

Supporting Children & Adults using AAC



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A specialist training course for staff working with children and adults using AAC across a range of settings. Accredited at levels 2, 3 and 4.



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Alternative and Augmentative Communication systems (AAC) are essential for children and adults who find using verbal communication a challenge. This course is written for practitioners supporting users of AAC, equipping them with innovative tools and methods to develop and encourage communication.

Designed to be delivered face-to-face over five weekly sessions or via e-learning sessions with live webinars. The course uses relevant teaching methods including practical activities, videos and group discussion to engage learners. This course is accredited at levels 2, 3 for practitioners and level 4 for SaLTs and SaLT assistants. It is also available as online sessions for information only without live webinars or accreditation.

What does this course teach?

1. What is AAC (Alternative & Augmentative Communication)?

- Why use AAC?
- What does AAC include?
- Access Methods
- The AAC Team.

2. Assessment and Person Based Communication

- Who might benefit from AAC?
- The skills needed for AAC and a range of tools for assessment are explored
- Assessing and developing person based communication.

3. Paper Based Communication Aids

- Types of paper based AAC systems
- Assessment for paper based AAC
- Supporting and developing paper based AAC systems.

4. Power Based Communication Aids

- Types of power based communication systems
- Assessment for a power based system
- Supporting and developing power based AAC systems.

5. Next Steps and Signposting

- Implementing appropriate AAC approaches
- Techniques and activities for ongoing support
- Where to go for more information and support.

“ An excellent course. I recommend it to all education staff who support children with AAC. ”

