The Communication Trust is a coalition of more than 50 not-for-profit organisations. Working together, we support everyone who works with children and young people in England to promote speech, language and communication development.

Our vision is that every child and young person is enabled to communicate to the very best of their ability.

Our work focuses on supporting all children and young people to reach their potential with their communication skills, particularly those with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

We campaign to raise awareness about the importance of these crucial skills and the impact of SLCN, providing information, tools and resources to enable practitioners to improve their practice in supporting all children and young people.

Through informing and up-skilling the workforce we aim to maximise potential for early identification and intervention to improve speech and language outcomes for all children and young people.

Education phase key:
- EY: Early years
- P: Primary
- S: Secondary
- FE: Further education
Practical resources

Communicating the Curriculum
A practical resource that supports primary schools to define and monitor progression within the National Curriculum Programme of Study for Spoken Language in Years 1-6.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/communicatingthecurriculum

Target audience: Primary schools
Education phase: P

Schools Commissioning Guidance
A series of ‘One Stop' Guides to take settings through some key steps to consider when planning to commission speech and language therapy services.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/schoolscommissioningguidance

Target audience: Early years, Primary, Secondary and FE settings
Education phase: EY P S FE

Universally Speaking
A series of booklets for anyone who works with children and young people providing guidance on ages and stages of development. Available in age ranges 0-5, 5-11 and 11-18.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/universallyspeaking

Target audience: Early years, Primary and Secondary professionals
Education phase: EY P S
Practical resources

Let’s Talk About It
A booklet for trainee or newly qualified teachers outlining key information about children’s communication skills.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/letstalkaboutit

Target audience:
Trainee and newly qualified teachers

Education phase:
EY P S

Misunderstood
An information booklet for those wanting to find out more about supporting children and young people with SLCN.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/misunderstood

Target audience:
Early years, Primary and Secondary professionals

Education phase:
EY P S

Involving Children and Young People with SLCN – a toolkit for education settings
Information and resources with practical tools to help practitioners understand and shape their approach to involving children and young people.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/involve

Target audience:
All practitioners working in education settings

Education phase:
EY P S FE
Involving Children and Young People with SLCN: a Brief Guide
An accessible guide with printable resources to help practitioners shape their approach to involving children and young people as part of good practice
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/involvingcyp

Target audience:
All practitioners working in education settings
Education phase:
EY  P  S  FE

Communicating Phonics
A guide for teachers on delivering and interpreting the phonics screening test to children with SLCN.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/phonics

Target audience:
Teachers
Education phase:
EY

Communication Supporting Classroom Observation Tool
A tool developed by the Better Communication Research Programme to profile the oral language environment of the classroom.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/classroomobservationtool

Target audience:
Schools
Education phase:
EY  P  S
Practical resources

Consortium Catalogue
A catalogue which lists the vast range of resources that are available to schools and settings from our Consortium members.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/consortiumcatalogue

Other Ways of Speaking
A booklet which looks at different ways of communicating, designed for those working with children or young people who have unclear speech, limited language or are non-verbal.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/otherwaysofspeaking

Don’t Get Me Wrong
A booklet for those who want to find out more about supporting children and young people with SLCN.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/dontgetmewrong

Target audience:
Anyone working with children and young people, parents, children and young people

Education phase:
EY P S FE

Target audience:
Practitioners and families

Education phase:
EY P S
Sentence Trouble
A guide to help the youth justice workforce improve their understanding of the communication needs of the young people they work with.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/sentencetrouble

Through the Eyes of a Child
A series of films narrated by Kathy Burke providing advice for parents on encouraging their child’s communication development.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/throughtheeyesofachild

Early Identification Framework
A guide that presents a three-step approach to help you identify children who may be struggling with their speech, language and communication development.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/earlyyears

Target audience:
Youth justice workforce
Education phase:
P S FE

Target audience:
Parents who have children up to the age of 3
Education phase:
EY

Target audience:
Early years professionals
Education phase:
EY
Practical resources

Initial Teacher Education Resources
Materials to support Initial Teacher Education providers and trainee teachers to embed speech, language and communication into training.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/initialteachereducation

Target audience: ITE providers and trainee teachers
Education phase: EY P S FE

Identifying SLCN Online Platform
A one stop shop of tools, resources and case studies that support practitioners to identify speech language and communication needs.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/identifyingslcn

Target audience: Practitioners across all ages
Education phase: EY P S FE

Communicating the Code
A guide for practitioners explaining the changes in the reformed SEND system in relation to SLCN.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/communicatingthecode

Target audience: Practitioners across Early years, schools, further education
Education phase: EY P S FE
Practical resources

**Further Education Case Studies**
Further Education case studies, sourced in partnership with the Association of Colleges, showcasing examples of good practice in post-16 settings. [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/furthereducation](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/furthereducation)

**EAL Best Practice Case Studies**
A collection of case studies from settings that demonstrate effective approaches for supporting children and young people with EAL and SLCN. [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/ealcasestudies](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/ealcasestudies)

**Coming soon – Best Practice in the Youth Justice System**
Case studies that showcase effective examples of supporting children and young people in the youth justice system with their speech, language and communication development.

**Target audience:**
- Practitioners working in post-16 settings
- Anyone working with children and young people
- Youth justice professionals

**Education phase:**
- FE
- EY P S
- S FE
No Pens Day Wednesday
No Pens Day Wednesday is a campaign to encourage schools and settings to put down their pens and pick up their language and run a day of speaking and listening activities. Lesson plans and activity packs available. www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/nopensdaywednesday

Target audience:
Early years, primary, secondary, special schools

Education phase:
EY P S FE

Communication Commitment
A free resource designed to enable schools to audit their current practice and develop a whole-school approach to supporting speech, language and communication. www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/commitment

Target audience:
Primary and secondary schools

Education phase:
P S

Communication Leaders
A peer-mentoring approach to supporting the language and communication development of primary and secondary aged pupils. It enables children and young people to take on a unique leadership role in communication within their schools and homes. www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/communication-leaders

Target audience:
Primary and Secondary schools

Education phase:
P S
Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF)
A free online CPD tool which sets out the skills and knowledge the workforce need to support children and young people’s speech, language and communication. Individuals and groups can use the SLCF to evaluate their skills and identify learning needs, with tailored training and resource suggestions to support development.
www.slcframework.org.uk

Evidencing Good Practice
Real life case studies on how the SLCF is used to improve knowledge and practice.
www.slcframework.org.uk/whats-next/evidencing-good-practice

Target audience:
Anyone working with children and young people

Education phase:
EY P S FE
Professional development

Platform 3 – Level 3 qualification: supporting children and young people’s speech, language and communication

- Platform 3 is an online route to undertaking the Level 3 Award.
- The Level 3 Award enables practitioners to develop the knowledge and skills needed to effectively support the speech, language and communication development of those they work with, and to identify those with SLCN.

www.platform3online.org.uk

CPD Online short course
A free online short course to start practitioners on their learning journey to begin to develop an understanding of speech, language and communication.

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/onlineshortcourse

Target audience:
Anyone working with children and young people

Education phase:
EY P S FE

Target audience:
Anyone working with children and young people

Education phase:
EY P S
Talking to parents and carers about their child's speech, language and communication needs

A video to support practitioners to effectively engage with parents about their child's speech, language and communication. www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/talkingtoparents

Target audience:
Practitioners and families

Education phase:

The Communication Trust Resources Guide
Primary Milestone Poster – What’s typical talk at primary?
Outlines key milestones for communication development of primary aged children.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/primaryschoolposter

Secondary Milestone Poster – What’s typical talk at secondary?
Outlines key milestones for communication development of secondary aged children.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/secondaryschoolposter

Cracking the Code Posters
Displays a snapshot of the roles and responsibilities relevant to each education phase as set by the SEND code of practice. We also have a poster for parents.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/crackingthecode

Target audience: Anyone working with children and young people, parents
Education phase: EY P S FE

Target audience: Primary
Education phase: P

Target audience: Secondary
Education phase: S
Implementing the Graduated Approach poster
A poster for settings and practitioners outlining key questions to promote thinking about at each stage of a graduated approach cycle of ‘assess, plan, do, review’.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/earlyyears

Target audience:
Early years professionals

Education phase:
EY
Talking About a Generation
A report published in 2017 that explores the key issues surrounding SLCN in terms of policy, evidence and practice.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/talkingaboutageneration

Professional Development in Speech, Language and Communication: findings from a national workforce survey
A report published in 2017 presenting the findings of our consultation with the children and young people’s workforce around CPD opportunities.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/workforcesurvey

Involving Children and Young People with SLCN Research
A research report published in 2015 which explores the involvement of children and young people with SLCN and their families in decision making.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/involve
Reports

Implementing the SEND reforms – Joint commissioning for children and young people with SLCN
Published with Better Communication CIC and The Communication Council in 2014 for commissioners or those who want more information about joint commissioning of services.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/slcncommissioningreport

Target audience:
Commissioners

Education phase:
EY P S FE

A Generation Adrift
A report published in 2013 which makes the case for speech, language and communication to take a central role in schools’ policy and practice.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/agenerationadrift

Target audience:
Practitioners, schools, policy makers, commissioners

Education phase:
EY P S FE
**What Works**
*What Works* is a moderated virtual library of evidenced-based interventions that aim to improve outcomes in speech, language and communication. [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/whatworks](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/whatworks)

**Target audience:**
Early years practitioners, teachers, school leaders, speech and language therapists

**Education phase:**
EY P S FE

---

**What Works Training**
The *What Works* training database brings together evaluated speech, language and communication training programmes to enable professionals to find out more about their evidence. [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/what-works-training](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/what-works-training)

**Target audience:**
Early years practitioners, teachers, school leaders, commissioners

**Education phase:**
EY P S FE

---

**Developing and Using Evidence**
A webpage dedicated to enabling practitioners working across the education and the speech language and communication sector to take steps towards understanding research and developing their own evidence base. [www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/developingandusingevidence](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/developingandusingevidence)

**Target audience:**
All

**Education phase:**
EY P S FE
What Works for Education Settings
A new web page to support education settings in their use of What Works, a moderated database of evidenced interventions for speech, language and communication. www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/whatworkseducation

Target audience:
All practitioners working in education settings

Education phase:
EY P S FE
Speech, Language and Communication Progression Tools - Early Years, Primary and Secondary

A series of Tools aimed to support teaching staff to identify children who may be struggling to develop their speech, language and communication skills. They can also be used to track progression over time or following intervention.

Available for the following ages 3, 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and 16-18.

The Progression Tools are available for individual purchase or as part of a bundle.

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/progressiontools

Target audience:
Teaching staff

Education phase:

Listen To Us
A resource for people delivering training, support or professional development in speech, language and communication needs. Includes a DVD and supporting booklet.

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/listentous

Target audience:
Speech and language therapists, specialist and advisory teachers

Education phase:
Resources to buy

Top Tips Leaflet
A fold out poster with 10 Top Tips to help make the most of children and young people’s communication skills.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/toptipsleaflet

Small Talk
This booklet provides information on promoting and monitoring language development for children aged 0-5 learn and what to do if parents have concerns about their child.
www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/smalltalk

Target audience:
Early years, Primary and Secondary professionals

Education phase:
EY P S

Target audience:
Parents

Education phase:
EY
Become a Local Champion or Language Leader for The Communication Trust!

**Local Champion**
We are always looking for local practitioners who are able to spread the word on the importance of speech, language and communication where it is needed most. There is now the chance to harness the vital activity you do and become a Local Champion! If this sounds like you, and you would like to find out more, email lchampions@thecommunicationtrust.org.uk

**Language Leaders**
We have also developed a network of Language Leaders, specifically for those in leadership roles such as head teachers, deputy or assistant heads. This network is for those who are able to share the importance of communication skills and effect change across their schools and networks from a strategic level. Get in touch with us to find out more – languageleaders@thecommunicationtrust.org.uk