

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

2,000+

Postcards received to date

12,096 km

Furthest distance a postcard traveled

6 - 82

Age range of participants

470,000+

Total social impressions

Dear Dyslexia invites people of all ages with dyslexia to change the world's perception of the learning difference — from disability to hyper-ability — by sending in a postcard that captures their experience visually.

More than 2,000 postcards from all over the world were created by dyslexic minds, fulfilling one simple prompt: What is dyslexia to you?

The project was recognized during a launch event with the House Dyslexia Caucus in Washington, D.C., and has since been incorporated into the curriculum of schools all over the United States.

We've even received contributions from a number of high-profile dyslexics: Olympic diver Greg Louganis, actress, activist, and producer Alyssa Milano, Justice League director Zack Snyder, Nobel Prize-winning biophysicist Jacques Dubochet, children's author and illustrator Dav Pilkey, and explorer Ann Bancroft.

The response has been so overwhelmingly positive that we've decided to continue Dear Dyslexia into 2024.

Visit <u>deardyslexiapostcards.com</u> to participate or view our postcard gallery.



How to participate

All dyslexics welcome!

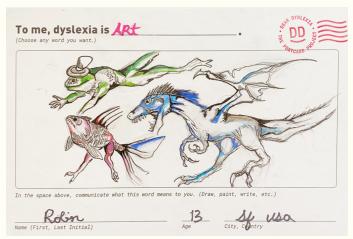


- 1. Access deardyslexiapostcards.com
- 2. Click "Download the template"
- 3. Print the postcard
- 4. Complete the sentence "To me, dyslexia is..." with a word or phrase that describes your relationship to dyslexia. Think about what you love to do, what makes you happy, what comes naturally to you all of these things are your dyslexia.
- 5. Illustrate the word using whatever materials you have available
- 6. Send it back to us using the address on the top of the postcard











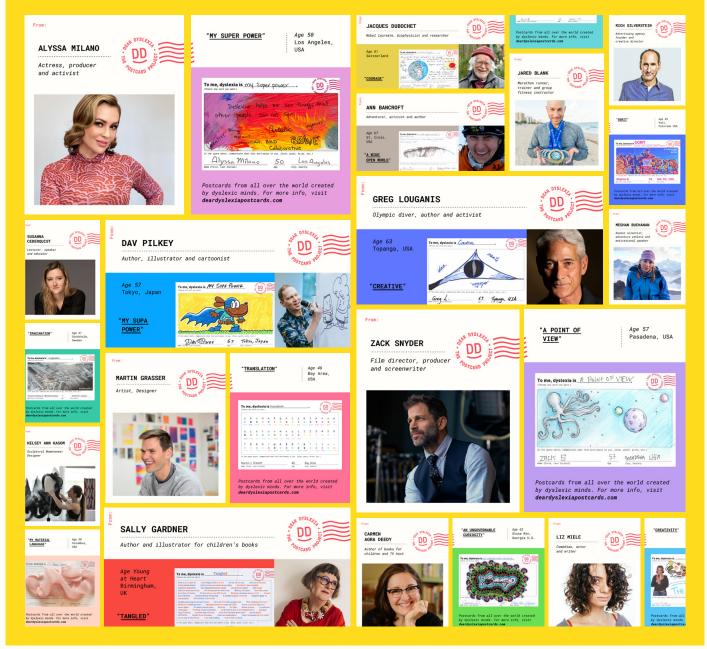


Ambassadors



We're honored to receive contributions from a number of prominent dyslexics — actress, activist, and producer Alyssa Milano, Nobel Prize-winning biophysicist Jacques Dubochet, Olympic diver Greg Louganis, children's author Dav Pilkey, explorer Ann Bancroft, and film director Zack Snyder, to name just a few.

As ambassadors, they prove the power of dyslexic ingenuity, and their work serves as an example of the "hyper-abilities" that dyslexia makes possible.



About the Project's Founder



Gil Gershoni is the founder and creative director of Gershoni Creative, a San Francisco-based creative agency.

For more than 30 years, Gil has developed the cutting-edge ideas that keep brands like Google, Apple, Spotify and Nike ahead of the curve.

As the agency expanded, Gil realized that his dyslexia had benefits within the creative process that helped his team and clients innovate and thrive. Through his work and advocacy, Gershoni is helping others discover the power of the dyslexic mindset. One of his most recent projects is the Schwab Learning Center in Palo Alto, California, a space inspired by the spirit of Silicon Valley for college and high school students with dyslexia and other learning differences.

Gil founded <u>Dyslexic Design Thinking</u>, an initiative that teaches people how to leverage strategies that come naturally to dyslexics to enhance how they work, think, create and problem-solve. His mission is

to educate people about dyslexia and move away from the traditional — and incomplete — perception of dyslexia as a debilitating limitation. For Gil, dyslexia is a hyper-ability.

Dyslexic Design Thinking has grown to include <u>Dear Dyslexia</u>: <u>The Postcard Project</u>, the <u>Dyslexic Design Thinking podcast</u> and exhibitions such as <u>Dyslexic Dictionary</u>, which showcased the works of dyslexic artists and leaders, including California Governor Gavin Newsom and Twitter logo designer Martin Grasser.

Gil has spoken at <u>South By Southwest</u>, the <u>Whitney Biennial</u>, the <u>Sundance Film Festival</u>, IDSA's <u>International Design Conference</u>, <u>U.K. Creative Festival</u>, <u>New York University</u>, <u>UC Berkeley</u>, <u>Vancouver Institute of Media Arts</u> and <u>California College of the Arts</u>.

For his efforts in dyslexia advocacy, Gil has received the <u>Siena Cypress Leadership</u> <u>Award</u>, which recognizes individuals whose work has impacted the lives of students who learn differently.





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Events

From San Francisco to New York to Washington, D.C., and many more cities across the country, Dear Dyslexia is celebrating the power of the dyslexic mindset.

Everywhere we go, we're moved by the support the dyslexic community has shown for this project.

If you would like to host a Dear Dyslexia event in your city, contact us at

events@deardyslexiapostcards.com.



Press

See what news outlets are saying about Dear Dyslexia.

For press inquiries, contact Helena Dea Bala at PKPR, helena@pkpr.com.







Dear Dyslexia Project plastering Capitol with postcards with a message



Dyslexia is a feature, not a flaw, at student exhibition



'Dear Dyslexia: The Postcard Project' featured on National syndicated broadcast



With childrens'
postcards and highprofile testimony,
'Dyslexic Dictionary'
redefines its terms



San Francisco man launches national "Dear Dyslexia Postcard Project"

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<u>Unleashing the Power</u> <u>of Spinning</u>

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Exhibit on dyslexia at Arion Press in the Presidio highlights the learning condition's 'superpower'

Design Better

Gil Gershoni on Dyslexic Design Thinking

Participating Schools





California, USA



California, USA





Florida, USA



North Carolina, USA



Rhode Island, USA



Washington, USA



Kansas, USA



Ohio, USA



Washington, D.C.



Colorado, USA



California, USA



California, USA



Virginia, USA



Florida, USA



Oregon, USA



Texas, USA



Virginia, USA



California, USA



Maryland + Virginia, USA



California, USA



Georgia, USA



South Carolina, USA



New York, USA