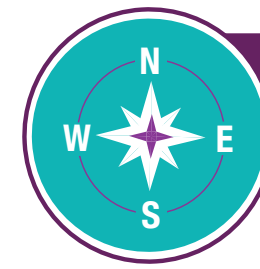


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**National
Oracy
Pioneers
Programme**



National Oracy Pioneers Programme OVERVIEW

Voice 21

An oracy education for every student

Our mission is for all children & young people, regardless of their background, to have access to high quality oracy education enabling them to develop the communication skills and confidence necessary to thrive in the 21st Century.

We believe that an education in oracy should be an entitlement for every child rather than an exceptional opportunity provided to an often privileged few.

This is not about one off competitions, short term interventions or extra-curricular clubs but the sustained and comprehensive commitment to verbal literacy in every classroom, so that all students can find their voice.

Our history

Voice 21 was launched in 2015 by innovative educational charity the 21 Trust. Based on methods and approaches developed at School 21 in East London, Voice 21 supports schools and teachers across the UK to develop students' speaking skills and improve the quality of talk in their classrooms.

We also seek to influence systemic change to raise the status of oracy in education and facilitate high-profile partnerships to increase the impact and reach of our work.

“While schools devote hundreds of hours of teaching time and teacher expertise to the development of pupils’ writing and reading skills, barely any time is spent developing the vital verbal communication skills we all need to succeed in work and life.”

Beccy Earnshaw, Director, Voice 21
Peter Hyman, Co-Director, Big Education Trust

Our research

In 2016, Voice 21 published a major report on oracy and the state of speaking in schools in the UK. Despite the weight of evidence on the importance of oracy for learning and for students' success beyond school, the research uncovered significant barriers to the coherent and comprehensive provision of oracy education.

From our polling of over 1000 teachers and school leaders, we found that in the vast majority of schools no one has formal responsibility for oracy and only a minority of teachers have had oracy related training and development.

Our programmes seek to address this, offering professional development for teachers to gain expertise in oracy and the confidence to successfully lead and embed oracy into their classrooms and across their schools.



To find out more about Voice 21, our programmes and our wider movement, please visit:
www.voice21.org

National Oracy Pioneers Programme

Our Oracy Pioneers Programme, for primary and secondary teachers, will support you to become an expert oracy practitioner, enabling your students to find their voice for success in the classroom and beyond.

You will develop an **in-depth understanding of oracy** by critically **engaging with the latest research, exploring how it can be applied in practice** and **evaluating the impact of this approach on your students**.

As an expert practitioner, you will also be well-equipped to **support the development of others' classroom practice, leading practical and engaging CPD, observing, team teaching and modelling good practice**.



Oracy Pioneers Programme (London Cohort), 2018-2019

Programme outline



The programme is structured so that the **first two days are delivered regionally**, enabling you to develop your understanding of oracy pedagogy and practice amongst a small supportive cohort of like-minded teachers.

On the third day, which will take place in Birmingham, you will hear inspiring keynote speeches from academics and expert oracy teachers, attend workshops to further develop your expertise, as well as network with Oracy Pioneers from across the UK.

During the programme you will also have the opportunity to attend our annual Great Oracy Exhibition a showcase of oracy teaching practice, innovation and performance hosted annually at School 21.

As an Oracy Pioneer you will:

- ✓ Engage critically with the research surrounding good practice in oracy teaching and learning.
- ✓ Apply this learning in your classroom using our carefully curated toolkit to establish best practice in your school.
- ✓ Participate in our online learning platform, engaging with high-quality multimedia resources and exemplar teaching strategies and sharing your practice with your programme tutor and fellow participants.
- ✓ Lay the foundations to create and embed a culture of oracy in your classroom and beyond.

This programme is for you if:

- You are passionate about oracy and the difference it could make to the pupils you teach.
- You want to become an expert oracy practitioner, with a specialism in this exciting area of pedagogy.
- You want to join a movement to raise the status of oracy in schools across the UK.
- You are enthusiastic about teaching and learning, keen to develop your own and others' oracy classroom practice.

"I have really enjoyed the sessions I have attended and feel confident at developing oracy within the classroom. I am also now rolling out the use of oracy across the curriculum by leading insets and staff meetings."

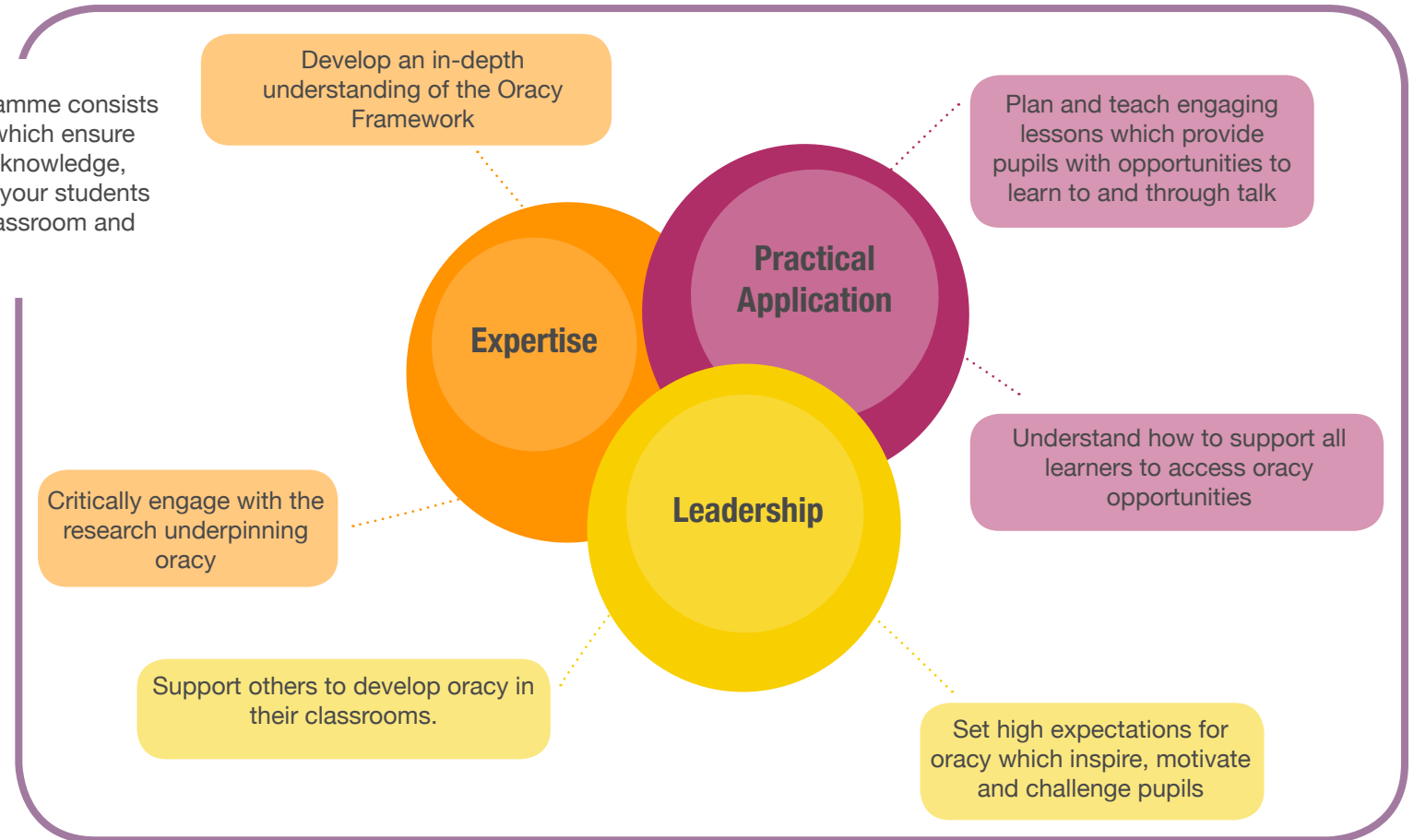
**Gill Martin, Head of English All Saints
CoE Junior School**



Key components & outcomes

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Our Oracy Pioneers Programme consists of three key components which ensure that you have the relevant knowledge, skills and tools to support your students to find their voice in the classroom and beyond.



Participants will also receive:

- All programme materials in order to cascade training in your own school
- A set of classroom materials and resources to support oracy teaching

Programme timeline

There are three core days of professional development during the programme, as well as a number of webinars and events that will be offered throughout the year.

Day 1: Introducing oracy

Focus: Exploring how to create a culture of talk in the classroom, as well as developing a clear understanding of the Oracy Framework.



Day 2: Delving Deeper

Focus: Strengthening subject knowledge through talk and planning for presentational and exploratory talk



March

The Great Oracy Exhibition (optional)

Thursday 26th March

A day of debate, discussion and celebration of the spoken word, hosted at School 21. An opportunity to see oracy in action and broaden your understanding of oracy teaching practice.

April



July

Day 3: Embedding & Extending National Oracy Pioneers' Forum

Focus: Leading change beyond the classroom and further developing understanding of oracy and its practical application.

Tickets will be available at 20% discount for all National Oracy Pioneers.

Specific programme dates

There are five regional cohorts that make up the National Oracy Pioneers Programme:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
London	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 28th April	National Oracy Pioneers' Forum BIRMINGHAM Wednesday 1st July
Sheffield	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 28th April	
Newcastle	Thursday 5th March	Thursday 30th April	
Birmingham	Wednesday 4th March	Wednesday 29th April	
Southampton	Wednesday 4th March	Wednesday 29th April	



Registration & Cost

Cost

Primary School: £600

Secondary School: £700

*Please note this does not include transport costs to Birmingham for the National Oracy Pioneers' Forum

Registration

To register your place on the programme please visit our website:

www.voice21.org/oracy/national-oracy-pioneers-programme/

Contact

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