

“The most inspiring and enjoyable time I have spent on a course and I can see many places I can use the skills learned.
Previous *Read to Lead* attendee

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Reader



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Read to Lead

Join the *Shared Reading* movement by enrolling in our inspiring learning programme.

Since 2008 The Reader has pioneered the use of *Shared Reading* to improve group members' well-being, reduce social isolation and build resilience in communities across the UK and beyond.

We inspire and support people to read great literature aloud together. This simple idea changes lives and builds communities. At the heart of each group is you, a trained facilitator whose *Shared Reading* story begins with *Read to Lead*.

Read to Lead is an exciting and inspiring ongoing learning programme that equips you with the confidence, skills and insight to bring *Shared Reading* to your local community, workplace or as a provision for your service users. During this enriching experience, you will develop a deeper love of literature and connect to a network of like-minded people.



CHAPTER ONE - INITIAL TRAINING

Read to Lead begins with a series of invigorating and thought-provoking sessions, delivered either intensively over three-days, or flexibly over a period of weeks.

During the initial training you will:

- experience the joy of *Shared Reading* first-hand and develop an understanding of how it can change lives.
- learn key techniques and behaviours that underpin *Shared Reading* and have the opportunity to practice these personally.
- develop reading, facilitation and communication skills that will enhance life beyond *Shared Reading* delivery.

CHAPTER TWO - ONGOING SUPPORT

After your initial training you'll be part of a growing Reader family, working together to build the *Shared Reading* movement and we hope you'll feel ready to start your own group.

Your training will continue with a refresher workshop and ongoing support where you'll be connected to a wider network of Reader Leaders - like-minded people with a love of literature.

You'll get a toolkit of materials to help you run your *Shared Reading* group including our *Starter for 10* and *A Little, Aloud* anthologies as well as a subscription to *The Reader* magazine. You'll also have access to an online portal providing useful tools and tips for running your group.

WHY READ TO LEAD?

Read to Lead is an exhilarating and fascinating process that teaches innovative and transferable leadership and facilitation skills while developing your communication and interpersonal skills.

A powerful tool for personal reflection as well as improving well-being, *Read to Lead* will also equip you to deliver a group in your choice of setting - whether it's a hospital, your workplace, a care home or your local library.

COSTS

Read to Lead includes initial training and ongoing support:

- £750 per person for one year
- £900 per person for two years

Bespoke courses are available to commission for a minimum of eight people.

START YOUR SHARED READING STORY

Read to Lead Liverpool
Initial Training - 4 - 6 September 2017
VENUE TBC

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