

PECS

AIMS

To be able to support people with communication difficulties

DURATION

Half Day Course (3 hours)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course you will:

- Understand what communication is
- Recognise common barriers to communication
- Know what PECS is
- Identify whether a Person would benefit from using PECS
- Be able to identify communication opportunities to use PECS
- Know the 6 Phases of PECS
- Be aware of ways to transition from PECS
- Recognise some basic PECS symbols

LESSONS AND TOPICS

Communication

- What is communication
- Barriers to communication
- Alternative Communication methods

PECS

- What is PECS?
- Who is Suitable for PECS?
- Identifying Communication Opportunities
- Strategies for Saying "No"

6 Phases of PECS

- Phase 1 – How to Communicate
- Phase 2 – Distance and Persistence
- Phase 3 – Picture Discrimination
- Phase 4 – Sentence Structure
- Attributes and Language Expansion
- Phase 5 – Responsive Requesting
- Phase 6 - Commenting

Transitioning from PECS

- Complex Communication Needs
- Who is Suitable for Transition?
- Preparing for Transition
- Using PECS in Transition

PECS Symbols

- Basic PECS symbols

