

Bolton Start Well Conference



Children ready to learn

Closing the
word gap
in Bolton



7th February 2020
9.00am until 4.30pm
Bolton Albert Halls

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Leading quality in the Early Years

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Nationally, and within Bolton, a word gap exists which is impacting on our children's future life chances.

Effective communication and language development is paramount. Communication and Language underpins all aspects of learning.

It is fundamental in preparing children for school, supporting their ability to listen and attend, to understand and speak with confidence in an age appropriate way.

Join us at our early years conference, where we will look more closely at the impact of the word gap in Bolton. Through reflecting on our own practice, we will explore research and share good practice as we consider how we can inspire those around us to make a difference to the word gap in Bolton.

Our keynote speakers

“**Starting Well,
Living Well**”

The Early Years outcomes and the Bolton context
Helen Lowey, Director of Public Health and Melissa McGuinness
Director of Transformation at Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group

“**The Long-Term Impact of Change**”

Setting out national and local work to close the word gap and exploring how we can each make a difference.

Michelle Morris, Early Years Language and Communication Pathway Lead, GMCA and Consultant Speech and Language Therapist

“**Inspecting the Curriculum in the Early Years**”

Tim Vaughan,
HMI, Ofsted

“**SUMO**”

Inspiring change
Ed Hollamby

With further speakers to be confirmed, the day will also include a variety of exhibits and opportunities to share practice.

There will be two workshops delivered by Bolton's Early Years Communication and Language Development Service which will focus on “Making every interaction count” and “Bringing vocabulary alive”, all delegates will have the opportunity to attend both sessions.

Delegate Rate: £80 per person*

* £65 for second and subsequent delegates from the same organisation and £50 for Voluntary Community Sector organisations

If Communication and Language Development and/or Personal Social and Emotional Development is an identified priority in your setting/school, you may want to use your EYPP funding.

To book, visit our website www.boltonstartwell.org.uk or email: StartWellBookings@bolton.gov.uk