

Target Audience

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

This course has been developed to enable learners to extend their knowledge of the Makaton Language Programme.

The Session includes learning the signs and symbols from Stages 3 and 4 and the second half of the Additional Vocabulary, teaching procedures, and using Makaton effectively according to the needs of the Makaton users they support.

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

- ◆ Face to Face tutor facilitation, video clips, signing and symbol practise, scenarios for group work, questioning and participation.

This course has been developed by the Makaton Charity and is run by a licenced Makaton tutor.

The Makaton Charity recommends a maximum 10-12 learners ((11 learners maximum for online training) to ensure adequate signing instruction support per learner. Participant manuals are integral to the Level 1 course and must be distributed to all learners.

Course Content

- ◆ Revision of signs and symbols from stages 1 and 2 and first half of the Additional Vocabulary
- ◆ Signs and symbols from stages 3 and 4 and the second half of the Additional Vocabulary
- ◆ Research support for sign and symbol use
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions about using Makaton
- ◆ Makaton symbol design themes: theory and practice
- ◆ Teaching procedures and practical ways to use Makaton
- ◆ Applying Makaton to specific scenarios according to communication need

Learning Outcomes

After attending this course, learners will be able to:

- ◆ Describe the history, design and structure of Makaton and the Makaton Core Vocabulary
- ◆ Demonstrate use of signs and symbols from stages 1-4 and the Additional Vocabulary in their daily environment, and use techniques for placement, directionality and movement
- ◆ State how the signs used with the Makaton Vocabulary are derived
- ◆ Give an overview of the different approaches available to develop the skills of a wide range of Makaton users
- ◆ State the other Makaton Training Courses and Workshops

Duration: 6 hours face to face: 2 modules over the course of one day, or more