



Somerset Total Communication Training 2014/2015

STC Training

Total Communication is a multi-sensory approach whereby all forms of verbal and non-verbal communication are recognised, valued and actively promoted within an individual's environment.

Somerset Total Communication (STC) is the process through which the use of Total Communication has developed and is continuing to develop in Somerset.

The Speech, Language and Communication Framework (SLCF) defines competences for everyone who works with children and young people (see www.communicationhelppoint.org for more information).

STC Awareness Session

STC offers a 2 hour session open to parents, families and carers* of children and young people living with speech, language or communication needs in Somerset. You will find out about S.T.C training and resources, signing, symbols and other ways of supporting children at home and at school.

(* Somerset County Council approved Foster Carers, have separate training arrangements, please contact CSC Training at SCIL, 01823 348268 for more information.)

STC Schools & Community Induction Training

STC Schools Induction training has been moderated by the Communication Trust who agree that it covers the competences at the Universal stage of the SLCF.

The training is for anyone working with children/young people in schools (Keystages1-4) or the community.

What will I learn?

- You will develop an understanding of the philosophy of STC
- You will acquire and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to enable you to begin to use total communication strategies
- You will learn to use signing to support your spoken language
- You will explore the use of photos, pictures and symbols to support communication

STC Schools & Community 2nd Level Training

What will I learn?

- You will develop a deeper understanding of language complexity and how it impacts on teaching and learning
- You will develop a further understanding of how the strategies and tools of STC can be effectively applied

Who is this training for?

The training is for anyone working with children or young people in schools or the community. It will be particularly helpful to anyone supporting children and young people with communication needs.

N.B. An Induction certificate is prerequisite for this training.

The next STC Schools & Community 2nd Level Course is on Tuesdays 20th, 27th January, 3rd & 10th February 2015 from 1.00 – 4.00 pm.

STC Schools & Community Coordinators Training

What will I learn? You will develop the necessary, knowledge, skills, resources and practice to enable you to perform the role of STC Coordinator.

What is the commitment? To attend all four training sessions and to complete the coursework.

Assessment will be ongoing – based upon the completion of coursework and a presentation.

Who is this training for?

STC Coordinators training is principally preparing individuals to deliver STC Schools & Community Induction training within their setting. Please can we remind you and your line manager that you will only be able to deliver STC Schools & Community Induction training if your setting is an STC member.

An STC Schools 2nd level certificate is prerequisite for this training.

Research and experience have demonstrated that STC is most successfully implemented in schools where there is a Teacher/Coordinator **and** a TA or LSA/Coordinator. Therefore, we would advise that a Teacher and TA/LSA attend together, unless there is already an STC Coordinator in place, in which case the complementary person can attend.

More dates to follow

If you are interested in any of the above courses, please telephone or email Caroline Male for a booking form. Courses are dependant on numbers attending.

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