



Call for experts: Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) in adults

The European Speech and Language Therapy Association (ESLA) is seeking dedicated professionals to join a newly formed expert group on Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) in adults. This group aims to advance research, clinical practice, and policy development in the field of DLD, ensuring high-quality support for individuals affected by this condition across Europe.

Objectives of the Expert Group

- Establish evidence-based guidelines for assessing and treating DLD in adults.
- Promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among professionals working with DLD.
- Advocate for policies that enhance the recognition and support of DLD within healthcare and education for the adult population.
- Support early identification and intervention strategies for individuals with DLD in the adult population.
- Conduct and disseminate research on best practices and emerging trends in DLD intervention.
- Foster interdisciplinary approaches by collaborating with educators, psychologists, and other healthcare professionals.
- Raise public awareness about DLD to reduce stigma and promote inclusivity.

Expertise sought

We are inviting speech and language therapists and researchers with expertise in DLD in adults to apply. Ideal candidates will have:

- Extensive knowledge of DLD, assessment and intervention in adults.
- Experience in clinical practice, research, or policy development related to DLD in adults.
- Experience working with diverse and multilingual populations.

- Strong communication and leadership skills to contribute effectively to group discussions and projects.
- Experience with professional development and training.

Having an academic background and publications would be advantageous.

ESLA, in close collaboration with researchers, is currently in the process of developing a survey to explore DLD in adults. This initiative aims to gather insights into current practices and challenges across Europe. The expert group is expected to contribute to developing this survey. Additional information about the survey will be provided once the expert group is formed.

How to apply

Interested individuals should submit:

- A brief CV (maximum 2 pages) highlighting relevant experience.
- A statement of interest (maximum 500 words) outlining their motivation and potential contributions to the expert group.

Deadline for application: May 23 2025

Selection notification: May 27, 2025

The expert group will hold its first virtual meeting May 30 at 3 PM CET.

Contact information:

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About ESLA

ESLA supports the Speech and Language associations across Europe by promoting quality standards for professional practice that is both evidence-based and ethically-based. ESLA actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and specifically promotes equality of access to health, education and social care services for all the populations and communities with whom we work.