

## Curriculum for Excellence - Literacy Across Learning

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9.30am – 3.30pm

*“Throughout their education, children and young people should experience an environment which is rich in language and which sets high expectations for literacy and the use of language.”*

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### Aims

- To explore literacy experiences that promote the development of talking and listening skills;
- To highlight the need to create a language rich environment to encourage early reading and writing skills to emerge.

Through practical workshops delegates will :

- Share ideas for encouraging learning to listen including developing aural attention span;
- Consider the importance of encouraging the taking of time to talk including awareness of audience and turn taking;
- Learn about early reading skills, for example, awareness of the nature and functions of print;
- Share ideas for supporting children when moving into writing, considering motor control and hand-to-eye co-ordination.

During the day consideration will be given to a variety of effective learning and teaching situations which will involve a skilful mix of appropriate approaches including the use of relevant, real life and enjoyable contexts and a balance of spontaneous play and planned activities.

