



Makaton – an aid to more effective communication

Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 27th February 2019, 9:00am – 3:45pm,
Ashmount School, Loughborough

This 2-day course is a detailed introduction to using and applying Makaton. Targeted at professionals whose role it is to support and develop the communication skills of children or adults. It is delivered by an accredited Regional Makaton trainer who has first-hand, current, experience of using Makaton and a range of other tools and strategies to support and enhance communication and learning.

What is Makaton?

Makaton is the UK's leading language programme for use by hearing children and adults with learning or communication difficulties. Some users do not have a learning difficulty, for example people whose first language is not English, those who have lost speech because of an injury or illness and those with memory problems. Signs, symbols and speech are used together in spoken word order to help people who do not speak or whose speech is unclear, to communicate and improve their use of language. Makaton also provides extra clues by using signs to aid understanding when someone is talking.

"I really enjoyed sentence building and will go back and put symbols in my storybooks."

"I've learnt loads to take back and implement in school."

"I feel confident and excited about using Makaton now."

Course objectives

- Understand the use and purpose of Makaton with an overview of alternative systems of communication
- Learn the signs and symbols for stages 1-4 and the Additional core vocabulary
- Practice reading symbols and signing
- Gain the knowledge, understanding and practical experience necessary to feel confident supporting the language needs of others using Makaton
- Gain insight into how the use of Makaton can enhance learning and how you can implement and develop it successfully to make a difference.

Resources

The course fee includes four manuals, a pocket book of signs and another of symbols, to support your implementation of Makaton in practice.

Lunch and refreshments are provided.

On completion of the course, you will receive a certificate of attendance.

Cost

£115 (members); £125 (non-members)

Ways to book

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