

Arran Smith

Arran classes himself as one of the 4% of the population as a severely dyslexic adult. To day Arran still have no Automatic reading Skill. At the age of 35 has very Low reading and spelling capabilities

When Arran was aged 9 he was diagnosed with dyslexia. He uses the metaphor that dyslexia is like going to the dentist, with the feeling of stress and anxiety, well that's how it was for him all the way until he was 14, this was the age when he realised that dyslexia is a difference not a disadvantage.

During Arran's working life he has worked in many industries including youth work, retail business and the not-for-profit sector. Arran has worked within the dyslexia sector for just under 20 years. He is chairman of the Leicestershire Dyslexia Association and previously worked for the British Dyslexia Association As the membership development officer. prior to this Aran sat as a non-executive director on the BDA Management board for 18 months From November 2008 - April 2010.

Arran is currently the director of 3 companies including the SEND Group Ltd that offers CPD services to the SEND community. the LVA Group Ltd that is a consultancy business that works with companies such as Claro software, Scanning Pens and Microsoft. More recently Aaron setup the dyslexia show Ltd which is delivering national exhibition purely focused and dedicated in the filter dyslexia.

Arran has spoken at many large conferences and events across the UK and more recently spoke at a 2 national conference in India.

Despite Arran being severely dyslexic Arran uses and advocate technology to support his needs and without technology he would not be doing what he is doing today.