

DARE launches new website with BrowseAloud

DARE – The Dyslexia Advocacy, Resources and Education Charity Trust – is a brand new organisation in Australia that endeavours to promote the very best that technology and education can bring to the community.

In conjunction with the launch of its new website – learninghelp.org.au – DARE announced the adoption of award-winning text-to-speech software, BrowseAloud.

BrowseAloud reads website content aloud and highlights each word as it is spoken. It specifically assists groups who have difficulty reading online content, in particular persons with dyslexia, literacy skill difficulties and specific learning difficulties.

Trustees Antonia Canaris and Margaret Ellis are special education teachers who have witnessed how dyslexia attacks the self-esteem and life-prospects of their students. Ms Canaris comments, “The trustees of Dyslexia Advocacy Resources and Education (DARE) are proud to be able to launch our website with BrowseAloud. We hope that many people will be able to benefit from this amazing technology. We also hope that BrowseAloud gets adopted as a universal feature of web design.

“We realise that dyslexia is highly hereditary and thus feel that this technology will help families who find it hard to access up-to-date information that often has quite complex language and is hard to read.”

One of the core features that BrowseAloud deploys is ‘dual-colour highlighting’. Each sentence is highlighted in one colour, while each word is highlighted in a contrasting colour, as it is spoken. This has been found to improve reading comprehension.

Additional features include text magnification, a spoken dictionary, screen tinting and an MP3 Maker.

Visitors to DARE’s website simply click on the BrowseAloud icon on the homepage and follow the simple steps to download BrowseAloud, free of charge.

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Notes for Editors

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DARE aims to provide information on current research about dyslexia, information on multi-sensory education and providers and latest news on advocacy and legal matters. We hope to be able to offer subsidised offers to assist needy individuals who require assessments and remediation for dyslexia and related conditions. We are a not-for-profit charity and are motivated to assist as many people as we can once funds are raised. We offer advice and recommendations and a forum to foster a community where ideas, struggles and news is shared freely.

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BrowseAloud

BrowseAloud is the world leading text-to-speech solution from Texthelp Systems Ltd, which is designed to improve website accessibility for those with literacy difficulties, cognitive disabilities such as dyslexia, mild visual impairments or where English is a second language. With a choice of 17 high quality voices covering nine languages and a number of unique features, BrowseAloud is quickly being adopted worldwide.

Texthelp Systems was formally incorporated in 1996 and specialises in the design of assistive software solutions to support those struggling to read and write. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, Adobe Solutions Network Developer, Apple Business Partner, HP Business Partner and is ISO 9001:2008 accredited. For the past eleven consecutive years, Texthelp Systems Ltd has been a Deloitte Technology Fast 50 Award winning company.

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