

The Norwich Opportunity Area has established a network of Communication Champions in schools, nurseries and early years settings across the city to create a universal approach to improving speech and language. This network is led by five Communication Hubs who work in partnership, led by Stuart Allen, Headteacher at Mile Cross Primary School.

As part of this project, we are offering access to free, online speech, language and communication training to staff in any school or setting in Norfolk (and beyond).

Training has been written by The Communication Trust and will include:

- Core modules: understanding speech, language and communication; identification and assessment of need; the communication environment; strategies and support for children with SLCN.
- Intermediate modules: attention, listening and understanding; vocabulary and expressive language; speech sounds and involving children with SLCN.

To access this training, or to find out more, please contact any one of our Communication Hub Leaders:

North Norwich Communication Hub (Mile Cross Primary School and Catton Grove Primary School Partnership)

Hub Leads: Eileen Maceachern and Catherine Bryan

Contact: Senco@milecrossprimary.norfolk.sch.uk or cbryan8nra@nsix.org.uk

Lakenham Primary School Communication Hub

Hub Leads: Jess Bell and Tracey Hawthorne

Contact: office@lakenham.norfolk.sch.uk

Peapod Preschool Communication Hub

Hub Leads: Fran O'Neill, Sarah Riley and Sarah Armstrong

Contact: contact@peapodpreschool.co.uk

Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Communication Hub

Hub Leads: Sam Thorpe and Faye Herron

Contact: duputylans@istnorfolk.co.uk

Little Squirrels Play Forest and Chestnut Nursery Partnership 0-2 Communication Hub

Hub Leads: Suzie Squirrel Hughes and Yvonne Hamilton

Contact: enquiries@little-squirrels.com nrp@chestnut-nursery.co.uk

Or contact NOA project manager Ashley Cater: Ashley.cater@norfolk.gov.uk

Once accessed, training modules can be completed at any time convenient to the participant. Two live and interactive webinar sessions with The Communication Trust will be hosted in July, available to anyone who has completed at least one of the online training courses. They will focus on Q + A plus a discussion of the individual tasks that are completed as part of the training.