

E-DLD Newsletter: **Autumn Edition**

E-DLD in numbers



472 members

(378 parents of children;
94 individuals over 16).

Average age:

9.5 years for children;
42.4 years for adults.



68.9% from the
UK;

31.1% from 22
other countries.



63.7% have
completed the
yearly survey.

We offer a monthly £20
voucher prize draw for
E-DLD members who
complete it!



71 research
studies have
been advertised

Welcome our new ECR Research Associates!



Jane Lai

(she/her)

Responsible for
overseeing research
summaries we post
on our website and
social media.



Soon Tat Lee

(he/him)

Responsible for
screening studies we
advertise to E-DLD
members.



Kyleigh Melville

(she/her)

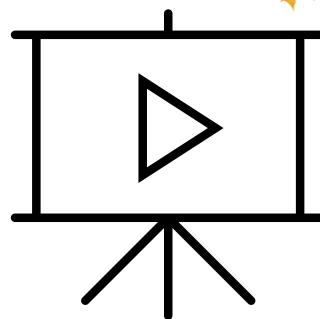
Responsible for supporting
the coordination and
organization of E-DLD's
online events.

Check out their full bios on our website
[Who we are | Engage with DLD](#)

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

We upload short 5-minute research summaries to our YouTube to complement the research summaries on our website. These videos make learning about DLD research accessible and easy!

Subscribe and click the bell to be notified when we upload a video.



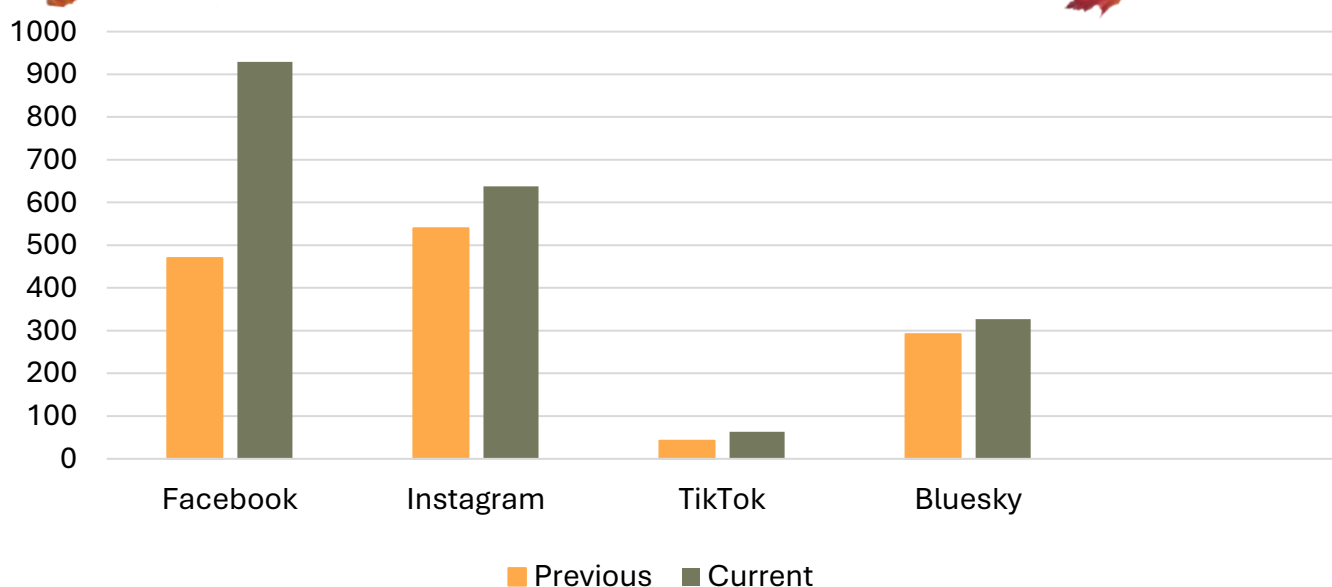
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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE!

We are still seeing growth across our social media platforms with over 600 new followers across Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and Bluesky in the last few months.

We have over 100 subscribers on YouTube and almost 4.3k followers across all our social media accounts!

Get to know the new addition to our team...

Iris Edwards

Hi E-DLD members! My name is Iris, and I am currently studying BSc Psychology (with work placement) at the University of Bath. I am joining the E-DLD team for a year as a placement student for the third year of my degree. Some of my favourite things are walks in nature, stormy weather and animals (especially my two dogs!).



Why did you choose E-DLD for your placement year?

I love the city of Bath and I'm from the Southwest myself, so I was looking for a placement somewhere around the city. When I saw this placement advertised and started to research it, I became fascinated by the project. Especially the infrequency of DLD diagnoses compared to conditions like ASD.

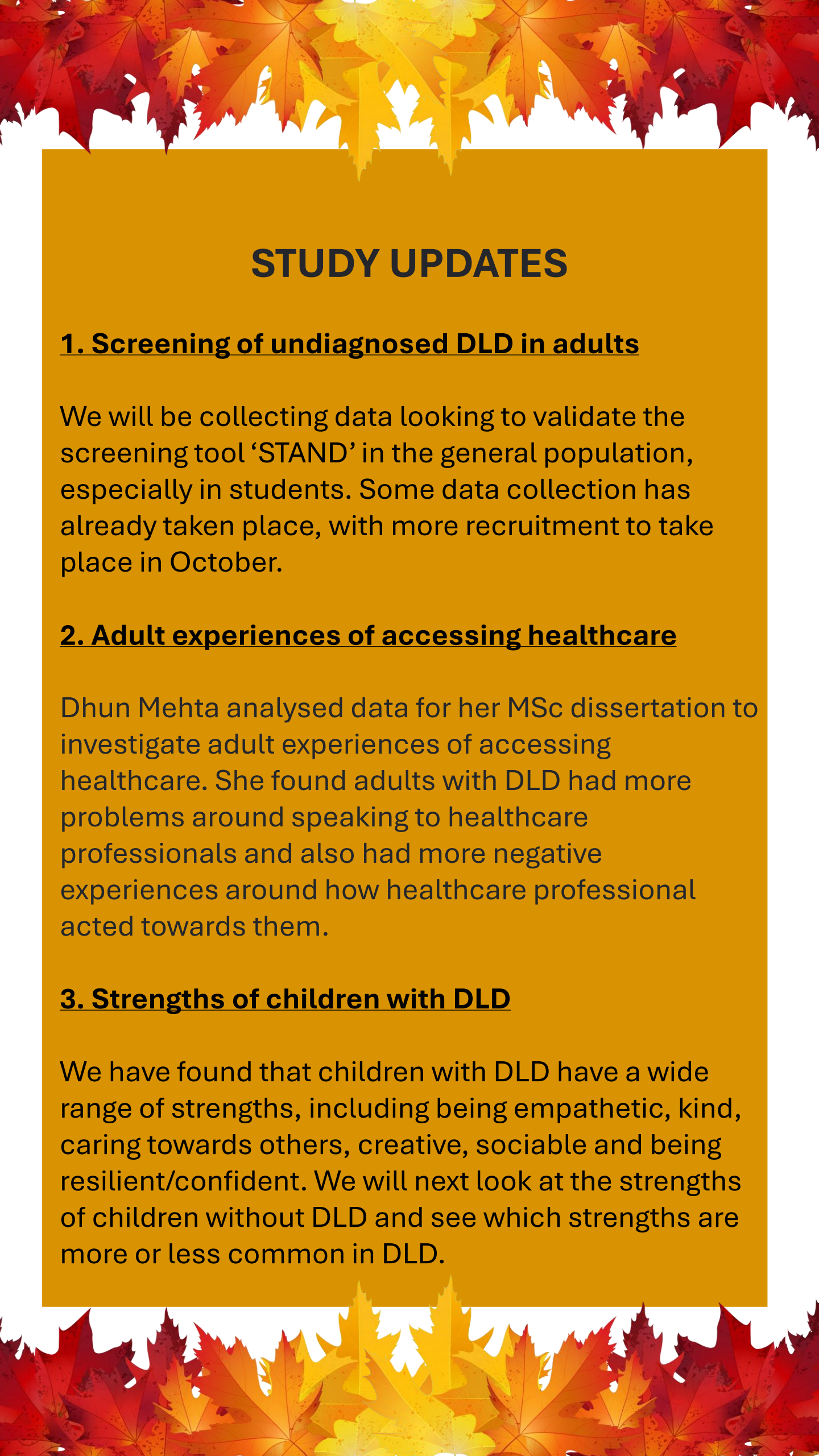
Additionally, as a neurodivergent person who was diagnosed later in life, I can relate to the challenges of understanding others and being understood. This makes me extremely passionate about advocating for those with DLD and contributing to research that can improve future outcomes.

What is your role in the E-DLD team?

I am responsible for managing the E-DLD database, organising events, contributing to data collection, and managing our social media pages.

What are you looking forward to in the next year as part of the E-DLD team?

I'm really looking forward to developing skills as well as learning new ones! I'm also especially excited to help organise and facilitate data collection and create engaging content for all our members!



STUDY UPDATES

1. Screening of undiagnosed DLD in adults

We will be collecting data looking to validate the screening tool 'STAND' in the general population, especially in students. Some data collection has already taken place, with more recruitment to take place in October.

2. Adult experiences of accessing healthcare

Dhun Mehta analysed data for her MSc dissertation to investigate adult experiences of accessing healthcare. She found adults with DLD had more problems around speaking to healthcare professionals and also had more negative experiences around how healthcare professional acted towards them.

3. Strengths of children with DLD

We have found that children with DLD have a wide range of strengths, including being empathetic, kind, caring towards others, creative, sociable and being resilient/confident. We will next look at the strengths of children without DLD and see which strengths are more or less common in DLD.



Feel alone in supporting your child with DLD?

Consider joining the "Developmental Language Disorder (formerly SLI) Support" group on Facebook. This is a private group for people affected by a DLD diagnosis, including adults with DLD and parents like you!

Have you heard of The DLD Project?

They have collected a load of evidence-based information and resources – check it out here:
<https://thedldproject.com>

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