



Developmental Language Disorder (DLD): information and resources for families

DLD is a life-long neurodevelopmental condition characterised by differences with understanding and/or using spoken language. DLD has no single known cause and is likely a result of a number of biological, genetic and environmental risk factors. DLD affects social interaction and can significantly impact on emotional and mental wellbeing. DLD is more prevalent than autism affecting approximately 2 pupils in every mainstream class of 30. It is very important to note that DLD affects every individual differently. No two people with DLD are the same and there are a wide variety of ways in which language problems may present and evolve over time. DLD can be difficult to diagnose with some children and young people's good language skills hiding (masking) those that are causing problems.

What is DLD?

- [rcslt-dld-factsheet.pdf](#)
- [What is DLD? | DLD and Me](#)
- [DLD-Fact-Sheet-V3_original-2023.pdf](#)
- [Developmental Language Disorder \(DLD\) | The DLD Project](#)

Websites:

- [Developmental Language Disorder | DLD and Me](#) - This is a website for children and teenagers to learn about DLD and to share how they've told others. It also has information for parents and teachers about supporting children and young people with DLD.
- [RADLD - Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder - RADLD](#) - This website helps people understand more about DLD, access resources and find out how to raise awareness.

- [Home | Engage with DLD \(engage-dld.com\)](https://engage-dld.com) - *Engage with Developmental Language Disorder* (E-DLD) connects people experiencing DLD to academic research. The aim is to create a world where DLD is fully understood by families and professionals. The organisation keeps families and individuals updated on:
 - research findings
 - current research projects
 - DLD-related activities

E-DLD also hosts events, allowing members to meet and share experiences. E-DLD supports researchers and other professionals working to improve outcomes for people with DLD. Their work helps with research and policy decisions.

Videos about DLD:

- A number of videos on a variety of topics: [Videos - RADLD](#)
- Video showing how DLD may be experienced by a primary age child: [Darcie's story - a video about Developmental Language Disorder \(DLD\) #2in30](#)
- Highlights how DLD changes over time: [Growing with DLD 2022](#)
- Made to increase awareness of DLD in Education: [Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder \(DLD\) Day: #ThinkLanguage #ThinkDLD](#)
- DLD in my own words (created by young people with DLD): [DLD in my own words](#)
- Video by young person diagnosed with DLD at 15yrs : [Lily Farrington's Amazing Developmental Language Disorder Animation](#)
- Why a diagnosis of DLD can help: [What families think about Developmental Language Disorder diagnosis](#)
- DLD and Mental Health: [Why is language important for mental health?](#)
- [RCSLTCYPMHSA4Digital.pdf](#)

National Charities:

- [Home - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)
- [Home - Afasic](#)

Afasic supports and provides information for families with children and young adults who have Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) with a focus on Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). *Speech and Language UK* also provides support to families.

Resources:

- [DLD Resources - The DLD Project](#)
- [NAPLIC | DLD resources for schools and families](#)

See also National Charities and other websites.

Local Devon services:

- [Developmental Language Disorder \(DLD\) resources and downloads - Plymouth Online Directory](#)
- [Speech, language and communication - Children and Family Health Devon](#)
- [Schools and settings - Developmental language disorder](#)
- [Developmental Language Disorder - Support for schools and settings](#)
- [Supporting Children and Young People with Developmental Language Disorder - Education and Families](#)
- [Communication and interaction - Support for schools and settings](#)
- [The Communication and Interaction Team - Support for schools and settings](#)