

The Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children

A guide to awareness-raising sessions

Overview

The Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children (MPC) was commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to raise awareness, knowledge and skills about stammering amongst England's education workforce.

The film *'Wait, wait... I'm not finished yet'* features children and young people who stammer expressing what they want education staff to know about stammering. The messages included were determined by a Delphi research study involving children & young people who stammer, their parents, and members of the education workforce. The film is accessible as a 10-minute version or a more in-depth 20-minute version to cater for differing staff needs at your session, and is accompanied by a downloadable resources. It is appropriate for all staff working in an education or nursery setting.

The MPC team piloted the resources in a number of education settings during May and June 2009. Based on this experience and feedback from participants, we have devised a guide to running a session that you may wish to use.

Running a session

We recommend that you allow 1 - 1½ hours for an awareness-raising session. This will enable you to watch the DVD, host a Q&A session, and have some discussion time. Before the session decide which film you would like to show, fill out the local SLT address on the Top Tips leaflet and print off copies to be handed out.

- Find out what people want/expect from the session
- You may wish to ask whether anyone has a child who stammers (CWS) in their care, has worked with a CWS in the past, or has any personal experience of stammering
- Brief overview of the aims and background of the Stammering Information Programme (see above)
- Show the film. You may wish to explain the different types of stammering to look out for.
Some people may find the film upsetting. You may want to let them know that if they would like to talk to someone in private about their reactions they can approach you following the session
- Invite people to ask questions - there is a summary of FAQs should you feel that any preparation is necessary
- Revisit the group's expectations, ensuring that you have covered everything

Please send us an email to let us know how your session went. We would like to know: where you did the training (including the Local Authority); how many people attended; and what staff group they were (i.e. age of children they work with and their role with regard to those children). We would also welcome any feedback that is given to you. Thank you.



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