

# INTERACT

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**Meeting the fundamental communication needs of people who have  
severe learning difficulties**

## **INTENSIVE INTERACTION**

Course Leader:

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This course will be of interest to staff of all disciplines who work with adults and children with severe learning difficulties, including social services staff, teachers and assistants, nurses, staff from voluntary organisations, therapists and indeed parents and other carers. The focus is on the communication needs of people who have not achieved use nor perhaps understanding of speech and may be “difficult to reach” in various ways. Intensive Interaction is an approach where the member of staff is seen as the main teaching resource, using personal qualities of face, voice and body language to involve the learner in progressive sequences of interactive activities. These activities provide the person with learning difficulties with the opportunity to learn the pre-speech fundamentals of communication such as enjoying being with another person, giving sustained attention, turntaking, use and understanding of eye contacts, facial expressions, body language and non-verbal signalling.

The course will include extensive use of video examples. Comprehensive hand-outs will be given. Course members should expect to work in a warm, humorous and supportive atmosphere.

**Dr Dave Hewett Ph.D** is a freelance trainer and consultant for staff working in the field of learning difficulties. Previously he was headteacher of Harperbury Hospital School, Hertfordshire, but has been working nationwide with staff from all professions for over ten years. He has published extensively on Intensive Interaction, including the book ‘Access to Communication’ (with Melanie Nind) and on challenging behaviours including ‘Challenging Behaviour: Principles and Practices’.

### **Course Programme includes:**

- the development of Intensive Interaction
- how people learn to communicate and relate in infancy
- the fundamentals of communication
- the principles of Intensive Interaction
- how to do Intensive Interaction
- organising work on Intensive Interaction
- record-keeping and documentation
- issues: age appropriateness, challenging behaviours, physical contact, teamwork, ethics, emotional bonding/professional objectivity.

**Cohort:** Staff of all disciplines who work with adults & children with severe learning difficulties, including social services staff, teachers and assistants, nurses, staff from voluntary organisations, therapists and indeed parents and other carers

**Cost:** £150 per person including buffet lunch

This course will be held at: **the Access & Inclusion Centre, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee School  
Kennet Road, London, W9 3LG**

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