

Welcome to Early Years training at Scottish Book Trust. We provide high quality, affordable training including a full range of courses designed specifically for organisations who work with the Early Years.

Meet our trainer

Tracy Lowe has been delivering Early Years training for over five years. She has a background in linguistics and is passionate about the active role that every family can play in their child's early literacy development. As an experienced trainer, you will find her approach professional and relaxed. All presentations highlight current research and feature examples of best practice. Tracy's courses offer a practical element so that delegates are able to implement new knowledge and skills into their work.



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Scottish Book Trust is the leading agency for the promotion of literature, reading and writing in Scotland



Bookbug is Scottish Book Trust's national book gifting programme for children aged birth to five and their families.

For new resources, interesting information and research relating to the Early Years follow the weekly blog: [Tracy's Early Years Lowe Down](#)

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Courses for Early Years professionals

READING BETWEEN THE LINES This session will explore the role books can play in positive parent/child interaction and the developmental benefits of reading aloud with young children.

READING ALOUD WITH CONFIDENCE This practical session will look at how the overall book design can give clues about the best way to read books aloud. The workshop will also focus on using your voice to bring a book to life.

EXTENDING BOOKS INTO PLAY This hands-on workshop will look at simple ideas and activities to extend beyond the words on the page and incorporate books into creative play.

EARLY LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Our language and literacy skills start to develop before we are born. This seminar focuses on brain, language and literacy development from birth to three year olds. Drawing on current and relevant research, we'll discuss the theory behind how we learn and easy practical tips that will have a lasting positive impact on the youngest of children.

USING SONGS AND RHYMES Singing and rhyming play an important part in children's development. This session will give delegates practical experience on how to lead parents and children in interactive story, song and rhyme sessions that promote bonding and positive interaction.

THE BOOKBUG PIRATE PACK: SUPPORTING A LOVE OF BOOKS AND READING FOR LIFE The course aims to show staff how the Bookbug Pirate Pack can be integrated into the practice of Early Years settings. Research shows us that in order to impact on parents' behaviour and encourage them to read at home with their child, the Bookbug Packs need to be gifted effectively and parents need to be involved in the process.

EFFECTIVE BOOKBUG PACK GIFTING TO FAMILIES WITH BABIES AND TODDLERS Research shows that Bookbug Packs need to be gifted with a strong, clear and consistent message for families. This

course will explore the Bookbug Packs in depth and will offer many practical ideas on using the packs to engage with families.

Additional training

Please note: this is suitable for all organisations and professionals, not just those specialising in the Early Years.

PLAIN ENGLISH TRAINING This course will help delegates make small changes to make important documents easier to read. Plain English training uses practical examples for effective and efficient writing with clear meaning. The course also examines elements of design that will make documents more readable.

WHY NOT BOOK TRACY FOR YOUR EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE OR EVENT?

Conference and presentation topics include:

- Using Bookbug packs to engage with families
- Practical book-sharing skills
- Engaging with books to develop different literacy skills
- Early brain and language development
- Importance of reading aloud to promote health and wellbeing

Booking and enquiries

If you would like to combine more than one of the above topics, Scottish Book Trust would be pleased to offer bespoke training and conference presentations. Tracy will be happy to work with you or your organisation to plan the content and format. Please email Tracy for more information or for our current rates tracy.lowe@scottishbooktrust.com

SQA ASSESSMENT Tracy Lowe has an SQA A1 Assessor qualification and is happy to provide SQA assessments within Early Years settings on a freelance basis.



Testimonials

“Found this course fantastic! I can honestly say that I wasn't bored once. Normally at training sessions it can be too much sitting around trying to take information in, but because it was very 'hands-on' I felt that I learned more.”
Participant, Bookbug Session Training, March 2011

“I've been teaching for over 20 years and this is the most interesting and informative CPD session I have attended.”
Participant, Bookbug Pirate Pack Training, 2010

“All of the attendees (a mixture of Educational Psychologists, Head teachers, SENCOs and Infant Teachers) were extremely impressed with the quality of the presentation materials and the delivery of the training.”
Diarmuid O'Rourke, National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS), Ireland