

Developing partnership working 24-25



Our partner Altram has translated our 12 key monthly messages into the Irish language. HKT provided in person Basic Awareness and Level 1 training for ALL pre school Irish Medium settings in NI.



After a Quality Assurance project, HKT training is now taking place in all 3 prisons in NI. 54 fathers have been trained and 6 professionals, across the three sites to date.



With additional funding (DE) for 6 months, we were able to extend our training, providing many schools (BMENA, CARRICK, L/DERRY, BFAST) and higher education settings (BFAST, NABBEY) with in person training in their settings.

"Having the speech therapist coming in to talk to us was great. She managed to breakdown the information well. It was eye opening and informative, learned more about effective techniques for teaching children and helping them develop their language."

"We were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn from the experience and expertise of a specialist"

Help Kids Talk

Report card Sept 24-Aug 25

Our partners



Our Funders



Universal training

983 participants completed BASIC AWARENESS Sept 24-Aug 25.

This is an increase of 420% on the number trained in the previous year.

2605 have been trained in total since 2019.
71 % practitioners, 17% volunteers & 12% family members.

After training 99% rated themselves as mostly confident/confident supporting SLC (compared to 83% before)

These figures show the significant increase in reach and impact that HKT training can have, with additional time and personnel resource.

420



INCREASE OF PERCENTAGE

650



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Outcomes

781 participants completed LEVEL ONE Sept 24 - Aug 25.

This is an increase of 650% on the number trained in the previous year.

1187 have been trained in total since 2019.

76 % practitioners, 11 % volunteers & 13% family members

After training 96% of participants reported good/very good understanding of SLC developmental milestones (compared to 50% pre training)

96% of the participants said their practice would CHANGE as a RESULT OF ATTENDING THE TRAINING

95% of attendees at BA and 89% of attendees at L1, completed an evaluation.

114 children completed targeted interventions F from Sept24 - Aug 25. A total of 1051 since 2016

Targeted programmes

Early Talk Boost & Talk Boost Programmes



50% closed the language gap

33X% narrowed the language gap by 50% or more

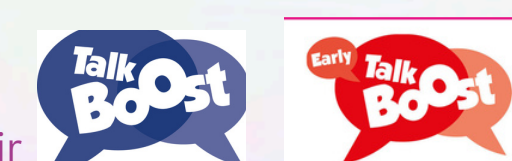
12.5% closed the language gap by less than 50%

2.75% stayed the same

1.75% gap widened

83% of children narrowed the gap towards expected levels following Early Talk Boost and Talk Boost

Early Talk Boost & Talk Boost: are evidenced based programmes developed by Speech & Language UK to improve their attention and listening skills, their understanding of words and sentences, and their speaking and communication. These are available in 33 settings in Lisburn, Belfast, and Londonderry/Derry. **Time to Talk** is an evidenced informed programme developed by Stoke Speaks Out, to improve attention and listening skills and the core skills of social interaction.



DE, RCSLT, HKT, SEHSCT and PHA partnered together for the Language Launchpad project, which included a widely disseminated survey investigating the impact of SLC needs on children and young people in NI, the creation of resources in response to the identified need and a report, launched in The Long Gallery, Stormont, in May 25.

In conjunction with our partners, HKT produced 39 bitesize film clips on a variety of SLC needs, including the lived experience of Individuals and their families, and a selection of nursery rhymes in Russian, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Irish. We also produced 6 advice sheets, 4 checklists and 13 downloadable visual supports, to be used by practitioners and parents. All can be accessed on our HKT website.



SLT national bulletin wrote an article focusing on the co-production of this partnership project



HKT have sought to expand their reach into the Castlereagh side of the LCCC council. HKT has visited library rhythm and rhyme groups and Brooklands Nursery, Dundonald have been trained and will be supported to deliver a pilot of the 'It's Time to Talk' programme.

Community engagement continues to be a focus for HKT, with visits to the Atlas Centre, Ballymacash Primary school, Homestart, Health Visitor led interventions, Barnardo's PIP programme and providing training to foster carers.

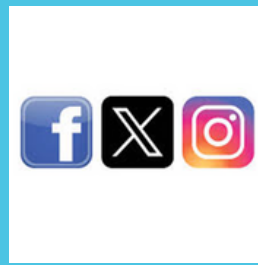


HKT presented a poster at the PHA 'Mind the Gap: Tackling Mental Health Inequalities' Conference, University of Ulster, Coleraine in May 25 and presented at the CYPSP partnership meeting in June 25



ONLINE PRESENCE

Website, social media and newsletter distribution and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



FACEBOOK:

4,739 followers on Facebook
44.1K reach in Facebook
with 137.2K views in the past 6 months.

145%



Increase of 145% of viewers who have stayed on our posts for over 1 minute.

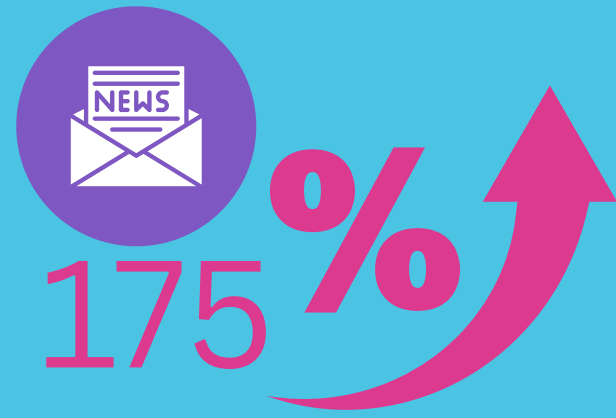
INSTAGRAM:

788 Followers on Instagram
Increase of 40.5 % reach on Instagram,

40.5%

with 18.7K views in the past 6 months.

89% Followers from UK & Ireland, with others from as far away as Bangladesh, Philippines, South Africa and New Zealand

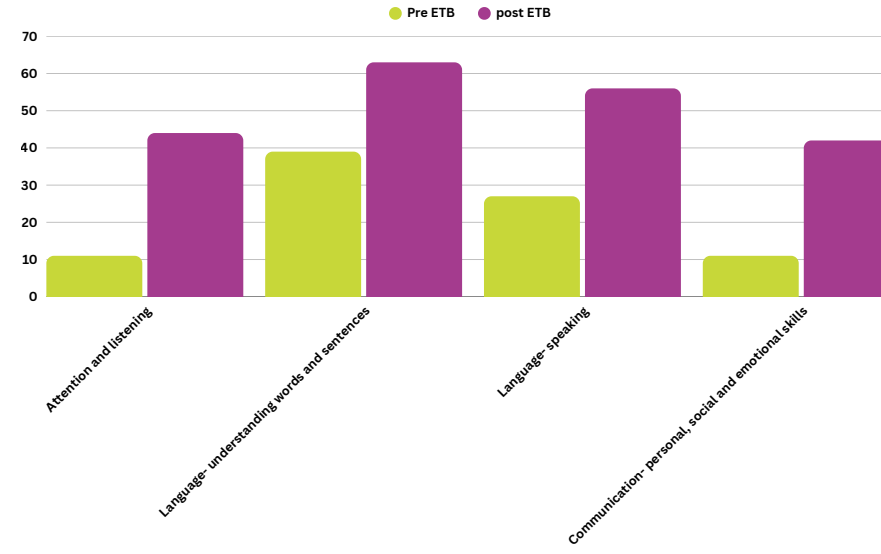


The HKT newsletter distribution list has increased by 175% between Sept 24 and August 25 and is now sent to 2352 individuals

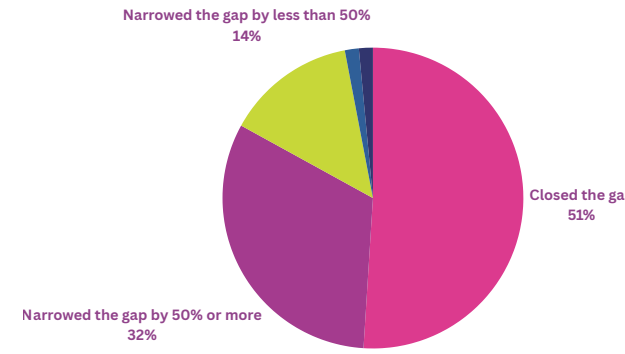
327 resource packs were distributed to children from Sept 24- August 25: 2250 in total since 2021



17 settings have been trained to deliver ETB and TB since 2016
76 children completed the ETB programme in 24-25



% of children at expected levels pre and post ETB intervention



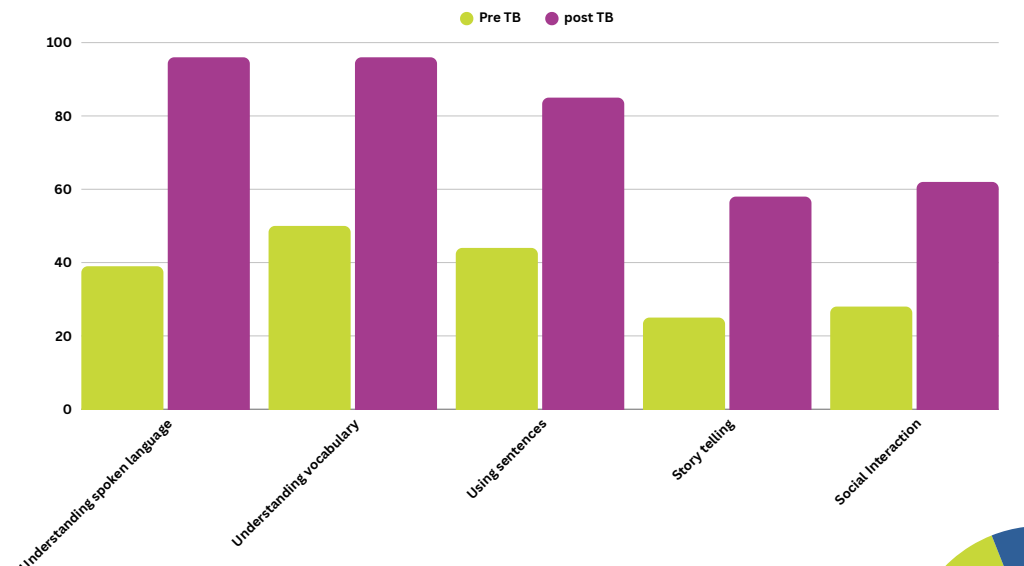
97% of children narrowing the gap towards expected levels post Early Talk Boost

11.4 % of the children who participated in TALK BOOST and EARLY TALK BOOST had English as a second language. Their home languages included Polish, Lithuanian and Romanian

Outcomes re talk boost & early talk boost

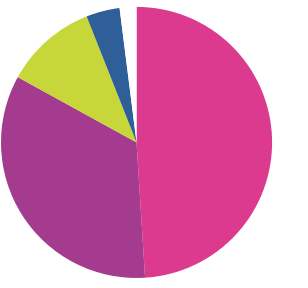


28 settings have been trained in total since 2016 with 38 children completing the Talk Boost programme in 24-25



% of children at expected levels pre and post Talk Boost intervention

94% of children narrowing the gap towards expected levels post Talk Boost



Outcomes re HKT WEBSITE

39 bitesize films uploaded to website re gestures, signing, Makaton, stammering, attention and listening, adult-child interaction and nursery rhymes

This page has been visited 285 times since it was launched in May 25

6 advice sheets and 4 checklists uploaded to website re supporting attention and listening, adult-child interaction, creating a good communication environment and helping with speech sounds

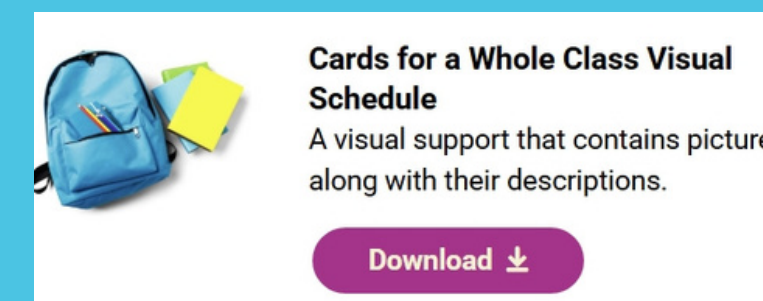
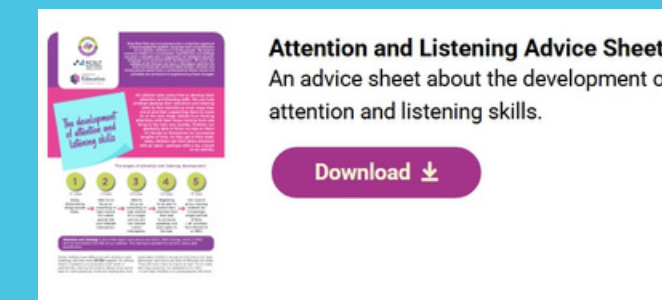
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13 sets of visual supports have been uploaded to the website

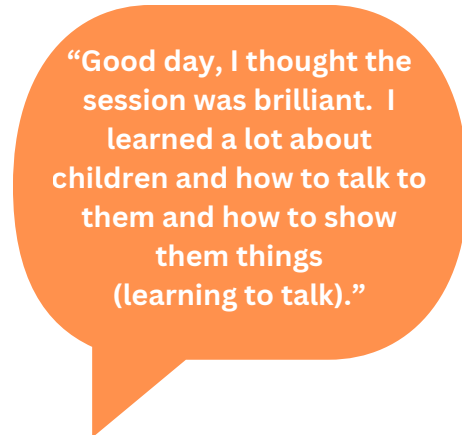
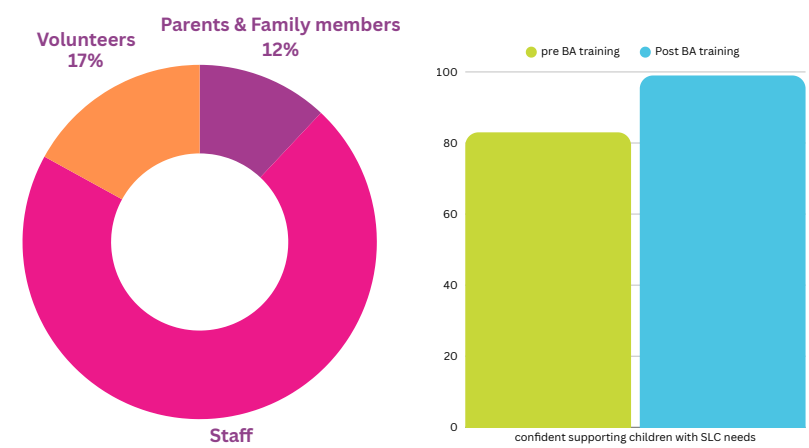
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New HKT team members have been trained to train the trainer for ETB, TB and our new targeted programme *It's Time to Talk*. 13 staff from 2 nurseries- one in Lisburn and one in Castlereagh, have been trained to deliver this T2T programme.

100% rated the training as excellent, 92.3% felt equipped to deliver it in their setting and 100% felt confident to support children using this programme.



Outcomes: Basic Awareness

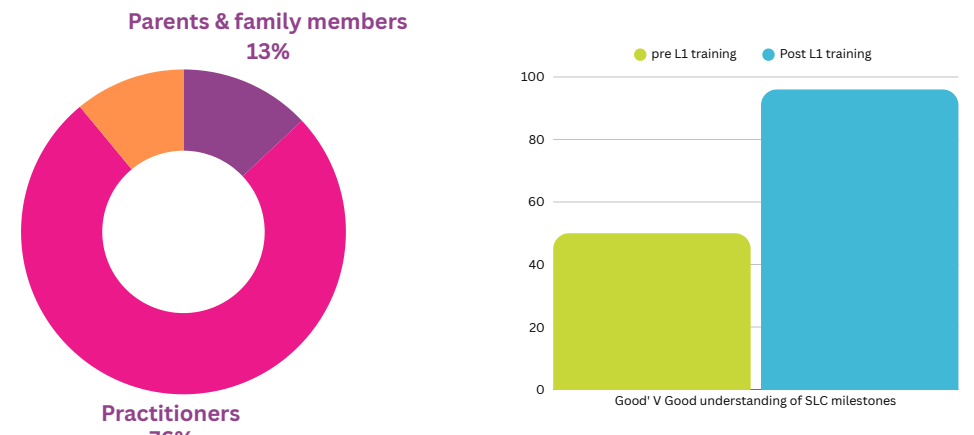
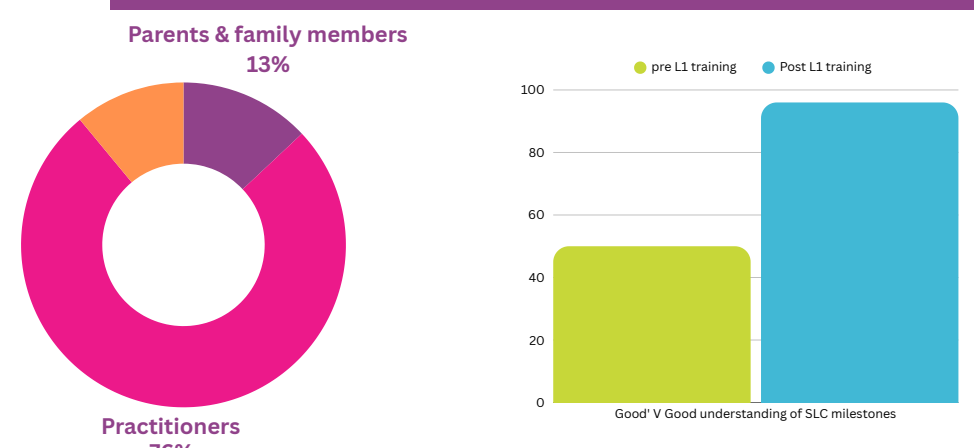


"Good day, I thought the session was brilliant. I learned a lot about children and how to talk to them and how to show them things (learning to talk)."

'Kerry kept everyone engaged in the training with the case studies and application of theory to practice'

Post basic awareness training 70% of the participants were confident supporting children with SLC needs, compared to 32% pre BA training.

Outcomes: Level One



Post level 1 training 96 % of participants rated their knowledge of speech, language and communication milestones as good or very good after the training, compared to 50% pre training..

96% reported their practice will change as a result of the training

"Feeling great, learning about different ways to communicate with your kids in different ways."

96% of the participants across both courses are female

98% found the training useful

98% would recommend this training to others

