



**EMPOWERING
ALL PUPILS
FOR THE FUTURE**

Weekend Course

23rd - 24th June 2023

Programme

Course Details

WHY ATTEND?

The School Library Association's annual Weekend Course is one of the highlights for anyone involved with reading, information literacy and the school library.

After a highly successful in-person weekend course in 2022, we are moving online for 2023 - ensuring you can join in from wherever you are based.

This year's theme is '**Empowering All Pupils for the Future**'. Join us live to listen to experts, creators and fellow library staff for an invigorating two days of learning, networking and future-focused thinking.

HOW WILL THE VIRTUAL COURSE WORK?

Once again, we're utilising RD Mobile to provide an online event platform where you can see who else is attending, read papers and watch videos all without the need to travel. You'll also have access to all the course content until October half term, which will give you time to watch any bits you missed and re-watch any favourites. With our virtual event platform, you can:

- Create your schedule in advance to maximize your educational opportunities
- Visit exhibitors virtual stands to see what they are offering and start conversations
- Follow the event via the accompanying app, Eventsential, which is available in app stores
- Network through the platform and app with the smart network builder, interactive timeline and private quick chat features
- Participate in games on the platform and app, get your name on the leaderboard and learn more and win prizes
- Always have the most recent details and receive important announcements in real-time

DELEGATE FEEDBACK FROM LAST YEAR

"I came away with actual practical ideas of things that I can deliver in school as well as feeling more inspired and energised to be the best librarian I can be."

"The wealth of knowledge is priceless! I have a notebook packed with ideas now!"

"I always come away buzzing with ideas from the talks and from discussion with other librarians."

"Many of us are lone workers, and the weekend course is a highly welcome opportunity to meet, connect and refresh."

"It gave me many ideas for collaboration and building the library's profile. It also raised awareness of schemes and organisations I hadn't looked into before."

More information

DISCOVER NEW TITLES AND LIBRARY PRODUCTS AT OUR ROADSHOWS

Get ready to discover terrific new titles and library products at both our Publisher and Supplier Roadshows before the weekend.

Publishers' Roadshow
8th June, 3.30pm

Supplier Showcase
15th June, 3.30pm

ENJOY A DRINK FROM COFFEE FRIEND

To help you enjoy all the fantastic speakers we have lined up for this year's Weekend Course, Coffee Friend will kindly provide a **FREE gift set** of roasted ground coffee and hot chocolate to the first 50 delegates that book their tickets.

They want to say a big thank you and well done for all the positive work you have undoubtedly achieved this year in your school library. So book your ticket now to ensure you can sit back, relax and enjoy the Weekend Course with a delicious brew!

DISCOVER SOME OF OUR EXHIBITORS...



Keynote Speakers

ADRIAN BETHUNE

Adrian is a part-time primary school teacher, founder of Teachappy and author of *Wellbeing In The Primary Classroom* (Bloomsbury, 2018), *a Little Guide to Teacher Wellbeing and Self-Care* (Sage, 2020) and lead author of the Oxford International Curriculum for Wellbeing (OUP, 2022).

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JEFFREY BOAKYE

Jeffrey Boakye is an author, broadcaster, educator and occasional journalist. He has a particular interest in issues surrounding race, masculinity, education and popular culture.

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SIMON JAMES GREEN

Simon James Green is a twice-Carnegie nominated author of books for children and young adults. His most recent novels include *Boy Like Me* (YA) and *Finn Jones Was Here* (MG). He is published by Scholastic.

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SF SAID

SF Said is an award-winning author. His first book, *Varjak Paw*, won the Smarties Prize for Children's Literature. *The Outlaw Varjak Paw* won the BBC Blue Peter Book Of The Year. His third book, *Phoenix*, was chosen to represent the UK on the IBBY International Honour Book List, and was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. He has described his new book, *Tyger*, as his "best book so far". SF Said has written widely on children's and young adult literature, is a Fellow of Royal Society Of Literature, and is active in the wider world of literature and the arts.

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KRISTABELLE WILLIAMS

Kristabelle Williams is Learning Resource Centre Manager at Addey and Stanhope School in Deptford, in the London Borough of Lewisham. She has been a school librarian for seven years and previously worked in public libraries. Kristabelle was the SLA School Librarian of the Year 2020-21.

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FRIDAY
23rd June



- 9.15 **WELCOME**
FROM THE PUPILS: HOW DO SCHOOL LIBRARIES EMPOWER YOU?
- 9.30 **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH QUESTIONING AND INCLUSION**
Jeffrey Boakye
- 10.30 **THE STORIES GRANDMA FORGOT**
Nadine Aisha Jassat, *Hachette Publisher Spotlight*
- 11.00 **BREAK**
- 11.30 **WELLBEING FOR PUPILS AND STAFF**
Adrian Bethune
- 12.30 **DESIGNING ENGAGING SPACES TO IMPROVE LITERACY**
WF Education, *Sponsored Showcase*
- 12.45 **Q&A: BRILLIANT BLACK BRITISH HISTORY**
Atinuke, *Bloomsbury Publisher Spotlight*
- 13.15 **LUNCH**
- 14.15 **SHOW YOUR IMPACT**
A workshop
- 14.45 **EMPOWERING READERS WITH EMPATHY**
Cath Howe, *Nosy Crow Publisher Spotlight*
- 15.15 **BREAK**
- 15.30 **HOW I EMPOWER MY STUDENTS**
Lightning talks from 3 SLA members: 'A Primary School Library at the Heart of the Curriculum', 'The School Library as an Exhibition Space', and 'Diversifying Your Library to Empower Young People'
- 16.15 **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH READING**
SF Said
- 17.15 **DAY ENDS**

SATURDAY
24th June



- 9.15 **WELCOME**
FROM THE PUPILS: HOW DO SCHOOL LIBRARIES EMPOWER YOU?
- 9.30 **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH CHOICE**
Kristabelle Williams
- 10.30 **WHY IS INCLUDING THE NATURAL WORLD IMPORTANT FOR AUTHORS AND READERS?**
Jasbinda Bilan (*Chicken House*), Nicola Penfold (*Little Tiger*), Zana Frallion and Bren MacDibble (*Old Barn Books*), *Publisher Spotlight*
- 11.00 **BREAK**
- 11.30 **ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS**
A panel with Tamsin Winter, *Usborne Publisher Spotlight*
- 12.00 **HOW I EMPOWER MY STUDENTS**
Lightning talks from 3 SLA members: '*Engaging Pupils with English as an Additional Language*', '*Artsmark in Action (and in the Library)*', and '*Small And Mighty (SAM) Book Collections*'
- 12.45 **EMPOWERING TEENS THROUGH FICTION**
Louisa Reid (*Guppy Books*), Josh Silver (*Penguin*) and Mariam Ansar (*Rock the Boat*), *Publisher Spotlight*
- 13.15 **LUNCH**
- 14.15 **HONEY'S HIVE**
Mo O'Hara, *Andersen Press Publisher Spotlight*
- 14.45 **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND REPRESENTATION**
Simon James Green
- 15.45 **CLOSING REFLECTIONS**
- 16.00 **DAY ENDS**

Tickets

Tickets include the entire live 2-day event, as well as access to recordings until October half term. As always, we're pleased to provide a discounted ticket for members, along with a discounted student ticket.

SPONSOR A SCHOOL FOR DISCOUNT

This year, we are also offering a 5% discount for schools that book a ticket for themselves and sponsor a place for another school to attend too. Discount applies to both the sponsored school's ticket and your own. *Please email finance@sla.org.uk for more details.*

PRICING

Non-members: **£220**
Members: **£180**
Students: **£75**

Book now

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Weekend Course.

To book your place, visit:

 www.sla.org.uk/empowering-all-pupils 



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Booking
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29th May
2023

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