

# Open the Door to Reading Project

## Agenda and Report from the Transnational Meeting

**Bristol May 2018**

**Bristol Reading City**

# Agenda

## Bristol 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

### Day 1 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

#### **Venue:-City Hall Bristol, Colledge Green, Bristol BS1 5TR**

8.45-9.15 Arrival - Housekeeping

9.15- 9.35 Welcome Mayor Marvin Rees – Bristol a Learning City

- Introductions & Reflections from Gothenburg – Feedback/Feedforward Each City to introduce themselves and update on their reflections since the Gothenburg Trip (5mins each)
- Anna Keen Cabinet Member for Education & Skills, Bristol City Council.

10.15-10.35 Chrysta Garnett Head of Schools Partnership– Bristol Education Context

Break

- Read Aloud Video – How Bristol became involved in the project. Read On Get On Campaign
- Janet Smith IOE/UCL European Reading Recovery Trainer – International Context
- Presentation of Every Child a Reader Project in Bristol  
Video Reading Recovery at the heart of School Improvement

12.00– 12.45 LUNCH

#### **Venue:-Visit Sea Mills Reading Recovery Centre**

1.30-4.00

- Observe a Reading Recovery Live Lesson
- Activity- Strategic Processing
- Workshop –What have you learned today about early reading skills? What would be helpful for parents to know? How can we support parents?

Visit of Sea Mills Primary School and Childrens Centre

4.00-5.30 Steering Group Meeting

## Day 2 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Venue:-Cabot Primary School, Halston Drive, Bristol BS2 9JE**

9.00- 10.40

Welcome to Cabot from Headteacher

- Boosting Reading @ Primary –Three types of reading
- Dr Jane Carter Senior Lecturer in Primary Education, University of the West of England. The UWE BRP Project

Break

11.00-12.15

- Gemma Davies Reading Recovery Teacher from Cabot Primary School. Supporting Interventions in a School Context.
- Involving Parents at Hannah Moore Primary School, Kirsty Judge Reading Recovery Teacher and Ruth Cochrane Community Development Co-Ordinator
- Overview of Volunteer Reading Support in the City – Cities of Service, Ablaze, RSVP. Dominic Murphy Chief Service Officer for Cities of Service Program

Lunch (Visit to the School library)

1.00-3.00

Workshops - What opportunities do you have for involving parents or volunteers in early reading?

- Concepts about Print A-Z Early reading Skills
- Early Comprehension Skills
- Cabot Primary School Developing Comprehension Skills in the Early Years Setting & Engaging Parents. Gemma Davies

Workshop – Developing Early Comprehension Skills. How do you engender Comprehension Skills?

3.30-5.00

- Visit St Pauls Childrens Centre Early Years Settings
- Sally Jaeckle Head of Early Years Service – Engagement of Parents in Boys Writing Project

## Day 3 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Venue:-City Hall Bristol, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR**

8.45 – 9.00 Teas & Coffee

9.00-10.15

- Quality First Teaching of Reading in an ECaR School
- Creating a love of reading in Bristol Schools
- Parental Engagement Bristol Library Service – Julia Ball Reading Engagement Manager

Break

10.30-12.00

- Collated findings from the brainstorming questionnaire regards barriers, solutions and ways forward of engaging families in reading.
- Workshop – Booklet Production Ideas – Mixed Groups

How do you see the solution to the barriers regards involving parents?

What are the ways we can take our training booklet forward by combining our experiences from visits to Gothenburg and Bristol along with our own settings?

- Evaluation

Lunch 12.00-1.00

1.00 – 4.00 Steering Group Meeting

## Documentation of the transnational meeting in Bristol May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23d 2018

Day 1 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Venue:-City Hall Bristol, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR

Welcome Mayor Marvin Rees and Councillor Anna Keen – Bristol a Learning City

Marvin summarised his and Bristol's approach and views on the project including his vision for the reading city and why he thinks reading should be a priority.

We had a commemorative photo taken with Marvin outside the City Hall.



Introductions & Reflections from Gothenburg

Feedback/Feedforward Each City to introduced themselves and updated on their reflections since the Gothenburg Trip

Chrysta Garnett Head of Schools Partnership– Bristol Education Context

Chrysta updated colleagues on the social demographics of Bristol and the challenges faced by the city in gaining equal opportunities within education and reading.

She highlighted the UK education system and how this is reflected in the Bristol context.

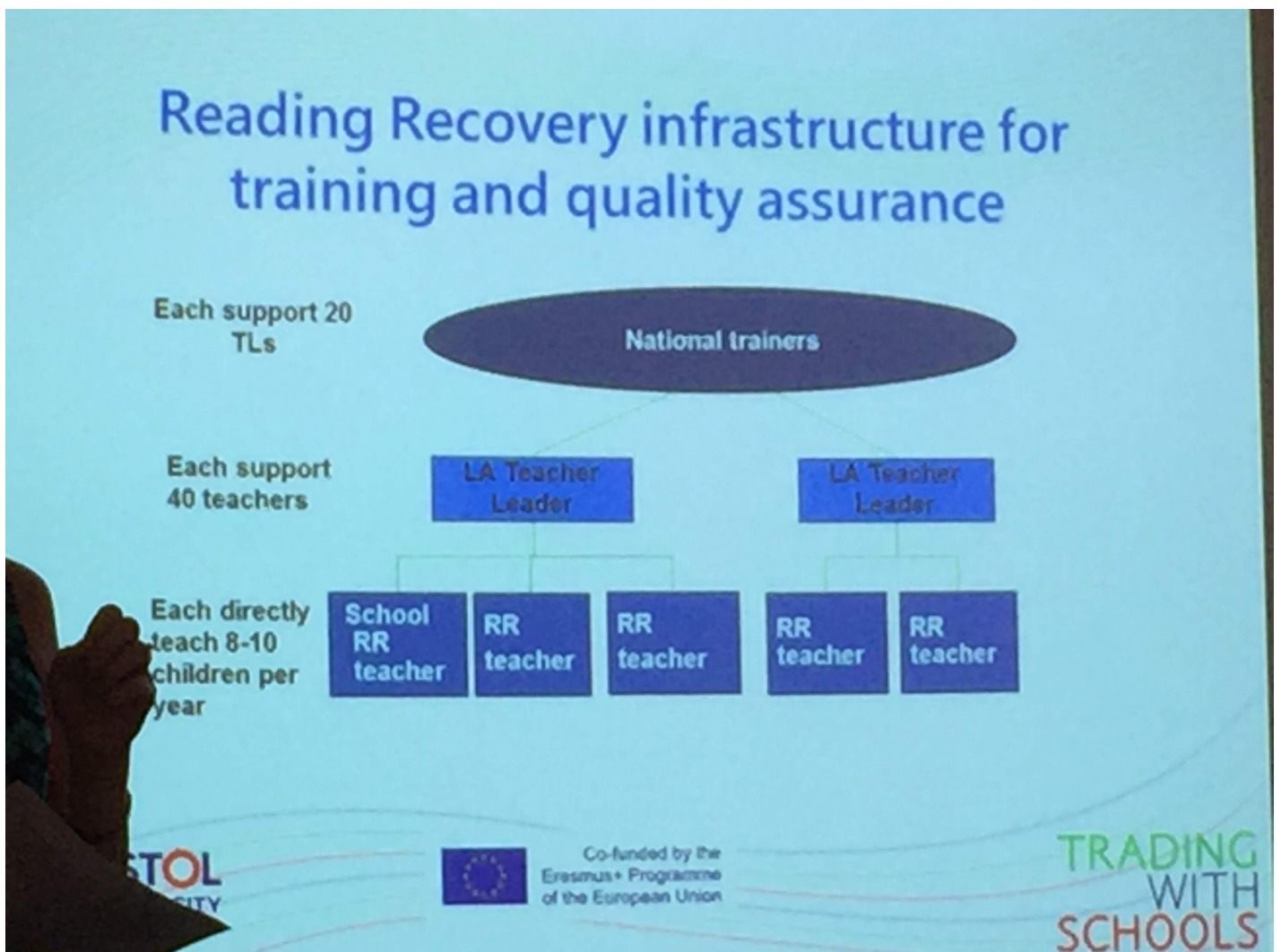
Read Aloud Video – How Bristol became involved in the project.

Read On Get On Campaign and Presentation of Every Child a Reader Project in Bristol Video  
Reading Recovery at the heart of School Improvement

Debbie explained how Bristol came to take part in the EU project and gave a brief outline of the Every Child a Reader project in Bristol.

Janet Smith IOE/UCL European Reading Recovery Trainer

Janet explained how the Bristol Every Child a Reader project fits into the International Context of Reading Recovery. Janet is a lecturer at UCL where Reading Recovery is an accredited programme of study.



**Venue:-Visit Sea Mills Reading Recovery Centre**

Delegates observed a Reading Recovery Live Lesson

Delegates watched a live lesson behind a one way mirror whilst the Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders commentated on the pedagogy behind the teaching and learning going on

during the live lesson. Delegates were encouraged to ask questions and reflect on what they were observing.

### Strategic Processing workshop

An empathy task was carried out to gain deeper understanding of the processes involved in learning to read.

Followed up with a Workshop to explore these questions—What have you learned today about early reading skills? What would be helpful for parents to know? How can we support parents?

### Steering Group Meeting

See minutes taken by coordinator

## **Day 2 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **Venue:-Cabot Primary School, Halston Drive, Bristol BS2 9JE**

Welcome from the Governor and the Children Ambassadors of Cabot Primary School

During the morning we looked at the Second Wave of a suite of intervention programmes that are delivered across the City in the Every Child a Reader Schools.

### Boosting Reading @ Primary –Three types of reading

Building on from the previous day whereby delegates explored the Reading Recovery intervention programme and the importance of a Wave 3 provision for the most vulnerable children. Today the emphasis was on the Wave 2 provision for those children who are less vulnerable but are still requiring support. Jan Armstrong Teaching & Learning Consultant explained about this concept.

### Dr Jane Carter Senior Lecturer in Primary Education, University of the West of England

Jane spoke about the UWE BRP Project. Students are trained in how to support children with reading difficulties. The training is delivered by the Bristol Open the Door to Reading Team. The students are then placed in a school for 6 weeks they are supported by the Reading Recovery Teacher at that school. Jane shared the results from the data she collated of the progress made during the 6 weeks, whereby children on average made 11 months progress during the six weeks on the programme.

### Gemma Davies Reading Recovery Teacher from Cabot Primary School

Gemma discussed how she supports Interventions in a School Context including the UWE BRP students along with parent and business volunteers. She also discussed a project the school had been involved in with language and comprehension development.

### Involving Parents at Hannah Moore Primary School,

Kirsty Judge, Reading Recovery Teacher and Ruth Cochrane, Community Development Co-Ordinator talked about the engaging way they involved parents in their school. Ruth is the only full time Community Development Worker in the City and works very closely with Kirsty to support volunteers and parents/carers into their school. They have had a success rate of over 95 % of parent/carers being involved in an activity in the school.

### Overview of Volunteer Reading Support in the City – Cities of Service, Ablaze, RSVP.

Dominic Murphy Chief Service Officer for Cities of Service Program talked about various volunteering programmes that are running in the City from Business volunteers to the over 50s volunteers and various Community members coming forward to offer support to listen to children read. All volunteers access free training in how to support children with reading difficulties.

Lunch (Visit to the School library)

After lunch the group took part in a workshop activity discussing what opportunities if any did they have for involving parents or volunteers in early reading in their settings?

Jan then talked the group through the importance of concepts about print and an A-Z Early reading Skills programme. She also discussed the importance of developing Early Comprehension Skills at a very young age.

The group completed the afternoon programme by visiting one of the Outstanding Early Years Settings in an area of deprivation in the City. Sally Jaeckle Head of Early Years' Service talked about the success of the Engagement of Parents in Boys Writing Project

### **Day 3 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

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Following on with the theme of waves of provision to support struggling readers, the focus today was on Wave 1 provision and the quality first teaching of reading in an Every Child a Reader School



Cerys Stevens one of the Consultants involved in the project talked about her Masters research into creating a love of reading in Bristol Schools and the Bristol Reading Project.

### Parental Engagement Bristol Library Service

Julia Ball Reading Engagement Manager then shared with the group the amazing activities that are happening across the City.

The last activity focussed on a workshop involving the booklet and the collated findings from the brainstorming questionnaire regards barriers, solutions and ways forward of engaging families in reading. The group was asked to consider how they saw the solution to the barriers regards involving parents?

What are the ways we can take our training booklet forward by combining our experiences from visits to Gothenburg and Bristol along with our own settings?

Evaluation forms were completed with a farewell to some of the EU delegates who were rushing to get flights.

After lunch the Steering Group Meeting met to discuss next steps (co-ordinator took notes)