

## Materials

In the interest of standardisation, Lamh materials are only available to those who have completed the relevant accredited Lamh staff or family course.

## On-going Development

Lamh's accredited courses and associated training packages and materials are under review as part of it's continuing development.

It is hoped to expand the availability and range of courses on offer to suit the amount and type of contact with the child or adult.



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## *Lámh Training*

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**The need for training** In order for any form of communication to be effective, it must be used in all aspects of a person's life. Lamh **emphasises** the integration and use of signs in everyday settings. Thus arises the need for training.

Formal accredited training in Lamh is divided into two main areas:

A. Training t'or stat'f

B. Training for families / carers



## A. Training for Staff

At present accredited training for stat'f is available at 2 levels:

1.5 day equivalent basic staff course

2. Tutor course

## Basic Staff Course

The basic staff course is run by trained Lamh tutors who are working in various locations around the country. The tutors come from various professions and have experience of using Lamh. They are not employed directly by Lamh but are authorised to run Lamh courses according to recommended standards. The courses are advertised by the tutors themselves, and on the Lamh website usually. They are run over 5 days in various combinations and are for those who work with individuals with intellectual disabilities and communication needs. The core areas covered in the course are as follows:

- Complete vocabulary of signs i.e. 500
- Lamh in the context of communication
- Assessment
- Learning to use signs
- Implementing Lamh

Optional content areas include:

- Aided & Unaided Systems of Communication
- Encouraging Sign Use
- Common Questions about Signing

Participants on the stat'f course receive a full set of Lamh materials, which includes a handbook and a set of sign illustrations. A follow-up day is held approximately 6 months later. Only those who have completed a full course can receive certification at the end. Short informal unaccredited courses may also be run by Lamh tutors or staff.

## Tutors Course

The Lamh Board of Directors and Development Officer run training t'or staff who have attended the basic course and wish to apply for tutor training. The course covers all aspects of planning and implementing basic and t'amily Lamh training packages. An application form is used to screen potential candidates for the course with direct follow-up to determine suitability if necessary.

## B. Family Course

The Family Course is also run by Lamh tutors. It was originally designed for family members though others close to the family have also attended e.g. play school staff, childminders, neighbours. The training involves:

- Four 2 - 2 1/2 hour sessions
- One follow-up session (4 weeks later approx.)

The core areas covered in the course are:

- Learning signs
- Selection of vocabulary
- Involvement of other communication partners
- Extension of situations in which signs are used

Course materials include a family course handbook and sign illustrations. To find out about the next family course contact the Lamh tutor in your area.

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