



Target Audience

Care and Support staff in a variety of settings and Housing Support Teams who are providing direct care and support.

This is a 3-hour workshop built around a Makaton Taster session focusing on practical ways to improve communication.

Effective communication can be a challenge for people with learning disabilities and those working with them daily and the use of Makaton can support some communication challenges and provide positive communication outcomes.

This course is delivered using a range of methods and resources including:

- ◆ Live tutor facilitation, questionnaires, interactive polls, scenarios for breakout groups, questioning and participation, and end of session assessment.

Course Content

- ◆ How having a learning disability may impact on communication
- ◆ What this may mean for the people we support
- ◆ How people with limited communication can signal their needs and wants
- ◆ Why visual support methods can be helpful
- ◆ What the Makaton Language Programme is
- ◆ 24 signs and symbols you can use straightaway
- ◆ Simple, positive changes you can make to daily routines for better communication all round

Learning Outcomes

After attending this course, learners will be able to:

- ◆ State how having a learning disability may impact on communication
- ◆ Describe what this may mean for the people we support
- ◆ Explain how people with limited communication can signal their needs and wants
- ◆ Describe why visual support methods can be helpful
- ◆ State what the Makaton Language Programme is
- ◆ Demonstrate 24 signs and symbols
- ◆ List simple, positive changes you can make to daily routines for better communication all round

Duration: 3 Hours