

I would like to attend the Talking Mats course in London on Friday 26 September 2008.

Title Name	
Job role and Company	
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Invoicing Details if different to above	postcode
Order No (If applicable): Date: Payment type:	

Authorising Signature - I understand that once a place has been confirmed my organisation is committed to payment and that you are happy to accept a substitute if the above participant cannot attend.

Signed.....

Cancellation and changes

Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations made less than ten working days before the event will be subject to a 50% administration fee. After this date it is regretted that no refunds can be made. Substitution of delegates is acceptable at any time. In the event of cancellation by the organisers, liability will be restricted to refund of the fees paid. It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to make changes to speakers, content or timing of the programme.

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TalkingMats®

London Training

Talking Mats® is a visual framework which uses picture symbols to help people with communication difficulties. It has the potential for use with a wide range of people and is an approach which helps them think about issues and provides them with a way of expressing their views more easily.

Poor communication can cause difficulties and consequently choices and life options can be limited. This is true for a wide range of people no matter what their cause of their communication difficulty. Talking Mats is one tool that can help overcome this.

Talking Mats® training is coming to London, with a full day's training course at the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) on Friday 26 September 2008. The course cost includes lunch.

The course will be held at the RCSLT, 2 White Hart Yard, London, SE1 1NX Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

This course is run by the AAC Research Unit, University of Stirling.

"A practical training course that ensures participants can develop and use Talking Mats® in their own work environment"



The cost of the course is £140.00 (*Cheques should be made payable to The University of Stirling*)

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Who is the course for?

This course is open to anyone whose work includes people with a communication difficulty.

Participants have included Occupational Therapists, Dietitians, Nurses, Advocacy Workers, Service Planners, Social Workers, Speech and Language Therapists, Care Workers, Rehabilitation Assistants, Teachers, Researchers, Psychologists etc.

Clients can include people with learning and or physical disability, stroke, neurological difficulties, mental health issues, the elderly, children etc.

Course Format

- The course runs from 9.30 to 4.30 p.m., and lunch with Joan and Lois is included in the cost.
- Talking Mats is a simple tool but its efficacy lies in the communication skills of the practitioner who uses it. This course is structured to allow participants time to reflect and develop upon their own communication skills.
- The morning will provide background information, hands on experience of using Talking Mats® and video examples of people using Talking Mats®.
- The afternoon will focus on using Talking Mats® in real life situations and planning how to develop its use in participants' own work environment.

Please return this form by 1 February 2008 to apply for a place.

How did you hear about Talking Mats?

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| Word of Mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> | Training Course | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publication / Article | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Web site | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Feedback From Previous Courses



Very useful tool to communicate at a deeper level than could be achieved by talking or questionnaires
- Social Worker

Very useable tool that can be adapted for both assessment and therapy
- Speech and Language Therapist

Brilliant course, I was very apprehensive at the start but this dissipated throughout the sessions
- Researcher

I enjoyed the levels of participation
- Occupational Therapist

Creating mats concentrated thoughts in interesting and challenging ways
- Teacher

One of the most interesting and valuable courses I have been on
- Social Worker