

Book Sharing Skills:

A practical CPD session for practitioners working with children aged birth to five and their families.

Would you like to develop your storytelling skills and broaden your knowledge base about appropriate books for children aged birth to five, whilst also picking up practical hints, tips and techniques on how to pass these skills on to the families that you work with?

If so, this one day CPD session, provided by Scottish Book Trust's Early Years Team, is for you. The course will transport delegates into the wonderful world of children's picture books, looking at the vast array of beautiful new books which are now available, titles to look out for and recommend to families, as well as revisiting tried and tested old favourites, and examining what makes them stand up to the test of time.

The session will look at the national book sharing programme, Bookstart in Scotland, and the free book sharing materials which are provided through this programme and how practitioners can best use these materials with the families that they support.

A professional storyteller will pass on a wealth of knowledge during the workshop and will concentrate on skills for reading aloud, in groups and one-to-one, and how to pass on reading skills to parents who may lack confidence in their own reading ability.

At the end of the session, delegates will have:

- An increased knowledge of early years picture and board books and the key factors that make a good book for the different ages and stages of the early years.
- An increased knowledge of a wide range of contemporary titles and authors as well as a 'bank' of well-known stories and more traditional authors.
- A practical understanding of book sharing techniques and tips
- Increased confidence in their own ability to read-aloud in an engaging, fun and listenable manner.
- Increased confidence in their own ability to pass these skills onto families and various strategies to help parents who lack confidence in their own reading-aloud skills.

During the CPD sessions delegates will receive:

- A handbook of information
- A set of Bookstart packs to keep
- A set of high quality promotional materials to decorate their own workshop/family areas

This course will be offered at the special reduced rate of £55.00 + VAT per delegate. It is expected that the course will run from 10am to 3pm. All refreshments (including lunch) will be provided free of charge by Learning Connections. The course will be held in central Glasgow on the 12th November 2009.

Please register for the course by Friday October 23, 2009. Registrations can be emailed to Catriona.wallace@scottishbooktrust.com