

ATANZ is excited to host

New Online LAMP Course for Aotearoa/ New Zealand

Words for Life & the LAMP therapy approach

In response to feedback, the first day of the 2-day LAMP course will now be available as an online course in NZ, comprising of three 2-hour sessions spread across 6 weeks, and offered twice yearly.

Suitable for all professionals and whānau supporting autistic children who use AAC

Presented by

Dr Sam Brydon

Dates:

Day 1, 7 May 2025,

Day 2, 21 May 2025,

Day 3, 4 June 2025

Time: 1 pm- 3.15pm,

3 online sessions of 2 hours with additional 15 minutes for questions.

About this event:

It is intended that the workshop will be fully participatory, with group discussions, practice elements, small group work, and action plans to put new knowledge and skills into practice. Support will be provided via an online chat thread in between workshops so that participants can give feedback about how they have implemented their action plan, engage in peer support, and receive feedback / guidance from the presenter, Sam Brydon. Numbers will be capped at 25 per workshop, and workshops will not be recorded.

This workshop will provide comprehensive training about the LAMP therapeutic approach, which was developed by John and Cindy Halloran, and Mia Emerson, and focuses on supporting autistic children to use AAC. This approach can be used across AAC systems, but it is particularly suited for use with the LAMP Words for Life app.

LAMP Words for Life is a communication app that has been specifically designed with autistic children in mind, and is the partner app for the LAMP therapeutic approach, with a focus on learning words through unique and efficient motor plans. This app will be demonstrated and demystified throughout the workshops, with plenty of opportunities for participants to practice and hone their skills at setting up, modelling, and using in a range of activities.

Participants will learn about the theory underpinning the LAMP approach, the importance of multi-sensory convergence, and the 5 elements of the LAMP therapeutic approach, with plenty of opportunities for discussion and practice. At the end of the three sessions, participants should feel that they have a good understanding of the LAMP therapeutic approach, the importance of multi-sensory convergence, lots of ideas about how to engage autistic children in activities that promote communication, and skills to use and edit LAMP WFL as they implement it with children.

About the presenter:



Sam Brydon is a speech language therapist with 30 years of experience in the field of disability, including as a social worker. Sam originally trained and worked in England, before emigrating to Aotearoa in 2007. She has since worked for the Ministry of Education, Patricia Avenue Specialist School, and currently for The TalkLink Trust. She completed doctoral research at Massey University in the field of AAC in 2023. Sam first discovered LAMP when she was reading and researching for her PhD. She attended the first training in Aotearoa in 2019 and has since implemented and supported LAMP with many children and young people with diverse communication needs and has been excited to observe how successful this approach can be with children who have previously struggled to use AAC

Minimum numbers:

Events require a minimum number of participants to proceed. We'll confirm 2 weeks before the date of each event and offer the option to attend at a different location or full refund of your ticket if we do not have sufficient numbers. Please keep this in mind when booking any travel and accommodations.

Who can attend:

This workshop is for all people including speech language therapists, teachers, teacher aides and parents working with autistic children with diverse communication needs.

Costs:

- \$ 250 for ATANZ members
- \$ 300 for non-members (remember membership is \$110)
- \$ 50 for parent/whānau attendees (limited numbers)
- \$ 75 for Other/student attendees (limited numbers)

Registrations close 30 April 2025 or when sold out – places are limited!

Register online on the ATANZ website – <https://atanz.org.nz/events>

Ensure you log in with your ATANZ membership to access the member discount rate!

Questions:

All login details will be sent to registrants closer to the date.

Please contact us with any further questions at events@atanz.org.nz
