

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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Confidence Building through Family Reading

Who are we?

We are Literacy Volunteers, a registered charity formed in 1996, which helps children in Primary Schools with reading and communication difficulties overcome their problems. We are a partnership of member schools and Volunteers, who we vet (via the DBS) train and support in post with the minimum call on school staff resources. These are the details of our **Confidence Building through Family Reading Workshops**.

What do we do?

With the support of ENABLE's ESF Community Grants Programme (funded by the European Social Fund and the Skills Funding Agency), Literacy Volunteers have developed and delivered, both in the City and County, a series of 10 Workshops delivering Confidence Building through Family Reading.

We are now able to offer these Workshops to interested parties on a fee paying basis, details of which will be given on application.

- The main aim of the Workshops is to help parents/carers gain confidence in themselves by understanding how they can encourage their children's literacy and communication skills. The course will be held in local centres and covers:
 - Tips on engaging with pre-school children to encourage their language development.
 - Reading techniques that can be used with children of primary school age so that the experience of reading with an adult is encouraging rather than discouraging.
 - The need for the adults to understand that they are not 'teaching reading' but sharing their reading and communicating skills.
 - What it feels like to be struggling to read and children's consequent behaviour.
 - The use of word games and puzzles.
 - Using the internet to find websites with good resources for children, to find local activities for children and further learning opportunities for parents.
 - How to help their children use the internet safely.

Who will benefit?

- The adults, as they will be better equipped and more confident in their approach to helping children read and communicate.
- The children will feel more encouraged to read at home because their reading time will be fun.
- All involved, as understanding and relationships are strengthened.

What do you do if you are interested?

Contact the Administrator on **0115 876 5474** or email **contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk** to find out more and detailed costings.

We are also able to offer:

Community Course
Parent Volunteers Course
Sixth Form Mentors Course
Pen Pals Scheme



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