



**Get
Hounslow
Reading**

Conference 2024

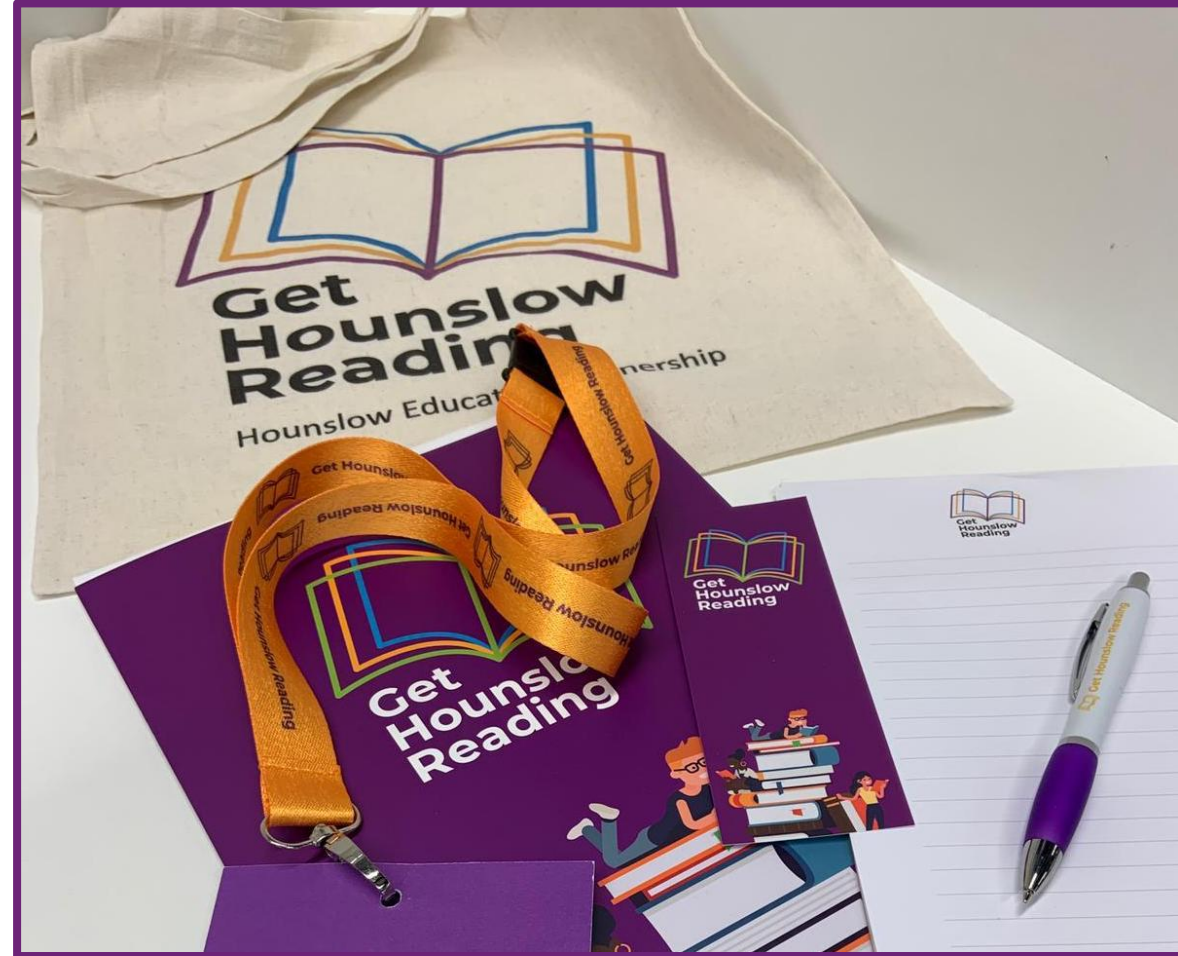
Get Hounslow Reading – It's over to you!

The Highlights



Our ambition following last year's conference

- Full-day conference
- Ambassadors run workshops & share their practice
- Delegates attend multiple workshops
- RfP Awards to recognise expertise across Hounslow's primary schools



Our ambition for Year 3

Build a team of ambassadors to continue to develop and embed RfP pedagogy and Contingent Talk with colleagues across Hounslow.



The conference brought together 115 people:

- 90 teachers from primary, secondary and special schools
- 5 university lecturers and 10 of their students
- School Library Service
- Local authors
- A book shop
- A publisher
- Keynote speakers



Headlines

100%

**said the opportunity
to chat and network
with colleagues
from other schools
and in-person was
very valuable**

“Thank you for the opportunity in allowing me to get involved in this important project.

It was great to be able to pass on my knowledge of how deaf children learn to read and to give others ideas of how their SEN children can access reading. It was great to meet the English lead at Marjory Kinnon and share practice.”



Headlines

“Such a brilliant day! Very well organised - from the moment you walked into St Mary's you knew exactly where you needed to go. The keynote speakers were inspiring and engaging. It was great to have the time to chat with other colleagues and collaborate and share our ideas. There was such enthusiasm from the very start and continued throughout the day. Well done for organising such an informative, varied, engaging conference.”

100%
**said the speakers
were engaging and
inspirational**



Headlines

100%

**said the workshops
gave them ideas to
take back to school**

“As always, the Get Hounslow Reading events never fail to deliver and each and every workshop, talk that I attended included something I’ll take away.”

“I think that we should have this as an annual event. Could we make arrangements to visit GHR schools and share our practice with others that way too? I am so glad that it was a full day - it went so quickly. You could feel a real 'buzz' and it was amazing to be with so many other professionals with the same passion. Thank you.”



Headlines

*“A fabulous day spent doing what I love most ... sharing and talking about reading and books!
Thank you for organising.
I would love to get involved in keeping the project running going forward.”*

100%
**said the conference
met their
expectations**



“It was lovely to see the variety of techniques, clubs, initiatives and just brilliance from lots of different schools and teachers to encourage Reading for Pleasure.”



In three years ...

500 teachers and practitioners

44 primary schools

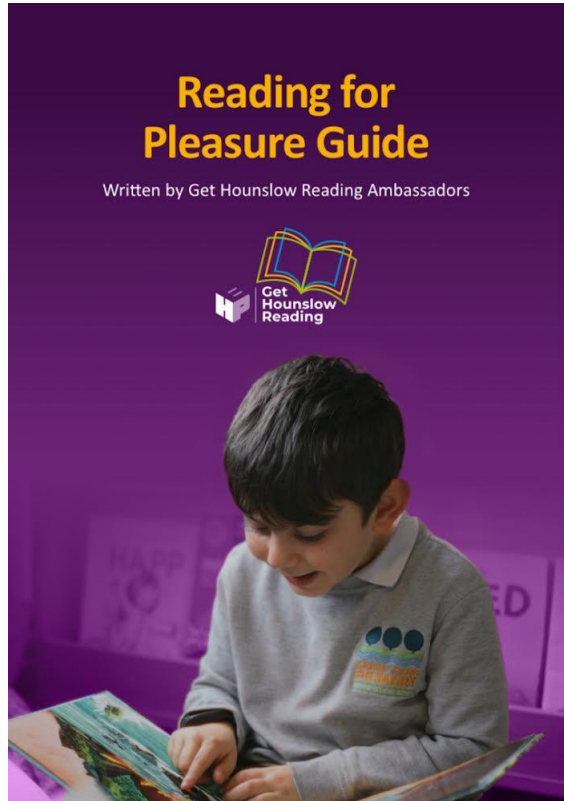
Over 13,000 pupils

50 case studies

27 Padlets



In three years we ...



delivered 77 hours of training

welcomed 75 Ambassadors

wrote and published an RfP guide

delivered over 3000 free books to schools

inspired over 100 delegates at one of our two conference events



Keynote

Artist and poet Sophie Herxheimer, opened the conference
with an inspirational talk –

Listening with imagination: Everyone's a story collector!

"Sophie Hexheimer was truly amazing; I am going to steal so many of her ideas."

"I loved the story collecting talk from Sophie - she was amazing and a wonderful way to start the conference."




Story Collecting

Sophie set up a story-collecting table for the day. She listened, chatted, drew and wrote.



My nanny Gorman used to take me with her to the market and on the bus with her. She lived in the flat downstairs from me and my mum. She'd tell anyone who'd listen the terrible story of how my dad died and look at my lovely blue eyes and wasn't it sad that I didn't have a dad. Me and her would be so excited



When the person listening would reach into their purse

'buy her something nice' they'd say. She had a big jar of pound coins. She'd spend some of them on arcade game money for me - and treat herself to a whisky on the way home.

Sarah, Staines -



Networking

“I loved that the whole conference was largely led by other delegates. It is obvious that everyone has benefited from their time as part of Get Hounslow Reading and are passionate about sharing their successes and helping others to achieve that same success. It was such a pleasure to attend!”



Workshops



“I will be using the skills I learnt in the workshop to create miniature books in my lesson. I will also take inspiration from the other workshops to improve RfP in my own classroom.”



Takeaways

TIME

*“time to be inspired –
time to network – time
to think”*

*“It was amazing to have the
time and space to think!
Meeting lots of like-minded
people who are equally excited
and passionate about Reading
for Pleasure was very
contagious. It was an amazing
buzz!! Loved it.”*



Local Authors

“The conference confirmed that reading is a priority for so many and the passion from everyone at the event was so inspiring to see.”

Lucy Noguera

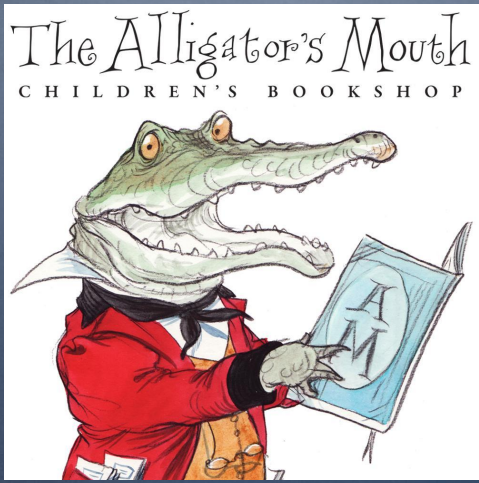
“Just to say: the conference was brilliant. What a very inspiring atmosphere. Congratulations!

I really enjoyed being among so many people who were interested in reading and books.

And I loved Sophie’s talk. Very inspiring.”

Josh Lacey





“What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday. Thank you so much for inviting us and for all the amazing hard work. We really loved it. Please let us know if there's anything we can do in the future to support this fantastic project.”

Margaret & Tony, The Alligator's Mouth



Get Hounslow Reading Awards – RfP School of the Year 2023/24



St Richard's CE Primary School



Westbrook Primary School



Alexandra Primary School



Library Award



Sarah Fellows &
Jake Gowers,
Marjory Kinnon
School

RfP Teacher Award



Lise Bentley Beavers
Community Primary
School

Contingent Talk Award



Christine Lovett
& Kathryn Sikora,
Alexandra
Primary School

Ambassador Award



Tracy Riddell,
Norwood Green
I&N School



Get Hounslow Reading Awards 2023/24

“It is hard to overstate the power of being in a space together. Our teacher-led conference was like none other I have ever seen. I am immensely proud of this whole project and of every teacher who has taken the leap to engage in Get Hounslow Reading. Every teacher involved has made a difference and together we have made a significant change within Hounslow.”

Charlotte Raby, Project Facilitator



Get Hounslow Reading – What's next?

Work with Ambassadors to develop a school-to-school programme to support Reading for Pleasure

Support schools to visit each other and share practice

Alexandra Primary School will take over Contingent Talk with Schools from May 2024

Online termly RfP session for Ambassadors to network and plan with colleagues

Continue our partnership with St Mary's University to plan and deliver another conference next academic year



And finally ...

“I had a great and very memorable day. Spending time with lots of people who mainly care about children, books, reading and education is restorative and uplifting, and I loved the open-hearted conversations that unfurled at my table. And the stories! Something about a group full of readers and teachers – yielded a marvellous set of new tales. Moving, funny, embarrassing, intimate, surprising ... I heard and drew the lot, and each one was so unique and special. It’s sad that I can’t do more in a day, as there were at least a hundred more I’d have liked to hear, and then the clock struck 3! Congratulations on a truly inspiring and successful conference day.”

Sophie Herxheimer





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Thank you to all our schools and partners for supporting this amazing project to Get Hounslow Reading.