

# Why am I giving?

# How you can make a difference?

// Marie Clay was an amazing lady, and one of the amazing things about her was that, for all her vast knowledge and wisdom, she honestly believed that she could learn from us, every one of us, from the newest teacher in Reading Recovery to the five year old child with whom that teacher was struggling. She never stopped listening and learning, and that was humbling. That's why I support the Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund, because it is the best way I can imagine of honouring what Marie gave to me, and to all of us in Reading Recovery. //

Julia Douëttil, trainer

// Why am I donating? Quite simply, an investment in Reading Recovery teachers is an investment worth making. Investment in professional development for Reading Recovery teachers ultimately benefits outcomes for children. I can think of nothing more worthwhile to contribute towards. //

Dr. Sue Bodman, trainer

To keep the Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund going we need your help. If you, or someone you care about, have benefited from the work of Marie Clay, please help by donating to or fundraising for the Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund.

You can donate:

- online by debit or credit card
- by cheque
- by CAF card or voucher

Other methods to donate:

- through your payroll via Give As You Earn
- legacies are special gifts from one generation to another. By remembering a Reading Recovery teacher's/teacher leader's work in your will, you are providing children who really need your support with hope for their future. As a charity, gifts are exempt from inheritance tax

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# Commemorating the life and work of Marie Clay



The Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund  
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## What does the fund aim to achieve?

Marie Clay (1926-2007), the founder of Reading Recovery, had a passionate belief in the potential of 'ordinary' teachers to achieve extraordinary things through professional learning.

In 1991 she directed the first large scale Reading Recovery professional development programme in the UK, based at the Institute of Education. Reading Recovery is now widespread in England as an essential element of the Every Child a Reader strategy, and has established professional development bases in Republic of Ireland, Jersey and Denmark.

In each of these settings the success of the early literacy intervention was repeated with eight out of 10 children after Reading Recovery being able to read and write within the appropriate band for their age.

In her honour the European Centre for Reading Recovery established the Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund.

The fund provides annual bursaries, totalling £2,000, giving Reading Recovery teachers or teacher leaders opportunities to attend national and international professional development events.

// It was a fantastic opportunity for me to take part in the conference, both as a speaker and as an attendee. I was impressed by the scale of the implementation in the United States. I learnt much on a personal, professional and academic level. However, I was reminded yet again about how much more I have to learn - that my learning will never stop - and how important it is to continue to learn and discover. Attending such a conference provided a wonderful opportunity to do this.//  
Sinéad Harmey, teacher leader from Dublin West Education Centre, on attending the Reading Recovery National Conference in Columbus, Ohio, USA, thanks to a bursary from the Marie Clay Professional Learning Fund.

## Reasons to give your support

- Literacy is the most important learning our schools can provide. Every child who needs Reading Recovery deserves the best possible teaching
- Marie Clay recognised the link between continuing professional development and high outcomes for children
- Continuing professional development benefits hundreds of vulnerable literacy learners over the course of a teacher's career
- Reading Recovery is proud of its national and international links for all its professionals and your support will ensure these can continue
- Reading Recovery teachers, teacher leaders and trainers are committed to developing their own learning; they support the fund from their own pockets
- Your money will help us create an active memorial worthy of Marie Clay