



### **Contract Training:**

- *For organisations and groups who are seeking Lámh training*
- *Training for families and staff available*
- *Contact is made between interested groups and Contract Tutors through the Development Office*

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Communication Augmentation Sign System Ltd.

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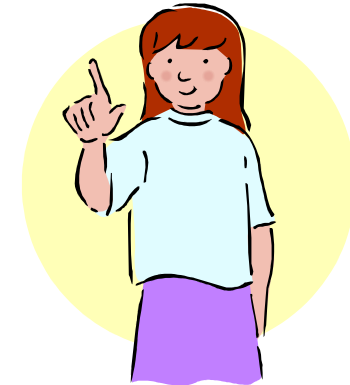
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**Lámh is a manual sign system designed for people with intellectual disabilities and communication needs in Ireland.**

It is used to augment speech/language/general communication or become a primary method of communication if speech does not develop. Research shows that the appropriate use of such systems accompanied by speech improves communication skills in general and in many cases facilitates the development of spoken language. Lámh can be used with both children and adults.

## **Lámh Training**

Formal training in Lámh is open to both families and staff and is provided by trained Lámh tutors. Lámh training not only covers the mechanics of learning to make signs but the necessary background to implementing a signing programme with children and adults. Formal training courses are conducted on a group basis using a problem solving approach.

## **Contract Training**

Lámh's function is to **develop, promote and maintain** Lámh as an augmentative/alternative system of communication for people with intellectual disabilities. Lámh's role includes training tutors, development of the signing system and training programmes. ***Tutors are not employed directly by Lámh, but are trained to deliver Lámh courses according to recommended standards.***

*In recognition of difficulties encountered by some groups and individuals in accessing training, Lámh have set up a system of Contract Training.*

*This means that groups can contract in a tutor to deliver training for families or staff.*

*Tutors who are available to deliver courses as part of the Contract Training system can be contacted through the Lámh Development Office.*

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## **Training Courses available through the Contract System:**

### **The Lámh Family Course**

Designed for family members and sometimes attended by others close to the family. The training involves:

- Four 2 - 2 and a half hour sessions and follow-up session
- Learning signs
- Selection of vocabulary, working with communication partners, using sign.

Course materials include a set of signs and a Family Course handbook

**Cost of Training:** €1,200.00 per course  
Materials are available €25.00 per pack (plus 10% P & P)  
(There is a limit of 12 participants per tutor)

## **Module One Course**

A staff course, covering 100 signs and support studies. For those who:

- Have started to work in a signing environment
- Have specific periods of contact with Lámh users
- Have no major involvement in the assessment process

This course can be delivered over **one day** or over **three sessions** (duration 6 and 1/2 hours)

*Materials: Sign book, handbook and certificate €37.00 per person plus 10% p & p.*

**Cost:** €600 for one day training or €700 for three mornings/evenings (12 participants)

## **Lámh Staff Course (Five-day)**

This course is currently being updated and in the future will be delivered in modular form.

The core areas covered in the training are:

- Lámh in the context of communication
- The assessment process
- Implementing Lámh
- 500 signs

*Please contact the Lámh Development Office for more details.*