

**Language and social risk across middle childhood and the potential implications of intervention
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Language "difficulties" in children are sometimes seen as a clinical problem but it is important to consider language development in the population as a whole. This presentation will address this issue using nationally representative birth cohorts in the UK and other countries. We will then turn to how inequalities in children development have become a clear priority in the UK before going on to the issue of intervention, how effective it can be and how these messages can be disseminated looking at the What Works for SLCN Speech , Language and Communication Needs interactive website developed by the UK Communication Trust (<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/whatworks>), and the likely role of the new Cost Action research network (IS1406 <http://research.ncl.ac.uk/costis1406/>) examining the way intervention is delivered for children with language impairment across Europe.