

The PODD system was designed by **Gayle Porter**, who is a Speech Therapist with over 30 years hands on experience working with people with complex communication needs. Gayle currently works at the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre in Melbourne, Australia. She also has a private practice working with both children and teenagers with complex communication needs in their schools. She has given instructional courses and papers at ISAAC's International Conference for many years, given courses all over the world and written about AAC, Cerebral Palsy and PODD.

When developing the PODD principles Gayle Porter works to support communication at any time and emphasises teaching and learning strategies to enable a person to say what they want to say, when they want to say it and to whom they want to say it to! Gayle considers it an ongoing challenge to provide sufficient vocabulary to meet both the present communication requirements and to stimulate the further development of communication and language skills for people with complex communication needs.



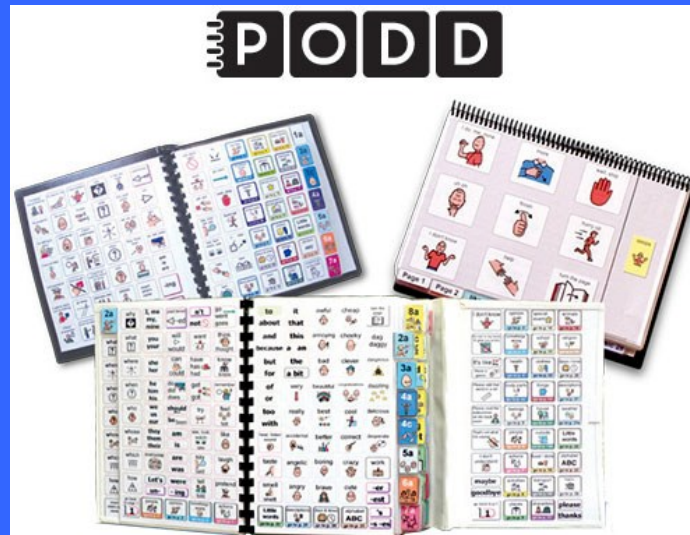
### 2 Day Workshop Presenter

**Rosie Clark** is an assistant headteacher from Woodlands School in Leatherhead. She is a trained conductor and has worked with children with complex physical, learning and communication needs for over 11 years. Rosie has worked closely with Gayle Porter to implement the PODD system firstly at Greenmead School in Putney and then at other special schools in the UK with a range of children. Rosie has completed the week long intensive PODD course and has assisted with running both 3 and 5 day courses in the UK. Rosie is the UK based PODD trainer.



Limited places are available on this course. Places will be offered on receipt of completed registration form and payment, on a first come, first served basis.

**Please bring lunch, refreshments will be provided.**



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# PODD

## PODD Communication System

**1st and 2nd April 2015**

**Please note: This course will only run if there is enough interest  
Stanmore House School  
Lanark, Scotland**

**2 Day Introductory Workshop  
for professionals and  
parents**



**Introduction to the PODD communication system**

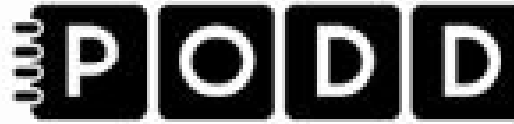
## Programme - 2 day

### Day One

- The challenge, aided language development
- Development and General features of PODDs
- Features of PODD communication books
- Selecting and customising PODD templates

### Day Two

- Access methodologies
- Creating an aided language learning environment
- Providing receptive input
- Providing opportunities for expressive communication
- Scaffolding interactions
- Developing operational skills
- Communication partner learning
- Where to begin – where to from here?



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## Outcomes - 2 day

### Participants will be able to:

- Describe the challenges faced by professionals creating communication systems in relation to vocabulary organisation, layout, design, range of access strategies and customising for individual requirements.
- Discuss the importance of receptive language input and creating a language learning environment.
- Discuss the features of a PODD communication system, including vocabulary organisation, layout, design, range of access strategies and customising for individual requirements.
- Use PODD generic template resources to produce customised communication books.
- Discuss the teaching and learning strategies for implementing PODD communication systems with students and team members.

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/position/parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to register for the PODD Introductory Workshop (please tick which applies) and enclose a cheque for the full amount. For BACS payments, please email [rosemaryvclark@hotmail.com](mailto:rosemaryvclark@hotmail.com)**

**Professionals**  
**Cost: £225 per person**

**Parents and Carers**  
**Cost: £125 per person**

**Cost includes: course, manual & certificate**

**Please send completed registration form  
along with cheque made payable to:**

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