

### **INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION AIDS**

Two-hour introduction to AAC including “hands-on” time: “high-tech” and “low-tech” communication aids, switches and other in-puts. symbol systems, special and adapted toys. *No previous knowledge needed.*

### **EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS**

Up to a week, based at Communicate. *By arrangement; for those with special interest in communication aids.*

### **ADVICE DAYS**

Help for professionals, carers, families, communication aid users. Examples: clinical consultations; technical “trouble-shooting”; service delivery issues. Advice Days are every two months. *Please contact us to make an appointment, or to arrange a different date.*

### **COMMUNICATE CONTRACT AREA**

Co. Durham, Cumbria, North Yorkshire, Tyne & Wear and Teesside. Please contact us for further information.

#### **Communicate moved on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 to**

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## **EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**January 2008 – March 2009**



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DATE & TIME	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENTS
<b>14 Mar 2008</b> All Day 9.30 - 12.45	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required. All Free for contract area
<b>13 May 2008</b> All Day 10.30 – 12.30 1.15 - 5.00	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communication Aids * c. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required. All Free for contract area
<b>June 2008</b>	CM Road Show <b>learn about the latest communication aids and low-tech equipment</b>	Newcastle t.b.c.	To be announced by Communication Matters <a href="http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk">www.communicationmatters.org.uk</a>
<b>4 July 2008</b> All Day 9.30 - 12.45	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required All Free for contract area
<b>21-23 Sept 2008</b>	Communication Matters Symposium	The Gilbert Murray Conference Centre, Leicester University	Contact Communication Matters Tel: 0845 456 8211 <a href="http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk">www.communicationmatters.org.uk</a>
<b>8 Oct 2008</b> All Day 10.30 – 12.30 1.15 - 5.00	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communication Aids * c. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required. All Free for contract area
<b>22-23 October 2008</b>	DNEX 08	The Metro Radio Arena Newcastle	Contact Disability North 0191 2840480 <a href="http://www.disabilitynorth.org.uk">www.disabilitynorth.org.uk</a>
<b>16 Jan 09</b> All Day 10.30 - 12.30 1.15 - 4.45	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communication Aids * c. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required. All Free for contract area
<b>12 March 2009</b> All Day 9.30 - 12.45	a. Advice Sessions b. Introduction to Communicate Services	Walkergate Park Newcastle upon Tyne	Contact Communicate to book; no previous knowledge required All Free for contract area

\* **Experience Placement Weeks** start with each scheduled "Introduction to Communication Aids".

**Four "off-site" Introduction to Communication Aids sessions annually on request**, across the North East, Cumbria and North Yorkshire

**Advice Sessions at other times on request** - please contact Communicate for details.

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