



# Communication Leaders

Communication Leaders is a peer-mentoring approach to supporting the language and communication development of primary and secondary pupils.

- **Like2Talk** resources support year 5 and 6 pupils to understand more about the importance of communication and to develop their own skills, while also enabling younger children to develop their language and communication.
- **WordUp** resources are for year 8 and 9 students to help them develop their own language and communication skills as well as developing the language, communication and confidence of year 7 students.

Communication Leaders has been piloted over 2 years with 4 partner locations: Battersea, Clacton-on-Sea, Nottinghamshire, and Wythenshawe.

The evaluation from the pilot of this project, which was funded by The Paul Hamlyn Foundation, highlights the benefits for both the Leaders themselves, as well as the pupils that they work with:

- Over 60% of year 7 students felt that their communication skills and confidence had grown and in primary schools, teachers reported improvements in younger children's listening and language skills.



- Over 70% of primary and secondary Leaders felt that their communication skills had improved as a result of being a Communication Leader in their school
- When describing one of the Communication Leaders involved in the project, their mentor said: "He was very nervous. Low self esteem. Since the project he has become more confident - lovely to see!"

You'll find everything you need on this Communication Leaders page, including: a training session for staff to introduce the approach and resources to the Communication Leaders, resources for Leaders, and a video showing staff and Communication Leaders talking about their experiences from the pilot project. You can use the resources in any way that's suitable for your school and pupils.