

Speech & Language Support for Post 16s

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A course for those of you working with young adults aged 16-25 years in FE colleges and specialist provisions. It will empower you to develop the communication skills of all young adults but especially those with speech, language and communication needs.

This evidence based course provides you with theoretical knowledge and an abundance of practical skills and ideas to support pupils with SLCN and other forms of SEND impacting communication skills in a post 16 environment. The course uses interactive teaching methods, practical activities, videos and group discussion to engage you and support your learning. The course consists of 8 weekly sessions each lasting two hours and can be run either weekly or over 3 full days intensive training.

What does the course teach?

1. WHAT IS COMMUNICATION?

- Identify the processes involved in communication.
- Demonstrate the wide range of communication problems young adults can exhibit.

2. UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE

- Explore non-verbal communication.
- Improve listening skills.
- Use visual schedules and practice schedules.

3. UNDERSTAND THE WORDS

- Identify words that the young adult has difficulty learning.
- Develop strategies to promote the understanding of vocabulary.

4. UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE

- Consider why understanding spoken language might be difficult.
- Learn how to modify language to help the listener.
- Consider other issues such as non-literal language and bilingualism.

5. UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION

- A structure to explore the types of questions and language demands placed on a young adult.

6. UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION

- What skills are needed to be 'streetwise'?
- What strategies can be used to develop this?
(emotional literacy, comic strips, adapting to change)

7. THE TASK OF TALKING

- What are the barriers to talking?
- Consider the interaction.
- Reflect on opportunities to talk.
- Explore social skills.

8. DEVELOPING A COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Explore different everyday situations.
- What are the communication challenges?
- What changes can be implemented to support the young adult?

“Extremely good and would recommend this course to all staff.”

- Lamin Silameh July 2011

“Excellent, very useful & relevant to my job role.”

- Denise Grant July 2011