

TALKING
TAKES OFF

Talking Takes Off in Luton

What is Talking Takes Off?

Delivered as part of Luton's Flying Start programme, Talking Takes Off is a year long programme funded by the Department for Education to support communication and language development in babies and young children from the antenatal period through to when they start school.



Why is it important?

Good early communication skills provide the solid foundations on which children build the best start in life. They lead to vital skills which will guide children on a life long journey of socialising, learning and progress, as well as helping them in achieving their full potential and wellbeing.



Why we need your support

Talking Takes Off needs to raise awareness about the importance of early language development to different communities across Luton.

Voluntary and community groups provide a vital link in reaching families, and can support Flying Start to spread the Talking Takes Off messages



What we can offer

Talking Takes Off will provide the voluntary sector with practical support to spread the word about the importance of early language development. We are offering staff and volunteers in your organisation a range of free tools, resources and training workshops.

We are also providing training for volunteers, partners and professionals in Luton, raising awareness about early language development.

For information on free training for volunteers, please contact talkingtakesoff@luton.gov.uk

Frequently asked questions:

Who is funding the project, and for how long ?

Luton Council has secured funding from the Department for Education (DfE) for its Early Outcome Fund (EOF) programme to support speech, communication and language development in babies and young children from the antenatal period through to when they start school. This funding is for a year long programme which we have called Talking Takes Off, to provide clear support and guidance to all families to give their children the very best start in life.

How will the grant be used?

New speech and communication sessions will be offered in our Flying Start children's centres and by other providers including our maintained nurseries. Luton Adult Learning will be providing practical support to parents.

A new pathway for speech, language and communication will be developed with partners and a new screening tool will be introduced to help earlier identification of children who may need more specialised support. Resources will be developed and made available so that all children can be given help according to their needs.

How can we get involved in volunteering for the programme?

We will be recruiting and training volunteers to raise awareness about early language development in different community groups across the town. For information on becoming an ICAN Volunteer, please contact sharon.hill@luton.gov.uk

How to contact the team

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For further information on training and how to get involved visit
www.flyingstartluton.com/talkingtakesoff

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