

Developing Confident Talking in Early Years

by Michael Jones

Target Audience

Staff in Nursery, Preschool and Early Elementary Schools

Course Leader

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Date

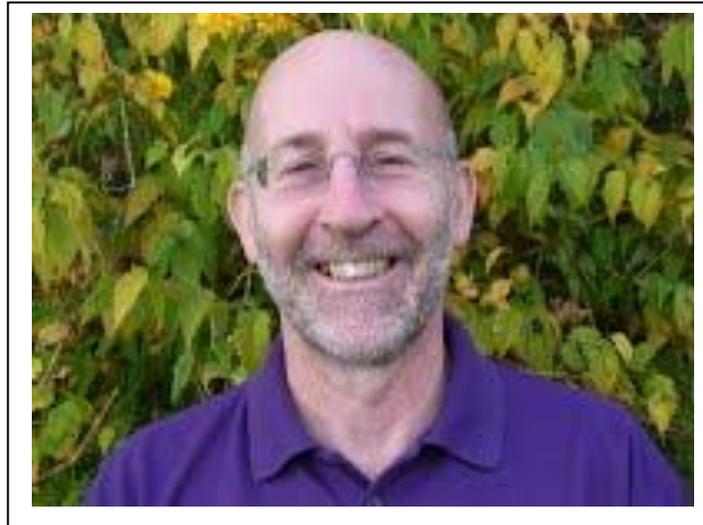
Nov 7 - 8, 2014

Time

8.30 - 15.30

Exact Venue

To be confirmed



Course Description

Many children are confident talkers at home, but may need extra support to join in with groups in school. These children may be 'reluctant talkers' due to shyness, high sensitivity, introversion or in some extreme cases, selective mutism.

Children learning a second language or with additional learning needs also need support to fully participate in groups, to develop friendships, and to promote optimum learning.

This course explores reasons for children becoming 'reluctant talkers' in early years settings, and looks at practical strategies and activities that will benefit all young children's language development and learning.

Methodology

This course includes lectures with audio visual presentation, discussions and practical workshops.

Course Leader

Michael Jones has over 30 years' experience as a Speech and Language Therapist, teacher, and trainer. Michael has taken part in action research involving practical methods to support children's language development, and has written extensively on the subject, including articles for magazines and academic journals.

Michael leads practical training across the UK and abroad. He led two successful speaking tours of Thailand in 2006 and 2007, including for staff in international schools and kindergartens, and talks for parents, student teachers and medical students. He led highly successful training for Knowledge Source Institute in Bangkok in 2013 and in Kuala Lumpur and Dubai in 2014. Michael has a particular interest in supporting children who are quiet and anxious in school.

Michael is the author of : *Let's Get Talking!* , *Supporting Quiet Children* and *Let's Talk About Maths!*

published by Lawrence Educational.

Course Goals

At the end of the course, participants will have increased understanding of:

- Why children are quiet in early years settings
- Practical strategies and activities for helping them enjoy participating and 'finding their voice' in groups
- Practical strategies for working with the parents of 'reluctant talkers'
- Activities to support all children's language and social development including: Bringing story time to life; Linking small world play and mark making; Helping children talk with each other; Sharing books with children to maximise children's involvement and language development

Course Synopsis

Day #1:

Exploring shyness, high sensitivity, introversion and selective mutism in children and how this influences their social skills and language development. Helping children during the 'silent phase' of learning an additional language. Practical strategies to build children's confidence as talkers in groups. Strategies for linking home and your setting, to increase children's confidence as talkers when away from home.

Day #2:

Practical activities to support all children's social skills and language, with particular reference to how adults organise and lead groups. Practical and fun activities to increase children's participation at storytime and other adult led activities. Activities to support children to talk with each other. Practical activities linking language, mark making and small world play.

Implementable Skills

This workshop was held in Bangkok (2013), Kuala Lumpur (2014), and Dubai (2014). The response of the participants to the question: "What are the theory/skills acquired from this workshop that you can use immediately?" is documented here:

[Implementable skills - Developing Confident Talking in Early Years](#)

Workshop Fee

Regular (Register by September 26, 2014)

Course fee: USD 650 per participant

Reduced Fee: USD 585 for 2 or more participants registering together

Early Bird (Register by August 25, 2014)

Course fee: USD 610 per participant

Reduced Fee: USD 545 for 2 or more participants registering together

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