



**The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada
Learning Centres for Children – Halifax**

Presents a workshop:
How Language Comprehension Informs Instruction
with
Catherine Scott

Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2023

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HALIFAX DARTMOUTH,
101 Wyse Rd, Dartmouth, NS**



We are thrilled to be welcoming Catherine Scott to Nova Scotia. Catherine Scott, Ed.D, CALT, has been a staff member of the Neuhaus Education Center (<https://www.neuhaus.org>) since 2008 and is currently the Vice President of Curriculum Development and Instruction. Catherine leads the planning, development, and production of new and updated professional development offerings. Catherine has presented at international, national, local, and regional conferences. Before coming to Neuhaus, Catherine worked as a regular classroom teacher and a reading interventionist in a large urban school district. Catherine is a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), and a Reading Specialist certified by the State of Texas.

Day 1

Effective Literacy Practices: A Comprehensive Approach to Instruction

This session examines the research behind the science of reading and examines how these findings translate into effective literacy instructional practices. This session identifies the evidence behind structured literacy and how they contribute to proficient reading.

Developing Vocabulary and World Knowledge

Vocabulary and word knowledge are key foundational skills that lead to skilled decoding and comprehension. In this presentation, participants will learn about the breadth and depth of vocabulary and the importance of building background knowledge and activities that can be done to support student growth.

Day 2

Building Comprehension Skills for Reading and Writing

Students with dyslexia typically struggle at the word-level but it is imperative to not wait till they are skilled decoders to build comprehension skills. To support reading comprehension, students need a process for organizing and retaining information that is easily accessed and connected to their background knowledge. In this session, participants will learn how to help students strategically and regularly use the structure of connected text to support reading and listening comprehension while simultaneously integrating writing.

Writing Strategies for Struggling Readers

Struggling readers are often overwhelmed by the prospect of writing. Self-regulated Strategy Development explicitly teaches strategies for specific writing genres and general writing strategies alongside self-regulation strategies such as goal-setting, self-monitoring, self-reinforcement, and helping students manage writing strategies and tasks. This interactive session will provide examples of how to get reluctant writers writing and how to scaffold instruction so students gradually assume ownership of incorporating strategies themselves.

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The DoubleTree by Hilton Halifax Dartmouth is offering a rate to attendees of \$144.00 per night.

Booking: <https://group.doubletree.com/6fboyf>

Workshop Registration Form and Payment

Please complete this registration form and send to Janet Bent at the address or email below. To pay by e-transfer, use this email address: registrations@srcfc.com. To pay by cheque, mail your completed registration form and cheque payable to "Learning Centre for Halifax Inc".

**Spring Workshop
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Early Bird Special: \$350 with registration and payment **before or on February 1, 2023**
\$450 after February 1, 2023

Student rate is available for those studying full time. Contact Janet Bent (below).

Questions? Contact Janet Bent (902) 455-3609 jbent@ns.sympatico.ca

Includes coffee breaks & lunches. Please notify in writing of any food sensitivities.

Full Name & Position: _____

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Registration form must be accompanied by full payment. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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