

Monday 13 March 2017 (registration from 9:15)

10:00– 10.20	Chair: Jean Gross CBE Education Expert & Author	Introduction Welcoming remarks and reflections on this year's themes and the Bercow Report: 10 years on
10:20– 10.55	Keynote: Professor Elena Lieven Director, LuCiD	The Influence of Children's Communicative Environments Comprehensive overview of the very early stages of language development and discussion of environmental influences on language acquisition
10.55–11.00– discussion		
11:00– 11.30	Chris Cuthbert Director of Development, Big Lottery Fund	A Better Start: Language and communication at the heart of early child development An opportunity to learn more about the guiding principles of a complex, area-based programme, identifying potential for shared learning and development
11.30–11.35– discussion 11.35–11.50–refreshment break		
11:50– 12.15	Allison Potter Literacy Advisor, Middlesbrough Council; Hub Manager, National Literacy Trust	The Role of Public Health in Reinforcing Early Literacy Messages How can cross-sector engagement, co-ordination and communication raise the profile of language and literacy in the early years?
12.15–12.20– discussion		
12:20– 12.55	Laura Barbour Early Years Programmes Manager, The Sutton Trust Jen Lexmond CEO & Co-Founder, EasyPeasy App	Developing Effective Parental Engagement in Order to Support Children's Learning Why is parental engagement important? How can we use evaluation to improve practice as well as demonstrate impact? EasyPeasy Explained A great example of designing and running a randomised control trial with the University of Oxford: did the app really increase children's school readiness?
12.55–13.10– panel discussion with morning speakers / Q&A 13.10-14.00– lunch		
14:00– 14.35	Professor Kathy Sylva OBE Professor of Educational Psychology, Oxford University	The Role of Parent Child Interaction Expert reflections on effective home learning environments for early communication
14.35–14.40 – discussion		
14:40– 15.05	Lynda McQueen School Readiness Manager, Sefton Council Kathryn Croughan Lead Language Champion, Sefton Council	Sefton's Language Champions What can we learn from language and communication development across the Sefton early years sector? Two of Sefton's most passionate practitioners share their experiences
15.05–15.10 – discussion		
15:10– 15.40	Dr Caspar Addyman Lecturer in Psychology, Goldsmiths, University of London	What Baby Laughter Tells us about Early Language Learning Little children will play with anything and language is no exception
15:40–15.55– panel discussion with afternoon speakers 15:55-16:00– closing remarks (Jean Gross) end 16:00		