

Speaking to Writing (S2W) "Planning Lab"

On 10 February 2025, the Speaking to Writing (S2W) Learning Hub conducted its third event at the EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre. Following on from the introductory session in October 2024 and comprehensive "Talk for Writing" online training course in November 2024, this face-to-face event provided an interactive opportunity for participating teachers to implement their learning in practical ways.

The session focused primarily on collaborative planning, offering participants access to a rich selection of resources to support learning and teaching. Teachers from various schools were actively encouraged to "buddy up", facilitating cross-school partnerships and idea sharing. They engaged enthusiastically with previously designed units of work contributed by other schools, examined sample model texts and explored innovative ideas to enhance their teaching strategies. Additionally, the event provided comprehensive planning resources and curated tables filled with engaging activities designed to help students internalise model texts effectively.



A unique highlight of this event was the inclusion of an interactive digital assistant - a "bot" - available to answer questions and offer guidance. This innovative feature was particularly appreciated, providing immediate support. Teachers from experienced "Seed" project schools were also made known to participants and were on hand to provide ideas and guidance.

Participants expressed positive feedback regarding the collaborative planning opportunities and the wealth of accessible resources, noting these elements significantly boosted their confidence in applying this approach in their respective classrooms.

We look forward to hosting the fourth and final sharing event to be held on 5 June 2025, further building confidence and a sense of community in the S2W Learning Hub.