

# Joyce Morris Early Years Literacies Forum Public Lecture

**Helen Moylett**

Playful Partnerships for  
Language and Literacy

**Wednesday 28 February 2024**

In person at UEA or Online

**6-8pm**

Join us to hear Helen share her insights to early years research and practice.

The foundations of literacy are built by early years practitioners, who understand language development as well as how to be sensitive, supportive and stimulating communication partners.

This lecture will explore some practical ways in which adults can tune into and nurture young children's communication and language skills in everyday activities.

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UEA is delighted to welcome Helen Moylett, for this first in a series of early years public lectures.

Helen Moylett is an independent early years consultant and author. Early in her career she worked in schools as a primary, early years and home school liaison teacher, a local authority adviser and then as a senior lecturer in early years and primary education at Manchester Metropolitan University. Subsequently she became head of an early years centre. As a head teacher she was a Birth to Three Matters trainer and researcher. She worked for the National Strategies and was centrally involved in developing the EYFS and led the Every Child a Talker programme. She co-authored Development Matters (2012) and contributed to Birth to 5 Matters (2021) She has written and edited several early years books most recently Characteristics of Effective Early Learning (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.2022) Helen is a Vice-President of Early Education and a trustee and tutor at the Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC). She received a Nursery World Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

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