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Communication (Learning Disability)

Communication is the process by which information and feelings are exchanged among individuals through common symbols, signs or behaviour.

Target Audience

The course is intended for staff who work with individuals who have communication difficulties through learning impairments or disabilities and may be on the autistic spectrum.

Aims

The aim of the course is for:

- Delegates to be aware of how people communicate.
- Delegates to be aware of positive and negative communication issues.
- Delegates to understand the communication needs of someone with learning disabilities.
- Delegates to be aware of non-verbal communication techniques.
- Delegates should understand what Makaton is, and the issues in its use.
- Delegates to be aware of the elements of pic-symbols, photographs, choice boards and choice books.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session students should be able to:

- State the possible communication needs that people with learning disabilities could have.
- State the common ways that non-verbal communication is used.
- State the ways that Makaton can be used.
- State the ways that pic-symbols and photographs can be used to communicate choice and time.

Course Duration

6 hours – 1 day