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# Public Engagement Seminar Series



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## Enhancing communication skills in early years and classroom settings

Part one of our two-part series 'Language and Communication'



**Thursday 26 February 2015**  
**5.30 - 7.00pm**  
(refreshments available from 5.00pm)

# Enhancing communication skills in early years and classroom settings

## Synopsis

Our ability to communicate affects us in every aspect of our lives. In the UK over one million children and young people have speech language and communication needs (SLCN). Over 50% of children in some areas of the country are starting school with inadequate language skills. Ofsted has reported that 'poor spoken language puts young people at risk of poor literacy, poor behaviour, poor social and emotional development and poor attainment'.

This interactive workshop will look at the role speech and language therapists have in supporting the children and young people's workforce to build the knowledge, skills and expertise in this area. This focussed approach aims to change the environment in early years and school settings to help alleviate the gap between those children and young people who communicate well and those who do not.

The seminar will be an opportunity to discuss the good practice as well as the issues that arise from this holistic approach. In addition, participants will be asked to consider ways of identifying communication issues as well as exploring the types of interventions that affect change in communication behaviours.

## Anne McCaffrey

Anne has worked as a speech and language therapist in the UK and in New Zealand. She has worked in a variety of settings including clinics, mainstream schools, SILC (specialist inclusive learning centre) provision, and language resourced primary schools. Anne is also a trained primary teacher and worked for several years as a Key Stage 1 teacher in a school in Bradford.

Anne works in mainstream primary schools in Leeds. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her work with school staff to develop children's communication and interaction skills. As part of her work she has developed a specialism in working with children learning English as an additional language.

## Venue

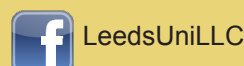
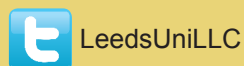
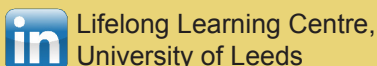
Room 1.08,  
Parkinson Building.  
Refreshments will  
be available from  
5.00pm

## Interested?

This seminar is FREE to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic. Please register at

<http://leedsuniilc.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information, please contact Georgina Collins on 0113 343 6892 / [g.collins@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:g.collins@leeds.ac.uk)



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