

I would like to attend the Talking Mats course and commit to attending both mornings of 10 October 2008 and 14 November 2008

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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.....
(Please note we will give a full refund if we receive 28 days notice of cancellation.)

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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Talking Mats 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 communication difficulty. Talking Mats is one tool that can help overcome this.

The next course dates are the mornings of Friday 10 October and Friday 14 November.

The course will be held at Stirling University, and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

This course is run by the AAC Research Unit, University of Stirling and is supported by Forth Valley Primary Care Trust.

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



The cost of the course is £115.00 (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 involves 2 mornings with a month's interval in between.

- 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 their own communication skills.
- The participants will be expected to video their use of their Talking Mats between the two sessions.
- The first morning will provide background, support and materials to enable each participant to create a Talking Mat.
- The second morning will use the videos as a focus for discussion, reflection and consideration of future implications in their work environment.

Please note:

We must view video footage of your use of Talking Mats in order for you to receive your certificate.

You will only need to show up to five minutes of your video footage. Please ensure that you have watched your video previous to the second morning's workshop and select the part you feel is most relevant.

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 was dissipated throughout both 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