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A Passion for Reading Conference...

Thursday 25th June 2020

Ribby Hall - Wrea Green

Registration time : 8.30am

Recommended for members of SLT and Reading leads.
Two free places available per school.

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Confirmed Speakers for the event



Cressida Cowell

Waterstones Children's Laureate and Number one bestselling author.

Waterstones Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell is the number one bestselling author-illustrator of the How to Train Your Dragon and The Wizards of Once book series. How to Train Your Dragon is also an award-winning DreamWorks film franchise. Cressida is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust, a trustee for World Book Day and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. She lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon.



Sonia Thompson

Head teacher and part of Building Communities of Readers project.

Sonia Thompson is the Head Teacher, at St Matthew's C.E. Primary Teaching and Research School, in Nechells Birmingham. The school were the first winners of the, OU/UKLA Whole School Reading for Pleasure School of the Year, in 2018. Sonia is passionate about evidence-based reading for pleasure practices and places these at the heart of the school. Sonia has run an OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Group for three years and is an advisor for the OU/UKLA Research Rich Pedagogies website. Sonia has judged for the UKLA Book Awards, as well as EmpathyLab 2020. She has spoken at various conferences about RfP, including Peters Love Literacy Conference and ResearchED. Sonia is a co-opted member of the UKLA National Council, representing the OU/UKLA Teacher Reading Groups.



Gill Jones

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Gill Jones is one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and joined Ofsted in 2007, leading inspections of schools and children's centres. She is the Deputy Director for Early Education policy, introducing the Early Years common inspection framework, and is responsible for the Early Years annual reports. Gill has held a number of roles in Ofsted, including senior HMI in the East of England and principal officer for the inspection policy of maintained primary schools.



Jean Gross

Educational psychologist, author and adviser to Government.

Jean Gross's career in education as a teacher, an educational psychologist, author and adviser to government is all about children who, one way or another, don't have much going for them in their lives. Her best-selling book, Time to Talk, now in its second edition, reflects the many examples of good practice she saw in her recent role as Communication Champion for children.

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