

# Hepp Disability Profile



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**My course:** Fine Art Degree at Barnsley College

## My disability and how it impacts me

I have dyslexia, which makes reading more difficult for me and leaves me feeling confused when writing essays and assignments.

When I was in school, I found GCSE English particularly difficult, as I hadn't yet been diagnosed with dyslexia and I was unsure as to why I was struggling so much. Now I have a better understanding of my disability and I can control it better, I know what works best for my condition.

## Support/adaptions I receive

- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)
- A free laptop
- Software that enables me to turn speech into text
- A one-to-one tutor

## How the support helped me to succeed

When I first started my studies I found the course extremely challenging, but the support I have received has helped me to build my confidence and understand my work better.

I had dyslexic screening which helped me to appreciate my condition and to learn more about how I can help myself. Without the support I have received, I wouldn't have been able to succeed on my course and I would have struggled massively. I always thought I wasn't ready for higher education; however, it was just my dyslexia that was getting in the way of me achieving my goals.

I often use a mind mapping software, as this helps me to visualise my ideas and to focus less on worrying about my writing and reading skills. My one-to-one tutor has helped me every step of the way and I was able to go to them and talk to them when I needed support.

### Top tips!

- Speak to someone and disclose you condition as soon as possible! It makes you feel so much better about your situation and allows you to access the support you are entitled to.
- Don't let your disability stop you from achieving your full potential.
- Understand that struggling isn't something to be ashamed of.



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