

## Women Advocates Who Have Made an Impact Nationally!



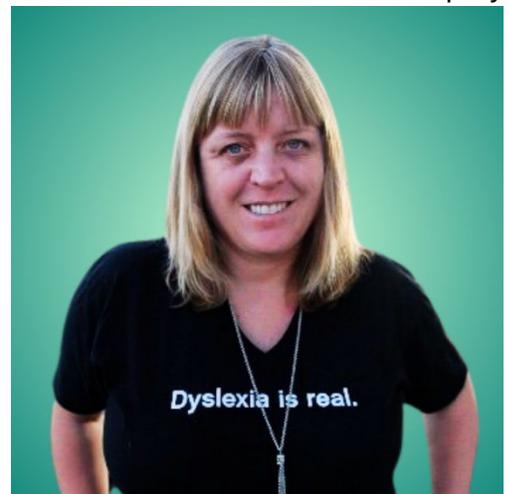
Since 2005, Kate Griggs has been leading the change to disrupt the world's thinking about dyslexia. She was shocked by the way her son's dyslexia was ignored at school and her high-profile campaign for change culminated in the UK government's Dyslexia Review.

In 2017 she founded global charity **Made By Dyslexia** to help the world understand, value and support dyslexia. Her first children's book *Xtraordinary People* was published in 2020 and her latest book for adults, *THIS is Dyslexia*, is out now. Kate states it was a mix of her own childhood experiences and her experiences with her kids that brought her to her current role as the founder and CEO of global charity Made By Dyslexia. I'm dyslexic and so are her whole family. In

fact, her whole life has been surrounded by a 'smorgasbord' of Dyslexic Thinking. Her experiences at school really shaped me – she went from failing miserably at school, to being sent to a school that spotted her dyslexia and nurtured her dyslexic strengths, and her life literally transformed. This led Kate to become a dyslexia expert, and author of two bestselling books on dyslexia published by Penguin. Made by Dyslexia's purpose is to help the world understand the value of Dyslexic Thinking, and our mission is to help every school and workplace empower Dyslexic Thinking. Learn more about Kate Griggs [here](#).

Kelli Sandman-Hurley is the author and founder of the Dyslexia Training Institute. She is a national speaker, advocate and expert witness for students and their families. Dr. Kelli has studied Structured Word Inquiry (SWI), the Orton-Gillingham (OG) approach, Lindamood-Bell, RAVE-O and Read Naturally. She co-created and produced "Dyslexia for a Day: A Simulation of Dyslexia," as well as writing the well-received books, *Dyslexia Advocate! How to Advocate for a Child with Dyslexia within the Public Education System*, *Dyslexia & Spelling: Making Sense of it All* and *The Adult Side of Dyslexia*.

Dr. Kelli earned a Doctorate in Literacy with a specialization in dyslexia from San Diego State University and the University of San Diego. Her love of language led her to earn an additional MA degree in Linguistics from San Diego State University as well as a TESOL certificate from UC San Diego.



When she is not working, you can find Dr. Kelli spending time with her son, husband, and beloved rescue dog – usually at a baseball game of some sort. If she's not with them, you can find her on the tennis courts or boarding a plane somewhere. You can learn more about Dr. Sandman-Hurley [here](#).

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