



English as an Additional Language (EAL) - supporting young children learning to talk in a bilingual environment (Richmond)

Introduction

Speech Language and Communication skills (SLCs) are a fundamental part of a child's early development as reflected in the Early Years Foundation curriculum. Children with EAL require a modified environment to support language learning, even beyond the point they have started using English. Those children who have SLC difficulties alongside EAL require a skilled workforce working together to identify difficulties early and embed support in the child's everyday environment to ensure the best outcomes for the child.

The course will equip attendees with up-to-date knowledge and research that informs best practice. Attendees will be encouraged to think about how they can use this knowledge in their everyday work with young children who have English as an Additional Language (EAL) and their families, developing strategies and modifying the communication environment to enhance the outcomes for these children.

This course is run by Your Healthcare Speech and Language Therapy team in Kingston. It's designed to provide practitioners with an introduction on how best to support children who are developing their speech, language and communication (SLC) skills in a bilingual environment. The course is relevant for anybody working closely with preschool children and their families.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this training delegates will:

- Show an increased knowledge and understanding of EAL and bilingualism.
- Be able to provide parents with the latest advice on bilingualism.
- Be able to design and modify the pre-school environment for EAL and bilingual children and be able to implement learning into practice immediately following the course.
- Be able to recognise when specialist involvement is needed by making timely referrals of bilingual children to SLT service.
- Be able to ensure that the appropriate procedures are in place for when an EAL child enrolls in their setting in order to plan for their learning needs.

Audience	Youth, Sports and Culture, Social, Family and Voluntary Support, Justice and Crime Prevention, Health, Education, Early Years and Childcare
Age Ranges	0 - 5 yrs / 5 - 7 yrs
Trainer	Karen Griffin, Vanessa Gordon

Start Date	Venue	Times	Event Code
17 Oct 2019	Twickenham Training Centre, 53 Grimwood Road, TW1 1BY	09:30 to 13:00	EDU 19/343