2005 - Medical Advisor to OVSPRING - interdisciplinary clinical centre for developmental disorders, Singapore

2005- Medical Advisor to Janssen Cilag on ADHD in Primary Care

2005- Medical advisor to British Soft Drinks Association

2005 - Disability Rights Commission Task Force for adults with specific learning difficulties

2005 - Advisor to Royal Air Force on specific learning difficulties policy

2005 - 2006 Development of All Wales ADHD consensus document

2004 Medical advisor to Penta, Ancona, Italy

2004 – Advisor, and presented to Department of Work and Pensions DCD policy for handbook

2004 - 2006 Working group for DCD-UK consensus document

2003 - Medical Advisor to the UK Neurofibromatosis Association

2002 - Medical Advisor to DANDA Association UK

2001 - 2002 Member of the working party for the evaluation of parent partnerships in Wales - The National Assembly of Wales and The National Association for Special Educational Needs (April 2002)

1998 - Medical Advisor to the Dyspraxia Association UK

1997 - 2003 Medical Advisor to Neurolink UK- an advisory board on psychiatry

1997 - 2003 Medical Advisor to HRT advisory board (Wyeth pharmaceuticals)

1995 -1998 Royal College of General Practitioners Women’s Task Force

International Conference papers

2010 Keynote speaker for European Conference on DCD, Trivium in Etten-Leur, Netherlands

June 2009 Sugden, Kirby and Edwards Poster presentation – Dynamic touch in typically developing children and children with DCD- DCD8; Baltimore USA

Poster Presentation – changing parent concerns in emerging adulthood

Presentations Handwriting and inattention

Driving and DCD

2008 November Geneva ASK conference

2009 June Abu Dhabi British School Al Khubarat

2009 Dublin NEPS training June 21

National papers and posters

Kirby A, Jackson 2 (2009) Poster presentation -Oxford Food and Behaviour Conference 24th October.

3rd November 2008 – ‘Practical Approaches for Helping Children with Dyspraxia in the Classroom’ – East Sussex County Council, Uckfield, [UK](#)

6th November 2008 – ‘Transition’ – Afasic Scotland, Edinburgh, [UK](#)

11th November 2008 – ‘Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Cymru, Cardiff, [UK](#)

13th November 2008 – ‘DCD – The Whole Child’ – Learning Works, Romsey, [UK](#)

15th December 2008 – ‘ADHD’ – Higher York, York, [UK](#)

8th January 2009 – ‘Autism/ADHD Workshop’ – Supported Fostering Services, Cardiff, [UK](#)

14th January 2009 – ‘Disability Awareness’ – Careers Wales Mid Glamorgan & Powys, Llandrindod Wells, [UK](#)

26th January 2009 – ‘Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Cymru, Newport, [UK](#)

11th February 2009 – ‘Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Northern Ireland, Belfast, [UK](#)

4th March 2009 – ‘Emotional Intelligence/Thinking & Learning for the Whole Child’ – ESIS Thinking Skills Conference, Cardiff, [UK](#)

11th March 2009 – ‘Understanding ADHD’ – Action for Children, Colwyn Bay, [UK](#)

12th March 2009 – ‘Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Cymru, Colwyn Bay, [UK](#)

20th March 2009 – ‘Developmental Co-ordination Disorder’ – RCT Primary Mental Health Team, Pontypridd, [UK](#)

1st April 2009 – ‘Remember the literacy in emotional literacy’ – Emotional Intelligence Conference – Newport City Council, Newport, [UK](#)

20th April 2009 – ‘Transition from Primary to Secondary School’ – Lilly UK, London, [UK](#)

21st April 2009 – ‘Transition from Primary to Secondary School’ – Lilly UK, Birmingham, [UK](#)

15th May 2009 – ‘ADHD’ – Pembroke College, Haverfordwest, [UK](#)

21st May 2009 – ‘Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Cymru, Llandrindod Wells, [UK](#)

1st June 2009 – ‘Dyscalculia’ – Glantaf School, Cardiff, [UK](#)

2nd June 2009 – ‘The Gwent behaviour study – latest results and their implications’ – ‘Feeding a Better Future; Mothers’ and Children’s Diets’ – FAB Research Conference, Cardiff, [UK](#)

11th June 2009 – ‘Teenagers in Transition – Watch Your Language’ – Afasic Scotland, Inverness, [UK](#)

[International](#)

10th/11th December 2008 – ‘Specific Learning Difficulties: A Seminar for Resource Teachers and Learning Support Teachers’ – Special Education Support Service, Cork, [Ireland](#)

31st January 2009 – ‘ASD, ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia – thinking of the whole child’ – All Special Kids, Geneva, [Switzerland](#)

29th April 2009 – ‘Transitions and Growing Up’ – The Dyspraxia Association of Ireland, Ennis, [Ireland](#)

30th April 2009 – ‘Practical Ideas for Home and School’ – the Dyspraxia Association of Ireland, Gorey, [Ireland](#)

27th May 2009 – ‘Transitions and Growing Up’ – The Dyspraxia Association of Ireland, Naas, [Ireland](#)

28th May 2009 – ‘Practical Ideas for Home and School’ – the Dyspraxia Association of Ireland, Dublin, [Ireland](#)