



# Communicating with people who experience severe / profound intellectual disabilities

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2007** 9.00am - 4.00pm

**Presented by Dr. Mark Barber Ph.D**

## This seminar will focus on an approach to communication known as **Intensive Interaction**

Intensive Interaction is an approach to assisting learners who experience Profound and Severe Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities to learn about and to become more successfully involved in social interactions, even though they may appear to have

extremely limited communicative behaviours. When the approach is used to underpin interactions with learners further isolated by Autistic Spectrum Behaviours it appears to contribute to a general shift from an inner to an outer, more social world.

Dr. Mark Barber has worked for over 20 years as a teacher with learners of all ages who experience Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities; latterly he was a tutor at University of Manchester, UK. He has produced a number of publications on intervention approaches and early communication, including collaborations with Dr. Juliet Goldbart and Judith Coupe O'Kane. He is currently the Intensive Interaction Coordinator at Bayside SDS in Melbourne, as well as working with a range of agencies that provide services for learners with Profound Intellectual Disabilities in Victoria, SA, NSW & Queensland. (More details and/or C.V. available on request).

**This day seminar and workshop will address the following issues:**

- **What is Intensive Interaction?**
- **Where does it come from?**
- **What do you do?**
- **What are its Aims and Key features?**
- **What does it look like?**
- **Who is it for?**
- **Is it age appropriate?**
- **How do you get started and how do you develop it?**
- **Does it work?... Is there evidence...where is it?**
- **How might you note/record progress?**

Using video, activities and discussion, this very full programme is based on nearly 10 years of experience of using this approach in UK and Australia. Full references and resource lists will be given throughout the seminar and it is hoped that a network of interested practitioners might develop from the day.

The programme will be relevant to those working with learners with Severe-Profound Intellectual Disabilities: Special Educators, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Adult Day Service workers, SSO's, Residential Officers, ID Nurses, Psychologists, Students, parents and families.

**Cost: £35 + VAT (subscribers) / £45 + VAT (non-subscribers)**

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# Booking Form

**Please reserve me a place at the 'Communicating with people who experience severe/profound intellectual disabilities' event being held on 28th November 2007 at The Globe Centre, St. James Square, Accrington, BB5 ORE.**

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Closing date for applications to this event is Friday 16th November 2007. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

If your application has been successful - you will receive a confirmation letter along with a map. Please bring this with you when booking in on 28th November 2007.

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