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It's a different story when you can't read.

There are many children in our inner-city schools who struggle with reading and encounter barriers to learning throughout each day in school. Weak reading skills prevent them from reading for pleasure and enjoying a world of fiction, not to mention their ability to cope and be independent in the real world.

Could you spare an hour a week to support children in a local primary school? You can help them to become confident and able readers, to access the full curriculum and improve their life chances and choices.

The programme aims to provide reading partners for children who:

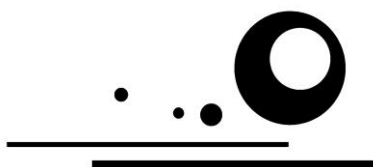
- * are struggling with their reading
- * have fallen behind the age related expected levels
- * have low confidence and self-esteem
- * have English as a second language
- * for various reasons, don't get any support at home or other reading opportunities.

Volunteers go to school on a weekly basis (usually 1-2pm). During this time, they work with 3-4 children on an individual basis, spending 15-20 minutes with each child.

FREE TRAINING PROVIDED

Placement is subject to satisfactory references and a Disclosure & Barring Service Certificate (formerly CRB Application).

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