

Lámh (Sign Communication System)

Course Description

Lámh is a manual sign system used by children and adults with intellectual disability and communication needs in Ireland. It is a type of augmentative or alternative communication system (AAC). A decision as to whether Lámh is the appropriate communication support for an individual is made only after an assessment has been carried out. Lámh signs are based on Irish Sign Language (ISL). Speech is always used with Lámh signs. Lámh signs are used to support communication.

Expected Outcomes

Participants will:

- Be able to use the 100+ signs from the Module One Book
- Use Lámh as an effective communication tool
- Contribute to assessment or decision-making around Lámh use
- Participate effectively in an established Lámh environment

Course Overview / Content

This course introduces Lámh as a means of supporting communication, enables teachers to become familiar with 100 signs and provides practical opportunities for teachers to engage in Lámh. The course is provided by the Special Education Support Service in conjunction with registered Lámh tutors regionally.

Information for Applicants

This course is open to

- Teachers working with Lámh users in a mainstream setting or special school
- Teachers working in classes for student(s) with Autism in a mainstream setting
- Full-time Resource/Learning Support teachers who are currently working with student(s) with Autism

Participants will require permission from the Board of Management to attend. Typically, substitution for this seminar will only be allowed to classroom teachers with primary responsibility for students

with a special educational need and if it is deemed absolutely essential by the Principal.
Typically substitution will only be allocated to non - substitute teachers
Payment is not available to teachers in a substitute capacity

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Registration: 8.45 AM

Start: 9.15 AM

Finish: 4.00 PM

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