

## The Event:

# TALKING TOGETHER

THROUGH TALES, TOYS, AND TUNES

POWERED BY



**FREE!**  
Just arrange your  
transport!



Exclusive Dates; Thursday 7th & Friday 8th November

You're invited to join us for an exclusive trip to the Rainbow Factory to support Parents, Carers, Teachers and Children Talking Together.

[www.rainbowfactorykids.com/talking-together-event](http://www.rainbowfactorykids.com/talking-together-event)



# The Event: Time to talk...

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*(limited spaces available)*

“If there are any teachers who want their pupils to be enchanted by the joy of fairy tales, book yourselves in here!!”

- Caroline Cardis, Primary School Teacher

We believe in the power of talking together through stories and using the imagination...

### Our mission is to:

- ✓ To highlight the importance of caregivers and children talking together by co-creating an interactive communication-based experience
- ✓ Excite children about reading, storytelling and the power of their own imagination, by exploring stories in diverse new ways.
- ✓ Deliver high-quality, unique, educational workshops.
- ✓ To support caregivers in making the most of / improving their language interactions with children.
- ✓ Support all of our young visitors, whatever their level of ability.
- ✓ To support the CPD of staff by giving them evidence-based advice about the most effective ways of boosting children's language development





# Who's behind The Event?



## Rainbow Factory



**There's nowhere like the Rainbow Factory anywhere in the UK!**

The Rainbow Factory in Farsley, Leeds, is a unique attraction specialising in storytelling through the creative arts. Creating a unique and immersive theatrical experience for children ages 4-10.

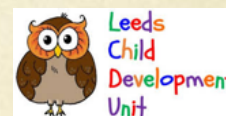
Our Creative Space inspires children to use their imagination!

From the moment you arrive, our staff will run the day's activities – meaning less stress for you and providing a great opportunity for you to observe & assess your pupils.

Our team consists of specialists including published authors, award-winning artists, teachers, performers and a playwright.

<https://www.rainbowfactorykids.com>

## Leeds University: Leeds Child Development Unit



A group of researchers at the University of Leeds who study how children learn to communicate.

LCDU work with local nurseries, schools, and families who volunteer to participate in our studies, either at school or by coming into our lab. They run a variety of studies using toys, games, books, and computers, with children from birth up to 10 years and beyond.

The studies are fun and interesting, with no right or wrong answers. Their findings help answer questions about how grammar, vocabulary, and effective communication develop.

<https://leedscdu.org>

## Festival of Social Science



The Festival of Social Science 2019 will run from 2-9 November 2019, with events over 450 events being held across the UK.

Events will cover a wide range of topics - AI, mental health, sexuality, parenting, weather, gender, ageing, love, death, economics and education, to name but a few. Find out all the latest on events via Twitter by using #ESRCFestival.

<https://esrc.ukri.org/public-engagement/festival-of-social-science/>

# About The Event

**FREE!**

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transport to  
the factory!

The free to attend event, **Talking Together through Tales, Toys & Tunes**, will showcase the importance of caregivers and children talking together by co-creating an interactive communication-based experience.

Talking together facilitates joint attention between caregivers and children, which has been shown to have a significant positive impact on children's language development.

The event has been co-created between Leeds University's Child Development Unit and the Rainbow Factory, whose aims are to support caregivers in improving their language interactions with children.

**The Rainbow Factory will give an interactive storytelling performance focusing on language and communication. Stories by Julia Donaldson will be brought to life by performers who will act out the story, and encourage children to actively participate.**

Following a lunch break, the Leeds University team and the Rainbow Factory will briefly explain how caregivers and children can talk together through different activities. This will be audience-led and highly interactive and families will then have an opportunity to engage in workshops together on interactive sensory story and movement, free play, and a sensory treasure hunt. The workshops will be themed around Julia Donaldson's popular titles.

After the event there will be a free 'toolkit' for children to take away with them, including a free book thanks to the BookTrust.



# The Event: Show & Workshops

We'll kick off with a theatrical performance, followed by workshops inspired by Julia Donaldson

## Julia Donaldson – The Great Playful Prose Mix-Up

### Overview

Little Brown Mouse invites you to his forest of tales. His friends have become lost in tales that don't belong to them. He needs your help to find Lanky Len & Hefty Hugh, who have stolen the story diamond which keeps the rightful endings in Julia Donaldson's world of Playful Prose. He's heard it has been taken to a faraway castle and been placed into the hands of the evil wizard.

Join Little Brown Mouse on an adventure as you meet his friends from Zog, Room On A Broom, The Gruffalo, Stickman, What the Ladybird Heard and Princess and the Wizard. Explore these stories through dynamic workshops and immerse your children in a theatrical retelling of these firm favourites.

Learn about the characters while exploring the wonderful world of rhyme and adjectives.

### The Event: Workshops Available

- ✓ **Tales:** immersive story experience with interactive sensory exploration, movement and theatre
- ✓ **Toys:** exploration stations with child-led free play, stimulated by sensory play, craft and science
- ✓ **Tunes:** dynamic sensory music adventure

### After The Event: Free Toolkit

- ✓ **Take-Away Tool Kit, including:**
  - Free book! (*thanks to The BookTrust*)
  - Free Craft Kit
  - Free Online Portal Access
  - Free Information Sheet



# THE RAINBOW FACTORY

TOILETS  
& BABY  
CHANGE

STAFF  
ONLY

WORKSHOP

WONDERLAND

WIZARD'S  
WORKSHOP

NEVERLAND

STAFF  
OFFICE

MAD HATTERS  
TEA PARTY

PINOCCHIO 3 LITTLE  
PIGS

WOODLAND TALES

CAPTAIN JUNGLE  
HOOK BOOK

JACK & THE  
BEANSTALK

- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS -

- GOLDILOCKS -  
CREATIVE KITCHEN

GINGERBREAD  
CAFE

CAFE

THE  
LABYRINTH  
LIBRARY

STAGE

ENTRANCE

TOILETS & BABY  
CHANGE

GIFT  
SHOP

STAFF  
ONLY

RAINBOW  
ROOM

FANCY DRESS  
AREA

>>> SECRET GARDEN >>>



# The Event: Timetable

*After our introduction and show, children are divided into groups. They then move between the different areas of our storytelling wonderland for a series of workshops.*

Please note: Timings and workshop content may differ from those detailed below.						
TIME*	10:30am - 11:20am	11:20am - 12:00pm	12:00pm - 12:25pm	12:25pm - 12:50pm	12:50pm - 1:15pm	1:15pm - 1:30pm
	Theatre show, intro & division into groups.	LUNCH	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Finale
THE STAGE	ALL CHILDREN & STAFF					ALL CHILDREN & STAFF
WOODLAND TALES			GROUP1	GROUP3	GROUP2	
CREATIVE KITCHEN			GROUP2	GROUP1	GROUP3	
RAINBOW ROOMS/ WONDERLAND			GROUP3	GROUP2	GROUP1	
This is a sample timetable only. Each workshop will last approximately 25 mins.						

# The Event: Book Now!

## STEP 1

Click on the link below to gain your space/s at the event.

<https://www.rainbowfactorykids.com/tt-tickets>

- We recommend sending out a separate email to your children's parents to see if they want to join us – however you are welcome to book/reserve spaces ASAP to save disappointment.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** They don't have to be in nursery/ preschool that day – as long as they can get to the factory.

## STEP 2

We'll be in touch!

- A member of the Rainbow Factory Team will be in touch to confirm the booking ASAP – but please put it in the diary!
- **PLEASE NOTE:** the event is free, with free refreshments, however you will need to provide your own transport and lunch.

## STEP 3

Before the event...

- A short survey will be sent out for parents/ carers to fill in.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** This must be filled out in order to complete the booking.

