



HKAST Speech Therapy Professional Development

An Introduction to Learning Language and Loving It™: Promoting language development in early childhood settings

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This session will introduce Learning Language and Loving It™, an approach from The Hanen Centre in Toronto, Canada that promotes language development during the natural everyday activities, routines and play that occur in early childhood education settings. Learning Language and Loving It aligns well with the Hong Kong's Education Bureau's identification of "child-centredness" as a core value of early childhood education. With the belief that children are born to be learners with the ability to construct knowledge, the educator's ability to follow children's interests, needs and abilities and facilitate language learning naturally during meaningful, authentic conversations becomes paramount. However, it is not always easy to get powerful conversations like these going in a busy child care or kindergarten. Some educators may struggle with transitioning from being the deliverer of knowledge to being a co-constructor of knowledge with the children. In other situations, it may be difficult to engage children who are not easily drawn into a conversation. Learning Language and Loving It provides early childhood educators with practical strategies for helping all children in the classroom build language and social skills, no matter what their learning and communication styles are, and even if they have special needs.

About the speaker:

Janice Greenberg, B.Sc., D.S.P., is a speech-language pathologist and Director of Early Childhood Education Services at The Hanen Centre. A co-author of three guidebooks, Janice is an experienced leader of Hanen Programs and provides training to teachers and speech-language pathologists worldwide on how to effectively apply the Hanen approach to support the language, social and literacy development of preschool children. Janice has over 35 years of clinical experience working with preschoolers and their families and educators. She has also been actively involved in evaluating the impact of Hanen Programs and is the co-author of several research studies.



Date: 23rd October 2014 (Thursday)
Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm (Dinner starts at 7:00pm)
Venue: CFSC Professional Talent Training Centre
20/F, 119 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Registration: Please register using the following link: <http://goo.gl/UNc8jZ>
Payment: Crossed cheque or bank draft (payable to The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists) to
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Registration deadline is on the 20 October 2014 (Monday).

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