

# Sing & Learn: Train and Lead

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## What is the aim?

Sing & Learn is a highly engaging music-based approach to support children's communication and language skills. The programme works primarily as a universal approach for all children to receive through adult-led group sessions, with targeted small groups for children who would benefit from additional support.

Building on the way in which songs and singing are regularly embedded in daily routines, nursery practitioners will engage children in stories, rhymes and role play, harnessing that time and routine activity to deliver targeted improvements to the area of Communication and Language. The programme includes high quality digital resources for use in nurseries and the free Sing & Learn app for parents/carers to use at home, promoting and supporting the continuation of language development at home. Family engagement sessions will build on this holistic approach.

An evidence-informed approach to enable children, particularly those identified as having poorly developed communication and language skills to attain sufficient level to engage appropriately in the curriculum and learning opportunities in the reception class (on entering primary school)

We are looking for 12 early years settings to use Sing & Learn: Train and Lead and provide feedback for future development. We hope the programme will provide:

### Amongst practitioners -

- Practitioners will have the confidence and motivation to deliver the songs and activities (and adapt them to their children and setting and embed them in their practice). And will understand how the programme improves children's language & communication through music.

### Amongst children -

- Children will be able to successfully engage verbally with peers and adults; they will have improved their listening, attention and understanding and have confidence to communicate their ideas and feelings.

Settings that deliver the programme and complete the required feedback will receive a thank you payment of £2,000 for their involvement.

## What will the programme involve?

The programme is taking place from September to January 2024. This includes:

Each participating setting will need to commit to one lead practitioner (qualified nursery practitioner) and one other staff member (qualified or TA) completing the training and implementing the programme:

- One 1-hour online Induction Session for SLT and wider setting teams (including the two delivery practitioners).
- Two x 2-hour training sessions and one x 1.5 hr training session for two delivery practitioners (all face to face).
- Planning and delivering three ten-minute whole class sessions per week for nine weeks during the project delivery period.
- Planning and delivering additional weekly small group sessions as relevant to the needs of the children (recommended 1 ten-minute session per week per group).
- Planning and delivering one family engagement music session.
- Contributing to the termly feedback, monitoring and evaluation processes (details to be confirmed).
- A full privacy notice and other relevant data protection information will be made available for you to review prior to signing a memorandum of understanding

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## How will you be supported to deliver the programme?

- One induction session for SLT and wider team (on-line).
- Three professional development sessions for lead practitioners, (face-to-face). Two practitioners from each setting.
- Modelling videos and/ or modelling workshop visits to nurseries from experienced practitioners.
- On-going support (email and 1-2-1 sessions) to help with any individual issues and queries that might arise, along with access to a shared digital space to network with other practitioners
- Sing & Learn resources accessed through our Sing & Learn app, webpage and the Songo books and CDs (MM videos, audio, PDFs, illustrations and text-based materials).
- Implementation roadmap and guidance; assessment templates.

Further information can be found here:  
[www.musikomusika.org/trainandlead](http://www.musikomusika.org/trainandlead)

## Key dates

- **Online session: Induction and Introduction** —Week of 11th September 2023
- **Training session 1**—Week of 18th September 2023
- **Delivery starts in settings**—Week of 2nd October 2023
- **Training session 2**—Week of 30th October 2023
- **Training session 3**—Week of 27th November 2023

## Next steps

Go to:

[www.musikomusika.org/trainandlead](http://www.musikomusika.org/trainandlead)  
to **complete the online Expression of Interest Form**

*and/ or*

Register to **attend one of the informational webinars on 15th June**

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact:

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