

About The Reader Organisation

Formed as a Charity and Ltd Company in 2008, we were the first Arts spin-out from the University of Liverpool. We have a paid staff of 80, plus 125 volunteers. We operate on Merseyside, in London, the South West, Glasgow and the North East and we are starting work in Northern Ireland. We have international partners in Belgium, Denmark and Australia. We run more than 300 weekly read aloud groups and have trained 1000 people in all walks of life to do the same.

Training takes place at Calderstones Mansion

Calderstones Park,
Calderstones Road,
Liverpool L18 3JD

This Grade II listed building is where we are developing the International Centre for Reading and Wellbeing.

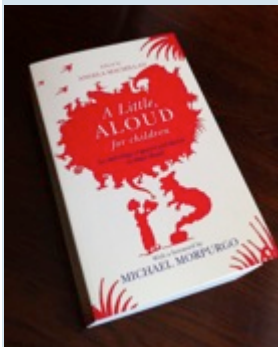


Calderstones Park is a 20-minute walk from Mossley Hill Station. Buses to Allerton Library, Tesco, or Menlove Avenue include: 61, 68, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 86, 173, 174.

By car enter the park from Calderstones Road (public car park on your left); or drive down the lane and park near the stable block. There is no parking outside the Mansion House itself.

TRAINING

Training will be based on our anthology *A Little Aloud for children*. You'll get two copies free as part of the training package. But you might want to visit or JOIN a library and start looking at books you've enjoyed in the past, way back even to first picture books. Think about the ten best books in your life – why did you love them? Which ones would you want to pass on to someone else?



The Reader Organisation invites you to

BECOME A Reading Revolutionary

Hi, I'm Che and
I taught 900,000
Cubans to read.
Will you join me?



“We read books to find out who we are. What other people, real or imaginary, do and think and feel... is an essential guide to our understanding of what we ourselves are and may become.”

Ursula K. Le Guin



Read with a younger student and change their life!

Nothing matters as much as reading, as a new study shows – reading for pleasure can change a child's chances in life.

Reading **stretches the imagination**, feeding into everything we learn. It creates **new**

pathways in the brain, giving us new neural connections, which make us *more* able to think *more* things, and to think *more* creatively.

Pupils who continue to read for pleasure between the ages of 10–16 do better **across the curriculum** than those who don't read.

Some younger pupils don't read confidently or don't realise that reading can be fun. **They need your help**. You can help them gain confidence and improve at school and, more importantly, you can give them a source of pleasure for life.

What does it involve?

You will read with a younger pupil once a week. Your job is to make it interesting and good fun for them. We will train you to choose brilliant books, and teach you how to feel relaxed when you are reading.

That's it – enjoy, read, share, pass it on.

Job done.



What will you get out of it?

Becoming a **Reading Revolutionary** connects you to one of the UK's most dynamic young charities

You'll enjoy it

Doing something for others feels good

You'll get training

We will help you to feel confident about reading aloud and sharing books and stories you love

You'll expand your CV

Make yourself stand out from the crowd

You'll meet other volunteers

Becoming a Reading Revolutionary trained by The Reader Organisation will introduce you to many other students and young people who want to make a difference

