

# DRUMVOICE

## Ready Steady Drum!

### Early Years Staff Training

'Ready Steady Drum!' is a unique course that shows Early Years staff highly accessible and engaging drumming, body percussion and rhyming activities to build children's steady beat awareness – a foundational skill with a multitude of benefits.

Piloted through Education Action Zones in Birmingham, the course has been enthusiastically received by schools across the UK due to improvements seen in language, numeracy, and other key areas – and the fun factor!

### Perfect for:

Language & Numeracy  
Co-ordination  
Social Skills  
Emotional Well-being  
Circle Time & Outdoor Play

### About 'Ready Steady Drum!'

Developed by Drumvoice from the inspirational work of educational consultant, Ros Bayley, as a creative approach to raising standards in Kingstanding EAZ, 'Ready Steady Drum!' has shown an array of benefits to children's development.

In particular, it offers stimulating activities to support the early language and numeracy curriculum.

### What does it involve?

Using easily affordable instruments, staff learn how to lead a fun and accessible programme of drumming activities that children – and grown-ups! - will love.

Easily incorporated into the daily / weekly routine.

A wonderful aid to staff confidence with music-leading.

CD & handbook provided.

### The results

Teachers have reported significant improvements in:

- Listening & speaking skills
- Focus & concentration
- Turn-taking
- Understanding of numbers, patterns & sequences
- Co-ordination
- Confidence & engagement

**Available for whole & half days, twilight sessions & conferences.**

Drumming is a highly creative way of fulfilling key aspects of the **National Curriculum** and supporting the positive outcomes of **'Every Child Matters'**.

*"We realized how important musicality is for curriculum – obviously CLLD and Maths, but also for supporting personal, social and emotional issues."*

- Ruth Pilsbury, Wolverhampton Early Years

*"In 20 years of teaching nursery I have never had such an advanced group to send up to reception in regards to their speaking and listening."*

- Helen Kenny, Hawkesley Nursery



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## The Language Connection...

'Ready Steady Drum!' is full of activities that develop children's foundational language skills and support 'Letters & Sounds, Phase 1', including: Listening, responding, turn-taking, copying and awareness of rhythm & rhyme.

Drumming builds very strong social bonds, giving children more confidence to express themselves within the group – especially when they conduct the band!

## Numeracy...

'Ready Steady Drum!' activities challenge children to memorise patterns and sequences and offer lots of counting practice.

## Motor Skills...

Drumming helps children develop gross and fine motor skills, hand/eye co-ordination and independence of right and left hands.

## Social and Emotional Development...

Playing music together helps children to:

**Focus & concentrate**    **Listen to each other**

**Work co-operatively and take turns**

**Feel successful as individuals and as a group**

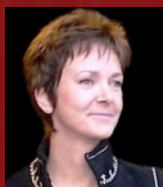
## Musical Development...

Group drumming provides an invaluable foundation for musical understanding. Key skills include:

**Rhythmic awareness**    **Dynamics: volume, pitch, speed**

**Playing as a team**    **Memorising Patterns**

## About Drumvoice



Founded in 1998 by expert percussionist, Sarah Westwood, Drumvoice has built a reputation for excellence in providing drumming and complementary arts experiences for schools and organizations across the Midlands and the UK.

Sarah is an inspiring facilitator who uses her warmth and great sense of humour to help people learn invaluable skills and spread the joy of Drumming!

## Book now

To **get a quote and book your training**, contact us today on:  
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**"Fantastic day  
and so worthwhile!"**

**"Very useful ideas,  
ideal for teacher  
training."**

**"Informative  
and thoroughly  
enjoyable."**

## The Value of Steady Beat

Research shows a clear correlation between the ability to keep time and school achievement, above that of social background and mother's education – the usual predictors of success.

Involvement in music from a young age provides a wonderful, multi-sensory stimulus for children's neural development, increasing the size and function of key areas of the brain.



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