



Speaking English  
with Confidence



## Curzon Crescent Children’s Centre

Curzon Crescent Children’s Centre has been running a weekly SpEC club for their parents since the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The club is led by Taranjit, who joined SpEC for our first volunteer training course in June earlier this year. Since its creation, the club is proving very popular and Taranjit now has a regular group of up to ten parents, who are all keen to develop their English and improve their confidence. Read what they have to say about how SpEC has helped them:

“Sometimes I go outside and someone asks me [something] and I am speechless - I want to say something but I can’t speak. I want to say something but I can’t and here I come and I feel more confident. I like the way of teaching, we need more classes.”

**Faiza, Pakistan**

“Sometimes I feel like when I am speaking I don’t feel very confident...The club helps me and I am meeting new people which is good. I enjoyed when we did the NHS and I learnt a new word....chiropracist!”

**Monica, Portugal**

“Next year my son is starting nursery and the teachers may call me and I need to go to talk with them or the GP. Here in England the first language is English not Arabic, you need to be more confident. That is why I need to be here”

**Fatma, Algeria**





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“Before I studied English I did a course in English in Algeria but every time I speak I am shy. So I came here to speak English with confidence and this helped me a lot. “

**Halima, Algeria**



“Taranjit's enthusiasm and commitment in running the conversation group has been immense. She has helped a group of parents develop confidence in speaking English in a safe and trusting environment. So much so that they have requested the conversation club to continue on a weekly basis.

A challenge for the Children's Centres is the retention of learners particularly on English courses. Taranjit has been very successful in keeping the levels of attendance very high each week and no parent needs to be reminded to attend.”

**Hilary Turner, Services & Childcare Co-ordinator**

