

Statement of Interest for the Trustee role on the Board of BDA

I am particularly interested in applying for this trustee role especially I have been an active advocate of the BDA and have followed membership since qualifying as an assessor and specialist teacher in 2019.

Following my experience in the neurodiversity area both as a specialist teacher and assessor and as a researcher and director of an educational support unit, I have come to realise how much more awareness is needed across the wider communities. Thus, I would be highly interested to apply my skills, expertise and passion towards the BDA and help to steer it towards even greater success.

I have been a Director of an educational support service whereby I ensure I carry the ethos and competence through practice. My experience in strategic management in both SME and large international operations are the key strengths I can bring to the trustee board. I have now spent a substantial amount of time in directorship and I am particularly looking for a role where I can bring relevant experience to the table to strengthen the skills base of the existing board. I believe that my experience in organisational management and administration, overseeing financial aspects, recruitment, policy and practice will be valuable in the Trustee board.

My executive experience extends to governorship of two primary schools in the North East region which I found extremely rewarding notably in promoting learning, ethos and contribution to the educational arena from a strategic perspective. I am committed to ensuring that I give the best I can to any organisation I get involved with and I believe I am well-suited to the role as I have significant experience of advocating on the needs of early identification and assessment of dyslexia and dyscalculia alike, but in general, the need to recognise and cater for specific learning difficulties, further recognising and embracing the strengths of neurodiversity.

Through my executive experience and skills, I will aim to help the Trust to develop and grow by helping and getting involved with the neurodiverse community. I am particularly interested in helping to ensure that demographic involved get the right support that would, in turn, make a difference in their lives. I would be interested in promoting the BDA campaigns and positive approach to increase public understanding towards a wider dyslexia-friendly society, ranging in diverse contexts.

Lastly, my intricate interest in making a positive impact on the public, in particular the neurodiverse community, promoting the BDA core values and principles would be an excellent opportunity for which I feel highly enthusiastic about.

I would kindly urge you to consider my application and I am looking forward to hearing from you promptly.

Kind regards,

Vasiliki Kontou