

Zoe works at the Nursery attached to Fleecefield Primary School in Edmonton, North London and works with 3 and 4 year olds. She completed the Foundation level in March 2017 and logs in once a month to progress towards completing the Universal level and to see if there are ways she can further improve her practice.

"I heard about the SLCF through The Communication Trust; I'd seen a poster and attended a talk by them at a conference in London earlier this year. When I went on The Communication Trust's website I saw a link to the SLCF and thought it would be good for my CPD. I find the SLCF really easy to use and really like that you can continue the level right where you left off.

As a result of completing the SLCF I'm more aware of what I'm good at and what I need to develop. It's so useful that after you answer the questions you get referred to further training and resources. The SLCF has signposted me to the Level 3 course which I hadn't heard of before and think would be really useful.

The SLCF has highlighted that there are ways to help the child I didn't know about both in the setting and also within their families.

I was able to see improvements in my practice immediately after starting to use it, and it's had a real impact on my CPD which was really important to me. It has helped me understand my level of skill and knowledge in speech, language and communication which I wasn't sure of before I started it. I'm now much more aware of what I've done so far, what I need to work on to develop further and how I might go about doing that.

I'm going to revisit the site each month to check my development and identify any areas I haven't worked on yet. I hope to move onto the next level within the SLCF and I want to undertake the Level 3 course to develop further as a practitioner and to find other ways to support not just the children but their families too.

I'd definitely recommend it to others."

Zoe, Fleecefield Primary School