



New Beginnings

The First Get Into Reading National Conference and Readers' Day, 8th and 9th Jan 2010

Get Into Reading National Conference

Friday 8th January, 9am – 5pm

Blackburne House, Liverpool, L8 7PE

In January 2008, Blake Morrison published an article in the *Guardian* that brought The Reader Organisation's Get Into Reading project to national and international attention. In those two years, huge development has taken place and now we want to bring together everyone who has an interest in the Get Into Reading model: Accredited facilitators, researchers from medical and humanities backgrounds, individuals who want to know more, readers, librarians, mental health workers, authors, commissioners, GPs, funders and partner organisations - all interested parties are invited.

Joining us for the Get Into Reading Conference will be:

- **Blake Morrison**, author, poet and journalist, Chair of The Reader Organisation
- **Susan Blishen**, manager of [Right Here](#), a collaboration between Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the Mental Health Foundation; and the first to fund GIR
- **Dr David Fearnley**, Psychiatrist of the Year, Medical Director and Deputy Chief of Mersey Care NHS Trust; Dave has introduced the GIR model into a high secure psychiatric unit at Ashworth Hospital
- **Dr Jane Davis**, Director of The Reader Organisation and Founder of Get Into Reading,

Our Get Into Reading conference will include talks and workshops on:

- National Development of Get Into Reading
- Current and developing research projects
- Commissioning Get Into Reading in the NHS

- Discussions around funding and funding applications
- Community engagement models for Get Into Reading
- Reading with young people, dementia sufferers and mental health service users
- Get Into Reading in Libraries and Schools

The conference is open to everyone, and there will be plenty of opportunity for informal and regional networking. **Booking opens on Wednesday 11th November**, when more details of the programme will also be available, and will be available at a reduced rate of **£65 until the end of November** (£80 after that).

SPECIAL ADDITION

Friday Night Supper

Friday 8th January 7.00 – 10.00pm

Eat, drink and be merry with The Reader Organisation

Join The Reader Organisation and some of our panellists and writers for a special Friday Night supper which will feature a conversation between TRO Director, Jane Davis and guests, as well as live music. Not to be missed.

Tickets cost **£25**.

New Beginnings Readers' Day

Saturday 9th January, 9.30am – 4pm

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Join our host, **Roger Phillips** (BBC Radio Merseyside), with writers **Tim Pears** (*Blenheim Orchard*), **Brian Keenan** (*An Evil Cradling*), **Clare Allan** (*Poppy Shakespeare*), poet **David Constantine**, translator **Helen Constantine**, **Philip Davis** (editor of *The Reader* magazine) and the 'grandfather of The Reader' **Brian Nellist**, in a series of creative and inspiring workshops as well as panel discussions and reading recommendations.

If you're attending the conference, tickets are only **£90 for both days** (for just the Readers' Day it's £30, concessions £20) and are available now.

We are offering the full New Beginnings Conference, Supper and Readers' Day experience for £100

Booking

You can purchase tickets: through PayPal via our website (<http://thereader.org.uk/ticket-sales.html>); you can send us a cheque (made payable to The Reader Organisation and sent to Claire Speer, Conference Administrator, The Reader Organisation, 19 Abercromby Square, Liverpool, L69 7ZG); or pay via BACS (please register with Claire Speer – details below – and use a first initial and surname as reference). We will be able to point you to a range of local hotels and B&Bs.

For more information, please contact Claire Speer, Conference Administrator: clairespeer@thereader.org.uk, or call 0151 794 2830.

We look forward to seeing you in January 2010!