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I believe that I'm on this earth to make a difference! For me, Early Literacy and Language development starting at birth, is a social justice issue that has to contribute to the alleviation of poverty and inequality in our land. This has been my passion as an educator within the formal and informal sectors.

When I heard about the Every Word Counts programme, my heart leapt when I read about its philosophy that encourages everyone to see the importance of intentionally nurturing Literacy and Language development from the womb; rather than leave this precious gift to only school settings. Our monthly EWC" training the trainers" sessions are conducted in a very non-threatening manner and are extremely dynamic through the warm facilitation, input and colourful resources!

The transforming power of early childhood development, is consistently facilitated during the training sessions, and this speaks to my heart! The workshops that we in turn, as participants, conduct at our ECD centres, are welcomed and well received judging from the feedback we receive. I believe with all my heart in the Every Word Counts Programme!