



# Dyslexia Behind Bars

*AT HMP CHELMSFORD*

# There are no accidents

- ◆ A car accident that changed our lives
- ◆ Being diagnosed with dyslexia at forty
- ◆ My eldest being diagnosed with dyslexia too



# PILOT SCHEME

- ◆ THE SCHEME COST ONLY £12,000
- ◆ 826 PRISONERS, 434 HAD DYSLEXIC CHARACTERISTICS
- ◆ INTERVIEWED 10 MEN ON INDUCTION WING, 6 DID NOT WANT WORK OR EDUCATION. WHY?
- ◆ 20 PRISONERS WERE TRAINED TO BE MENTORS
- ◆ 96 PRISONERS WERE HELPED THROUGH MENTORING, TO COME TO TERMS WITH THEIR DYSLEXIA



**Dyslexia and Mentoring in Prison**  
(HMP and YOI Chelmsford)

A MentFor CIC project

THE STORY

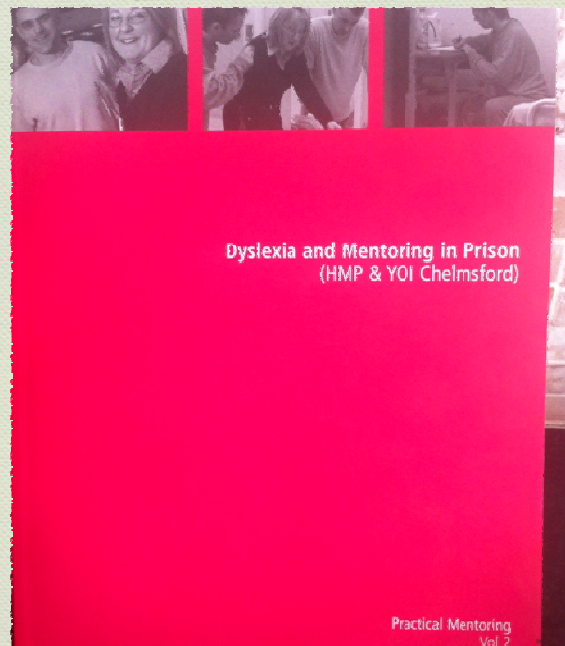
# TERRY

- ◆ SELF-HARMER
- ◆ BEEN IN PRISON OVER 40 TIMES
- ◆ HAS NOT BEEN BACK INSIDE FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS, SINCE WORKING WITH THE M4U PROJECT



# ASSESSING MATERIALS

- ◆ DYSLEXIC CHECK LIST
- ◆ SKILLS FOR LIFE
- ◆ LEXION ASSESSMENT
- ◆ LEARNING STYLES
- ◆ MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES
- ◆ WHAT AM I GOOD AT?



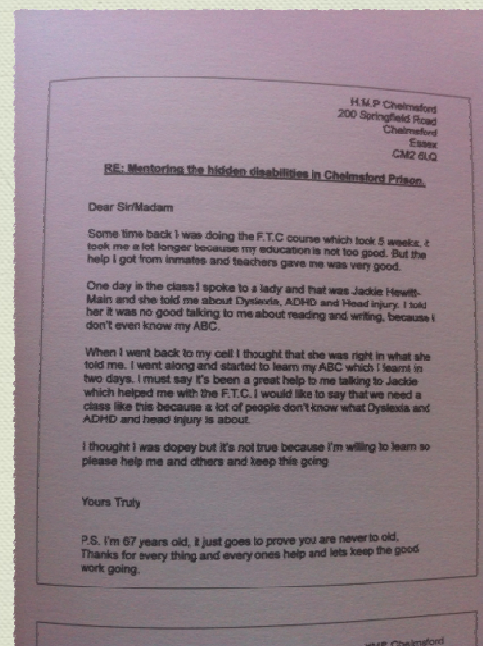


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JVT/AVC Coding decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

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# FRANK

- ❖ LEARNT HIS ABC IN 2 DAYS
- ❖ LEARNT TO USE A COMPUTER, AND TYPED HIS OWN LETTER
- ❖ HAS NOT BEEN BACK INSIDE FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS, SINCE WORKING WITH THE M4U PROJECT





# MENTORING 4 U PROJECT

- ◆ LAUNCH JANUARY 2007
- ◆ THE AIM OF THE PROJECT
- ◆ ONE TO ONE TUTOR SUPPORT
- ◆ IMPROVING YOUR INDIVIDUAL LEARNING NEEDS



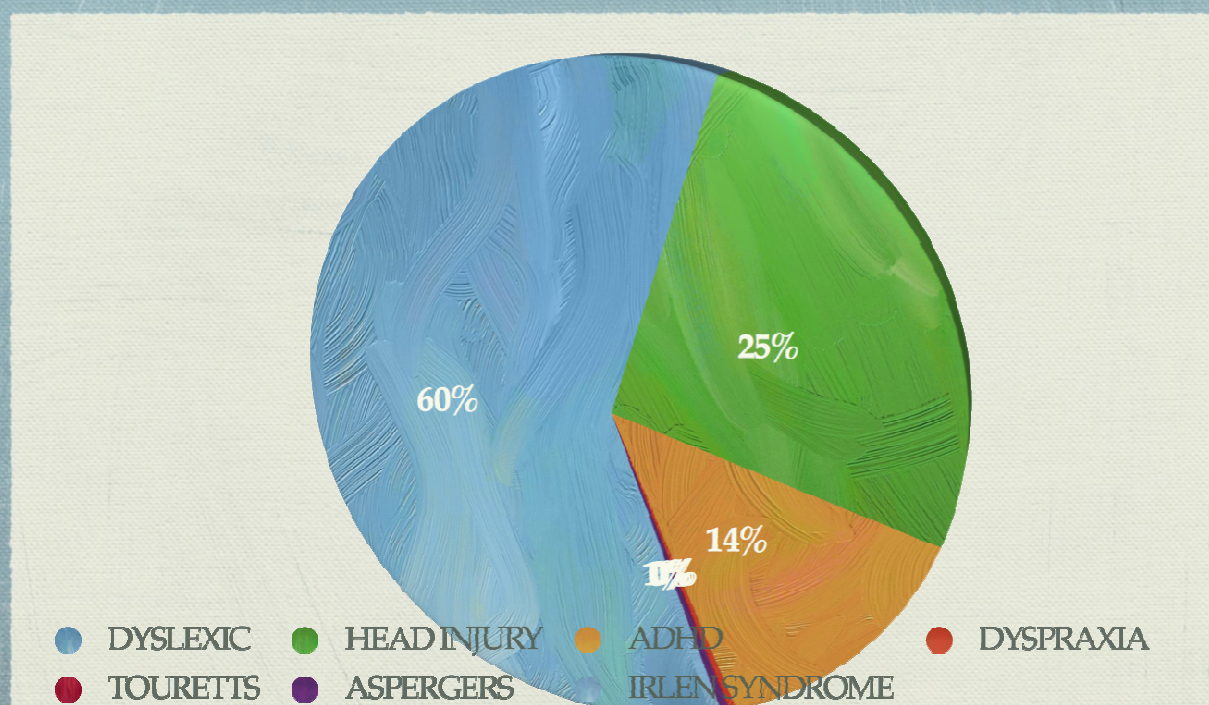
# THE METHODOLOGY

- ❖ FNIP (FIRST NIGHT IN PRISON) INDUCTION WING
- ❖ LEARNING WORK SHOPS
- ❖ MENTORING COURSES
- ❖ ONE TO ONE ON INDUCTION WINGS



# HIDDEN DISABILITIES

1,203 WERE INTERVIEWED ON THE WINGS





# 1,203 INTERVIEWED

- ✦ 575 HAD NO QUALIFICATIONS
- ✦ 674 WERE EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL
- ✦ 742 HAD NOT PASSED THEIR DRIVING THEORY TEST
- ✦ 590 SAID THEY WERE SELF-EMPLOYED/ ALL CASH IN HAND
- ✦ 10 PRISONERS HAD BEEN INSIDE 40 TIMES

# WORK SHOPS COVERS COVERS:

- ✦ WHAT AM I GOOD AT?
- ✦ LEARNING STYLES
- ✦ LEXION
- ✦ WHERE AM I NOW?
- ✦ YOUR QUALITY AND SKILLS
- ✦ DRIVING THEORY
- ✦ CONSTRUCTION SKILLS CERTIFICATION SCHEME

# MENTORING COURSE

- ◆ ROLE OF MENTOR
- ◆ SOCIAL SKILLS
- ◆ MULTI-INTELLIGENCES
- ◆ NEURO-LINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING (NLP)
- ◆ HIDDEN DISABILITIES
- ◆ MULTI-SENSORY
- ◆ COMPUTERS/LEXION ASSESSMENT
- ◆ DRIVING THEORY TEST



# CITY & GUILDS

- ◆ **DELIVERING LEARNING 7303 LEVEL 3 COURSE (PTTLLS)**

- ◆ **5 UNITS COVERING:**

- ◆ RESPONSIBILITIES & BOUNDARIES
- ◆ TEACHING & LEARNING APPROACHES
- ◆ PLANNING LESSONS & SESSIONS
- ◆ DELIVER SESSIONS THAT MOTIVATE LEARNERS
- ◆ USE OF DIFFERENT ASSESSMENT METHODS

◆ USING MULTISENSORY APPROACHES IN UNITS

# M4U HELPED

- ◆ 40 PRISONERS WERE TRAINED AS MENTORS
- ◆ 50 PRISONERS WENT THROUGH WORKSHOPS
- ◆ 10 PRISONERS TOOK PART IN PTTLLS, 10 STARTED 10 FINISHED & 10 PASSED
- ◆ 70 PRISONERS WERE HELPED ON THE WINGS
- ◆ 60 PRISONERS WERE HELPED IN WAYLAND PRISON &
- ◆ 6 MENTORS TRAINED BY PRISONERS

# FOUR YEARS ON

- ✦ **20 PRISONERS MONITORED INSIDE & OUT**

- ✦ **3 ARE STILL IN PRISON**

- ✦ **6 WORKING**

- ✦ **4 UNEMPLOYED**

- ✦ **2 VOLUNTARY WORKERS**

- ✦ **2 HAVE OWN BUSINESSES**

- ✦ **1 AT UNIVERSITY**

- ✦ **1 AT REHABILITATION CENTRE**



## IMPACT ON REOFFENDING RATE REREOFFENDING

- ◆ 17 PRISONERS RELEASED FROM FIRST 2 GROUPS
- ◆ 16 HAVE NOT REOFFENDED WITHIN PAST 4 YEARS
- ◆ ENGLAND & WALES REOFFENDING RATE 55% WITHIN 2 YEARS
- ◆ PROJECT REOFFENDING RATE 5.5% WITHIN 4 YEARS
- ◆ A SMALL SAMPLE, BUT A USEFUL INDICATOR

# MORE TO COME

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