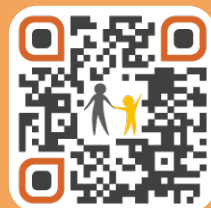




# Let's Talk with Young People with SLD

A course to help parents, carers and support staff learn how to maximise the communication of adults and young people with learning difficulties.



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This practical course is designed for parents and carers but is also suitable for teaching assistants, support workers, and residential staff. Written by speech and language therapists these five two-hour sessions will enable you to maximise the communication skills of the adults and young people with learning difficulties with whom you live and work. It is also suitable for staff working in residential care homes with older clients. The course workbook is full of strategies and activities that can be used in all environments.

## The aims are

- To share information about language and communication development particularly in relation to individuals with learning difficulties.
- To consider the communication challenges young people and adults with learning difficulties have with communication.
- To explore ideas and practical activities to help young people and adults to listen, understand and talk.
- To meet other parents and carers and share ideas.

## Topics covered

- Understanding what's happening when we talk to each other.
- Improving interaction and conversation.
- Improving listening and understanding.
- Understanding questions and directions.
- Encouraging talking and communication.

## What the experts say

Approximately 80% of those with a severe learning disability (SLD) do not acquire effective speech (RCSLT, 2006).

Disabled children and their parents argue communication should be considered as a fundamental desired outcome ( In It together: achieving quality outcomes for young people with complex needs)

## What the participants say

Easy tips and ideas I could use straight away

A real eye opener into difficulties with communication and practical things I could do to help. Excellent. Thank you.

## More information

This course is delivered weekly but can be run over three separate days. It aims to be practical, interactive and fun! Completion of this course can lead to exploring the issues in more depth by attending, 'Speech and Language Support for Post 16s' or 'Speech and Language Support for 11-16s' - whole course details available at: [www.elklan.co.uk](http://www.elklan.co.uk)