

SEND Show 2018

When does a reluctance to talk become something that needs specific specialised support? This was the question posed at the training session delivered as part of the workshop programme at the AcornTree SEND Conference this year: “Too Shy to Speak?”

On Monday 18th June, Emma and Hannah attended the annual Acorn SEND Conference at Dunston Hall in Norfolk. This was our third year at the Conference, bringing an increasing number of people and some really great professionals for us to meet and network with.

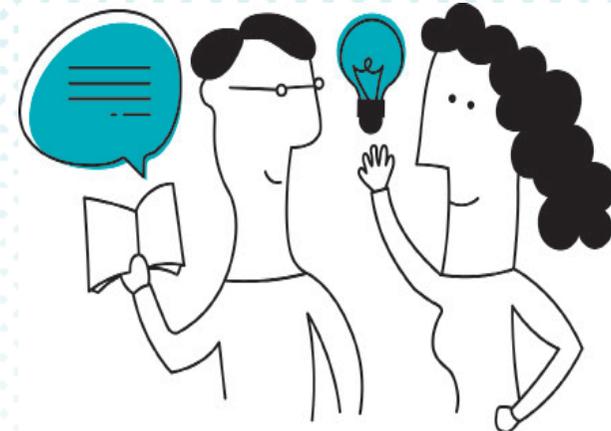


As always, everyone was really friendly and it was a lovely opportunity to talk to people about the impact of speech and language difficulties on learning and wellbeing. The training session was really well received with people adding to existing knowledge, or increasing their understanding of “why” some children are unable to talk in particular situations but confident in others.

Hopefully, everyone took away some ideas about how to reduce pressure on children who are struggling to find their voices so that they can still be part of school activities and reduce their anxiety. If you'd like to know more about this training, please contact our Training Lead, Hannah!

We look forward to next year's SEND Show already!

The Update



School's out for Summer!

It's been another fantastic year for the Communicate Team. We've worked with lots of new and existing settings, taken our Communicake group 'on the road' and hosted our first SENCo CPD Day alongside AcornTree PCS!

We're incredibly excited for what next year is looking to bring already; another SENCo CPD Day, providing training to the Norwich Opportunity Area through The Communication Trust and taking our very own training around the region!

If you are looking for training for your organisation, we also offer bespoke training courses to support a variety of needs and develop staff skills!

Contact Hannah at communicate.hannah@gmail.com for further information.

Award Winner



Karina Kitchener & Karen Johnson
White Hall Academy



Karina and Karen are our winners for the Summer Term 2017/18 award. They work alongside our therapist, Sophie, and this is why they were nominated...

Karina and Karen will be personally gifted with a voucher to use towards our training, as well as some fun games for therapy!

Thank you for all your hard work!

“Karina and Karen have been supporting me since I joined Communicate. They work with SLCN across a large academy and have provided many years of dedication to SLT. They are always open to sharing new ideas, games, rooms and donuts! They are happy to take on new challenges and are currently helping the school work towards achieving the Essex Language and Communication Silver award.”

Sophie Broadbridge
Speech and Language Therapist

A Special Thank you....

With there only being 3 terms in a school year, we're unfortunately limited to 3 'Communicate Excellence' Award Winners each year. However, there are many more members of staff that we work with who do a fantastic job in supporting children with SLCN. Therefore, at the end of each academic year we like to give a special mention and thank you to other members of staff who also do such a fantastic job.....

- Mandy Fayers @ Helmingham Primary
- Mary Pattinson @ Trimley St Mary
- Jenni Clark @ Whitehouse Primary
- Steph Flory @ Whitehouse Primary
- Charlotte Richardson @ Whitton Primary
- Emma Hawkins @ Cann Hall Primary
- Sophie Cross @ Cann Hall Primary
- May Yu @ Notley Green Primary
- Claire Mitchell @ Raleigh Infants
- Kelly Chadd @ Woodlands Primary
- Julie @ St Pancras Primary
- Emily Last @ Ranelagh Primary



SLA Survey Feedback

At the end of each academic year, we kindly ask our schools to provide us with feedback on how we're doing via a survey. We wanted to share with you some of the feedback from that survey.....

“100% of school leadership staff think our service is good value for money”

“100% of schools were either satisfied or very satisfied with our service”

“The Communicate service is completely personalised to the needs of the school without any hidden agenda”