

AFASIC SCOTLAND: *UNLOCKING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE*

SPRING TRAINING DAY

“IMPROVING SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT”

DELEGATE COST: £95.00 (limited availability)

THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2013 - 9.00am (registration) start 9.45 am – 3.30 pm

VENUE: CHAMBERS EAST, The Chamber Building, Panmure Street, Dundee DD1 1EP

Beautiful central venue 5 minutes from bus/train, car parks nearby

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DID YOU KNOW..? THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED ITS “SCOTLAND: THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATION NATION” AGENDA

This training is a must for nursery and primary school teachers, classroom assistants, Learning Support teachers and parents

WHAT WILL YOU ACHIEVE?

This course is designed to appeal to teachers who wish to develop skills in supporting children with social communication difficulties. The morning session will be built around awareness and skills-building to overcome difficulties and challenging situations in school. The afternoon will focus on practical solutions with some opportunities to share expertise through workshops

Growing up with Speech and Language Difficulties

Recent research points to the long-term impact of speech and language difficulties on children and young people and the complex relationships between speech and language development, behaviour, social disadvantage and mental health. Good communication skills are crucial to enhance individual life chances and integral to the social and economic well-being of society. Children and young people affected by this hidden disability face multiple disadvantage and challenge current provision of services to respond to their needs.

The Training Day and Workshops will aim to:

- ✓ **Revise and extend your understanding of specific speech, language and communication disorders /difficulties**
- ✓ **Help you understand how to recognise them in the classroom and beyond**
- ✓ **Raise awareness of social communication development**
- ✓ **Generalise skills taught in the classroom to promote independence, well-being and close partnerships with family**
- ✓ **Offer practical ideas for improving word finding, sentence structure and communication**
- ✓ **Discuss how obstacles to learning can be overcome by using individual complex cases within workshops**
- ✓ **Offer effective strategies for supporting children with SLI; and lots of practical tools to take away on our unique USB memory device**

The training is hands on and interactive, sharing current knowledge, experience and best practice and the trainer offers her extensive professional skills base to allow participants to become better equipped to deal positively with children who are challenged by speech, language and communication impairments.

Our Trainer : Margo Sharp -

Margo is a highly skilled, independent Consultant SLT. For more than twenty years was Lead SLT in a Regional NHS Multi-disciplinary Team for diagnosing and managing children and adolescents with complex language and communication disorders. Her particular interest is helping carers of children with SLI and ASD promote effective and safe communication within the wider learning environment.

NB Margo may be joined by another SLI professional and / or parent to add to the day – *details to follow*

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Afasic is the UK charity representing children and young adults with communication impairments, working for their inclusion in society and supporting their parents and carers. *Afasic Scotland is registered as a national provider of Continuing Professional Development for Teachers in Scotland.*

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