

TALKING MATS FOUNDATION TRAINING

Book now to learn how to effectively use Talking Mats – an innovative and award-winning approach that can enable children, young people and adults to express their views on topics or decisions which are important to them.

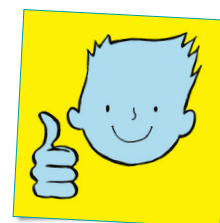
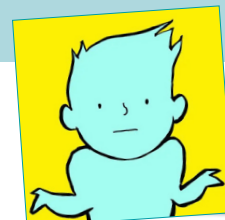
Could Talking Mats help you?

Talking Mats® has the potential for use with people of all ages and abilities (children, young people and adults, and those with speech, language, communication and learning difficulties arising from a wide range of causes e.g. intellectual disability, stroke, dementia, neurological difficulties, mental health issues etc).

It is a visual framework, which helps people think about issues and provides them with a way of expressing their views more easily e.g., how they feel about their activities, their skills, where they live, the care they receive, their views about topics that might be difficult to discuss e.g., their mental well-being, their safety, decisions about their future. Professionals using Talking Mats have included Occupational Therapists, Dieticians, Doctors, Nurses, Advocacy Workers, Service Planners, Social Workers, Speech-Language Therapists, Lawyers, Care Workers, Teachers, Rehabilitation Assistants, Researchers, Psychologists and many more.

The Foundation Training is delivered by Talking Mats Accredited Trainers and combines hands-on experience of Talking Mats with discussion and reflection on the use of the tool in a variety of real-life situations.

If you and/or your organisation want to enable the people you work alongside to have more autonomy, and involvement in important decisions, Talking Mats will be an invaluable approach for you.



Talking



Managing



Friends



Rules



Eating

TalkingMats
Improving communication, Improving Lives

More information about Talking Mats in use can be found at talkingtroublenz.org/talking-mats-1

Upcoming courses:

In-person (full day)

Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

Cost: \$430 per person (including GST).

Fee includes a standard Talking Mats symbol set of your choosing.

Wellington

Thursday 30th April, 9.30am–4.30pm
Wellington Hospital

Auckland

Friday 23rd October, 9.30am–4.30pm
Venue TBC

Online (three 2-hour sessions)

To complete an online course, participants must attend **all three** sessions of the course.

Cost: \$430 per person (including GST). Fee includes a standard Talking Mats symbol set of your choosing.

1. Starting on Wednesday 13 May at 9–11am.
(Session 2 is on 20 May from 9–11am and session 3 is on 10 June 9–11am.)
2. Starting on Monday 3 August 10.30am–12.30pm.
(Session 2 is on 10 August from 10.30am–12.30pm and session 3 is on 7 Sept 10.30am–12.30pm.)
3. Starting on Mon 2 November at 1–3pm. (Session 2 is on 9 November from 1–3pm and session 3 is on 30 November 1–3pm.)



If your organisation:

- Would like a course at your location, contact us so we can try to make that happen.
- Works in a specialist area and would like a Foundation Training that focuses on topics related to Talking Mats Advanced Sets e.g., **Keeping Safe**, **Capacity – Enabling Supported Decision-Making**, **Sexual Health and Relationships** (developed for contexts where harmful sexual behaviour has led to interaction with the justice system), **Thinking Ahead** (designed to support people to think about and plan for the future when coping with changes in health), **Alternative and Augmentative Communication**, please contact us. We can tailor a course especially for you.

If you want to book a place on any of the courses above, please email
contact@talkingtroublenz.org