

## Press Release

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### **Three Way Street Putting children at the centre of three way communication**

The rain came down, but on Friday more than 50 children and 200 adults attended the premiere of Triangle's unique new training film. Made with children and young people aged 1-20, the film aims to change the way professionals approach communication with children, by showing real interactions going well and going badly.

Comments from some of those attending the premiere:

**An excellent resource which will help ensure children have a voice**

Eva March, Head of Commissioned Services, ICAN the children's communication charity

**Clever and insightful with a light touch – a unique contribution on a neglected subject**

Joyce Plotnikoff, Researcher

**Brilliantly realised, deeply respectful of children**

Barry Luckock, University Lecturer in Social Work

**So many important messages for those who need to communicate with children**

Richard Woolfson, Researcher

**Great, every professional should have a copy**

Gayle Fagan, Teacher

Improving communication with children is a high priority across many professions. Legislation and guidance now requires direct consultation with children, and there is a welcome tidal wave of recognition that this is essential if we are to keep children safe.

Communicating with children is often a three way event, involving a parent or carer or other accompanying adult. This pack provides a model for three way communication in which the child is central, and demonstrates practical, evidence-based strategies to establish direct communication with a child in the presence of another adult.

Three Way Street is relevant for a multi-professional audience and can be used at different levels with social workers, doctors, nurses, teachers, early years workers and others working with children. The introduction to the film (2 minutes) can be viewed at [www.triangle.org.uk/threeway](http://www.triangle.org.uk/threeway)

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