

How does the NNPCF promote co-production? A case study of our work with the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

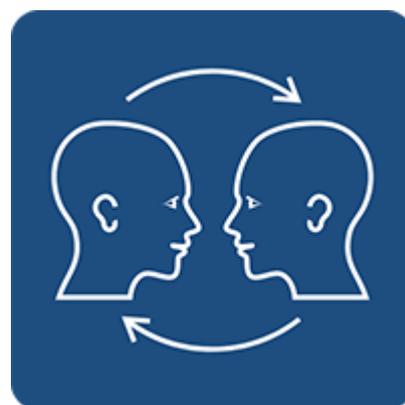
The mission statement of the NNPCF states that we seek to:

“create a culture of participation and co-production across the education, health, social care and the voluntary sectors. This means that we are involved in all aspects of designing, commissioning, delivering and reviewing services as an equal partner.”

To do this, we work with partner organisations to spread the gospel of co-production as far and as wide as possible. One example of this is our work with the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT). In this article we explore the work we are doing with them as a case study of how the NNPCF actively works to deliver on our vision and mission.

The NNPCF and the RCSLT have had a long-standing relationship and in the last year we have partnered on a number of initiatives to promote coproduction:

- The NNPCF and RCSLT attended the roundtable meetings chaired by Edward Timpson as a part of his review in school exclusions. We both shared our experience of the importance of listening to the concerns of parents early (co-producing with them) and responding quickly with early interventions.
- One of our national representatives, Joyce Brako-Amafo attends the communication access symbol working group which aims to increase awareness among businesses and organisations in UK of people with communication difficulties (as a non-visible disability). You can find more information on the work of the group here:
<https://www.rcslt.org/policy/uk-wide#section-3>
- NNPCF co-chair Mrunal Sisodia presented a webinar to the members of the RCSLT on the 20th March entitled *“Putting children, young people and their parents/carers at the centre of decision-making - 20 March 2019”*. The webinar explained the importance of coproduction and how therapists could and should involve families in all aspects of therapy.



- In September, Mrunal will be delivering the key note presentation at the RCSLT conference. The theme of the presentation is again, coproduction and how it can transform services. Mrunal will be joined by members of local parent carer forums to share their real life examples of how coproduction changes outcomes for therapy services.

In conjunction with Contact, the NNPCF works throughout the year to promote co-production with partners across the whole SEND sector. Some other examples of the work we are doing this year include:

- NNPCF co-chairs speaking at the National SEND Conference in June
- Speaking at the NASEN Live Conference in July
- Presenting at the TES SEND show in London in October
- Running a workshop at the NCASC conference in late November
- Contributing to a briefing document for the Local Government Association for lead members for Education and Children's Services
- Running a webinar at the VSEND conference in October
- Contributing to a NHS England workshop on parent carer engagement
- Coproducing information webinars and Healthwatch's National SEND policy day.
- And many, many more...