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This list is of *alternatives* to books. For a corresponding list of *books* please visit http://www.disabilityscot.org.uk/engaging-with-books-for-dyslexic-wellbeing.



Video

- Wellbeing Services South Glasgow http://wellbeing-glasgow.org.uk/resources
- Headtalks (for a topic index scroll down to below the pictures) https://www.headtalks.com/videos
- 3) Scottish Association of Mental Health https://www.youtube.com/user/SAMHfilms/playlists
- 4) SANE (a leading UK mental health charity) https://www.youtube.com/user/charitySANE/playlists
- 5) Anxiety: personal experience of https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaoS4QdGwgo
- 6) Depression: 'I had a Black Dog, his name was depression' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiCrniLQGYc



Comics / graphic novels

- 'Anxiety is Really Strange' by Steve Haines and Sophie Standing https://www.jkp.com/uk/anxiety-is-really-strange-2.html
- 2) 'Trauma is Really Strange' by Steve Haines and Sophie Standing https://www.jkp.com/uk/trauma-is-really-strange-33900.html

3) List of comics and graphic novels about mental health http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/82993.Graphic Novels_about_Mental_Illness



Audio

- 1) 'Moodjuice' self-help audio guides by NHS Scotland http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/asppodcast.asp
 - Self-help and relaxation audio guides
 - Introduce common mental health problems
 - Describe methods for overcoming them
- 2) 'Moodzone' audio guides to boost your mood by the NHS http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/Pages/moodzone-mental-wellbeing-audio-guides.aspx
- Wellbeing Services South Glasgow http://wellbeing-glasgow.org.uk/audio-resources
- 4) MIND charity https://soundcloud.com/mindcharity
- 5) Headtalk podcasts https://www.headtalks.com/podcasts
- 6) Centre for Clinical Interventions, Australia http://www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/infopax.cfm?Info ID=56 Audio files for meditation along with links to a mobile app called Worry Time
- 7) TED Talks:

Emotional first aid: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2hc2FLOdhl Vulnerability: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCvmsMzIF70 Shame: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psN1DORYYV0

- 8) Podcast on depression: http://shonkylab.roguetwo.com/depression/
 - An informal chat about depression. None of the hosts are professionals but all have personal experience of depression.
- 9) Dyslexia Scotland podcasts https://soundcloud.com/dyslexiascotland
 - Interviews of dyslexic adults by a journalist
 - Some include discussion of mental health

10)The Listening Project by BBC and the British Library http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/the-listening-project

- Intimate conversations collected since 2012 between friends or relatives
- You can search the conversations by theme at http://www.live.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/MrHK9VQvVkc6Jc8 m2CzL7k/find-a-conversation

11)Story Corps

- The equivalent of 'The Listening Project' in the USA.
- Started in 2003.
- Searchable by topic https://storycorps.org



Picture books

- 1) 'I had a Black Dog his name was depression'
- 2) 'Quiet the Mind An Illustrated Guide on How to Mediate' http://matthewjohnstone.com.au/courses/quiet-the-mind



Workbooks / guides

- 1) 'MoodJuice' self-help guides by NHS Scotland http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/Professional/pdfGuides.asp
 - Very dyslexia-friendly with pictures, diagrams, bullet points etc.
 - Workbooks
- 2) Centre for Clinical Interventions resources http://www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/consumers.cfm



Courses

1) Stress Control

https://stresscontrol.org/course

- Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) based self-help course
- Presented in 6 weekly classes
- Self-referred
- For details of courses running in Edinburgh ask Health in Mind tel. 0131 243 0106 / email contactus@health-in-mind.org.uk
- For advice on how to find courses elsewhere ask Scottish Association for Mental Health tel. 0141 530 1000 / email enquire@samh.org.uk
- 2) Living Life to the Full

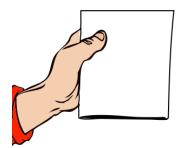
https://llttf.com

- online course for stress, anxiety and depression
- Online video courses by Wellbeing Services South Glasgow http://wellbeing-glasgow.org.uk/resources



Blog posts

- 1) Dyslexic Self-Esteem https://alifelessordinaryds.wordpress.com/2018/01/19/dyslexic-self-esteem
- Dyslexia, Mental Health and Stigma https://alifelessordinaryds.wordpress.com/2017/02/10/dyslexia-mental-health-and-stigma
- 3) Write to Recovery https://www.writetorecovery.net/read
- 4) SANE blog http://www.sane.org.uk/how_you_can_help/blogging
- 5) Headtalks https://www.headtalks.com/blog/true-stories



Leaflets / summaries / factsheets

- The Dyslexia-Stress-Anxiety Connection A fact sheet by the International Dyslexia Association https://app.box.com/s/q4mjeez1p8dy8vlb24dappq931r85xfz
- 2) Dyslexia Scotland's leaflet on self-esteem http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/our-leaflets
- 3) NHS Inform (Scotland's health information service) https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/mental-wellbeing
- 4) Centre for Clinical Interventions information sheets http://www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/mhp.cfm
- 5) SANE http://www.sane.org.uk/resources/mental_health_conditions
- 6) Action on Depression http://actionondepression.org/action-publications
- 7) Edspace http://edspace.org.uk/factsheets



Book reviews

- 'Dyslexia and Mental Health'
 https://alifelessordinaryds.wordpress.com/2016/09/23/book-review-dyslexia-and-mental-health-by-neil-alexander-passe
- 2) 'The Writer's Key'
 This book helps you use creative writing for emotional wellbeing https://womenslibrary.org.uk/2016/10/21/the-writers-key-a-book-review

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