

I would like to attend the Talking Mats® course in Cheshire on Thursday 23rd September 2010

Name & Job Role	
Telephone	
Email	
Address	Postcode
Invoice details if different to above	Postcode
Order No (If applicable)	
Any special requirements	

**Authorising Signature** - I understand that once a place has been confirmed my organisation is committed to payment.

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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# TalkingMats®

## North West 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.

Talking Mats training is coming to Cheshire, with a full day's training course in Warrington, Cheshire on Thursday 23rd September 2010. The course cost includes lunch.

The course will be held at The Centre, Birchwood Park, Warrington, WA3 6YN. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

This course is run by the Talking Mats Research and Development Centre.



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



The cost of the course is £160 (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 interested in improving communication.

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

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

## Course Format

- ◆ There will be coffee on arrival at 9:30 a.m. and the course will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch 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 their own communication skills.
- ◆ The morning will provide background information, hands on experience of using Talking Mats and some film footage 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 2nd September 2010 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"/> |
| Website             | <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

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

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

Creating mats concentrated thoughts in interesting and challenging ways  
-Teacher

One of the most interesting and valuable courses I have been on  
- Occupational Therapist