



# Using the Brick-by-Brick<sup>®</sup> programme to support communication skills

Laura is a Speech and Language Therapist based in Manchester. After 10 years working in the NHS, Laura delivers private Speech and Language Therapy for children. Laura set up a Brick Club in collaboration with A Team Hub, which is based in Leigh.

## Developing communication skills

In 2021, Laura was working with a young autistic boy whose communication skills were limited. As a practitioner, Laura was already familiar with the concept of LEGO<sup>®</sup> based therapy and knew it could be beneficial to children's language development.

Laura began to research LEGO based therapy and how she could develop her expertise in this area. She noticed that the Brick-by-Brick<sup>®</sup> programme training courses, created by Play Included<sup>®</sup> and endorsed by the LEGO Foundation, appeared frequently during her research and decided to register for a training course in Manchester.

## Implementation is simple

Laura got started with the Brick-by-Brick<sup>®</sup> programme Certified Facilitator training course, "I loved the elements about play and how they gave examples of different types of playing. I like to be given real examples which make it easier for me to conceptualise the approach."

To develop her knowledge further, Laura also completed the Advanced Facilitator training:

**"After attending the training course, I felt more empowered to be able to deliver the Brick-by-Brick approach with the family that I was working with. The content resonated with me and the way that I wanted to work."**

