

Leon Biezeman is a Dutch writer with dyslexia. Our paths crossed in August 2013 when Dyslexia International was on a quest for Charity Ambassadors and Leon was in search of a meaningful way to share his knowledge about the abilities of people with dyslexia when given the opportunity.

He was of course warmly welcomed in the role of Charity Ambassador which involves raising awareness of what dyslexia is about and its effects on the student, society and the economy at large, advocating for our projects and our aims to see quality education for all in place – with special reference to children, youths and adults.

After writing his autobiography (1998) Leon did research on how people with dyslexia learn (published in 2007). In 2010 he organized a dyslexia festival and raised funds for his project ‘Writing with dyslexia’; over 80 dyslexic children participated by writing stories and poems, some about their experiences with dyslexia, others felt the freedom to write about whatever they felt like.

In 2011 Leon took a sabbatical. He started his sabbatical leave by visiting Boston (USA) for a couple of weeks where he had several informal meetings with Professor Al Galaburda. On one of those meetings Leon was invited to be a guest speaker at Harvard University.

After writing for educators, parents and professionals Leon’s next book (in Dutch), *Appzurt – dyslexia from A to Z*, is a youth book (12+) that describes in clear language what dyslexia is, what you can run into and how you can deal with it. It will be presented in November 2016. More information about Leon Biezeman (mostly in Dutch): www.verdraaid.nl