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## Who is this course for?

This online course is suitable for Therapists, Teachers, Teaching and Therapy Assistants, Social Care Workers, Advocates and anyone who supports children, young people and adults across health, social work, residential and education settings.

## What is it about?

Talking Mats Limited is a social enterprise whose vision is to improve the lives of people with communication difficulties and those close to them, by increasing their capacity to communicate effectively about things that matter to them.

Talking Mats is a person centred approach allowing individuals to express their views, thoughts and feelings using symbols arranged on a mat. This approach allows people with and without communication difficulties to express themselves on a range of topics important to them. For example, talking about their future or expressing difficulties they are experiencing in their lives.

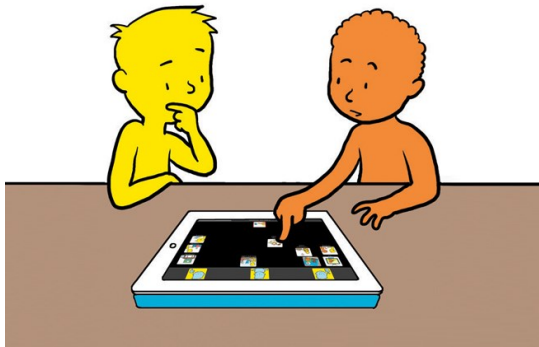
Talking Mats give everyone a voice and an opportunity to influence decisions about their lives.

## What will I get out of this?

At the end of the course you will:

- Have learnt the skills to carry out Talking Mat sessions with people who you support.
- Have completed at least one videoed Talking Mat session and reflected on your own communication and use of the Talking Mats principles during a video evaluation session.
- Have the opportunity to learn from others and think creatively about how to use Talking Mats in your own setting.
- Receive a Talking Mat Foundation Certificate and an E-book about using Talking Mats.
- Have the opportunity to buy Talking Mat symbol sets at a discounted price.

# TalkingMats



## Course Overview:

- The course is structured to allow participants time to reflect and develop their own communication skills.
- Talking Mats will be delivered as an online course, over approximately 6 weeks. The course consists of 4 E-learning modules developed by Talking Mats, 2 assignments, completion of 2 Talking Mats (1 videoed) and 2 remote discussion and video feedback sessions.
- The KM CAT Foundation training tutors will support delegates throughout this course by responding to forum posts, giving feedback on assignments and meeting for remote sessions to discuss the course content and share their experiences of using Talking Mats. The video feedback session enables delegates to meet and learn from each other about delivering a Talking Mat.

## How to Book:

Please complete the booking form on the back of this flyer and send it in to us to express your interest in attending. One of the trainers will then contact you to discuss details and potential dates

## Cost:

The cost for the online course is £125

**Kent and Medway Communication and Assistive Technology Service (KM CAT)**

**Training Booking Form**

This training is part of a county wide policy approach to making sure that the young people in Kent Schools and Education Settings are able to express their views about their education.

If you are a Senior Manager in a Kent Maintained Education Setting and would like this training for some of your staff, please contact us and request a quote which we can offer at a reduced rate.

Name:		Your Role:	Parent/Carer <input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you supporting CYPs on KM CAT Case load?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	NHS <input type="checkbox"/> KCC <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:			
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Please specify if you have any special requirements			

Please provide the financial information required for invoicing purposes (if your place is chargeable):			
Invoice Address:			
Purchase Order Number:			
Signature:		Date:	

**Course Booking Terms and Conditions**

Please allow one completed booking form for each delegate, for each course they are requesting to attend. If your place on the course is chargeable we will require a purchase order number in advance and the invoicing address. By submitting your form, you are agreeing that your employer is aware of your application and they have consented to cover any costs.

If plans change and you are unable to attend the course please contact us to advise. We may be able to defer your place on the course to another day. No contact in advance of the course could result in a cancellation fee being applied (50% of course fees + £12 Admin Costs).

For more information regarding services provided by the KM CAT, please contact us using the information below. Or you can find us on the KELSI website:

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