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Literacy Advocacy Sessions for Parents

Thank you for your interest in supporting UK Reads and joining our effort to empower parents through literacy advocacy sessions. At UK Reads, we deeply understand the profound impact literacy has on a child's educational journey and lifelong success. We recognise that every parent desires to effectively support their child's learning but may face challenges in navigating the complexities of literacy development. Whether it involves understanding reading and writing milestones, supporting children with neurodivergent traits, or fostering a nurturing learning environment at home, we believe equipped parents can significantly enhance their child's educational experience.

The Need

Many parents feel unprepared to navigate the challenges of supporting their children in literacy and learning. This is particularly true for those from low-income backgrounds or with children who have neurodivergent traits. Our goal is to bridge this gap by offering accessible, supportive sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and confidence they need. Parents can register for sessions through the UK Reads website, free of charge, ensuring accessibility for all seeking support.



Our Goals

The primary goals of our advocacy sessions are:



Respite and Support

Provide a safe space where parents can ask questions, receive guidance, and learn from each other.



Community Engagement

Foster a community of support among parents and partners, sharing expertise to effectively support children's literacy and learning.



Confidence Building

Equip parents with newfound skills and confidence to support their children's literacy and learning journeys.

Sessions will target parents and caregivers of children and young people aged 5-16 years. Initially, the sessions will primarily benefit parents of secondary school-aged children.

What We Ask from Facilitating Partners

We invite partners with a genuine passion for literacy advocacy and expertise from real-world experience, research, or specific knowledge domains. Your contributions will enrich our sessions and ensure maximum impact for participating parents.





How Partners can contribute

1. Topic Selection

Choose topics aligned with your expertise and relevant to parents' needs. Collaborate with our team to refine these topics for effective session objectives.

2. Session Facilitation

Lead engaging sessions by sharing knowledge, practical tips, and experiences that empower parents with actionable strategies.

3. Resource Sharing

Offer valuable resources, tools, or information about local support groups beyond the session to aid ongoing parental support.



Topics for Sessions

We have suggested topics to inspire ideas and address common challenges parents face in supporting their children's literacy and learning. Partners are encouraged to bring their insights and expertise to discussions, and we welcome suggestions beyond these topics.

• Understanding Literacy Development

Explore key milestones in reading and writing development across childhood and adolescence. Learn effective strategies to foster early literacy skills at home.

• Supporting Neurodivergent Learners

Gain insights into identifying and supporting children with diverse learning needs such as dyslexia, ADHD, and autism. Discover adaptive approaches and tools for improving reading comprehension and engagement.



• **Creating a Literacy-Rich Environment**

Design home environments that promote reading and integrate literacy into everyday activities and routines to reinforce its importance and make learning enjoyable.

• **Navigating Learning Challenges**

Recognise signs of learning difficulties and access resources for educational assessments and support services to help children overcome obstacles.

• **Techniques for Effective Reading Together**

Engage in interactive reading techniques that foster meaningful discussions and enhance comprehension skills. Promote critical thinking through dialogic reading practices that deepen a child's understanding of literature.

• **Digital Literacy and Screen Time Management**

Balance digital literacy tools with traditional methods to support comprehensive learning experiences. Learn effective ways to use educational apps and online resources while managing screen time for optimal developmental outcomes.

• **Advocating for Your Child's Education**

Navigate parent-teacher relationships to foster collaborative support for your child's educational journey. Understand the rights and resources available to advocate effectively for your child's educational needs and development.

• **Promoting a Love for Reading**

Create engaging reading environments that cultivate a positive attitude towards learning. Recommend age-appropriate books and activities to instil a lifelong passion for reading and exploration.

• **Community and Local Resources**

Access local libraries, literacy programmes, and community support groups that provide valuable resources and networking opportunities. Explore financial assistance options and scholarships available to support educational endeavours and literacy initiatives.

• **Early Years Support**

Explore strategies and resources to support literacy development in children during their early years (ages 5 and below). Discuss milestones in early literacy acquisition, effective methods for introducing literacy skills at home, and activities that promote language development and pre-reading skills.

Your involvement as a facilitating partner is crucial in creating a supportive ecosystem where parents can thrive in supporting their children's literacy and learning needs. Together, we can significantly empower families and build a stronger foundation for children's educational success.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to collaborating with you and making a meaningful impact.

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