

ATANZ is excited to host

Supporting communicators with intellectual disabilities:

how do we ensure that informal and unintentional communicators are heard

presented by Deakin University's senior lecturer and speech-language pathologist/therapist

Dr Jo Watson

Pre-webinar online conversation – July 6-July 17 on Facebook

Part 1 – one-hour online webinar available July 27 – Aug 10

Part 2 – interactive online webinar - 10 Aug 2020 from 12:30-2:00 pm

Cost: \$ 50 individuals & \$250 for groups

Registrations close 24 July 2020

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Dr Jo Watson will be facilitating a 7-week online programme focused on the communication support needs of people with intellectual disability. She will provide participants with an overview of the human communication continuum and its relevance to the use of AAC systems and supports. Jo will discuss the importance of informal and formal AAC systems within supported decision making for people with intellectual disability, with a particular focus on informal and unintentional communicators, who she believes are rarely heard.

The program will begin with a discussion via social media prompted by questions posed by Jo around the topic.

This discussion will inform the one-hour webinar that participants can watch in their own time over a 2-week period. This will be followed by an online interactive seminar facilitated by Jo exploring the questions posed, the video presentation and any questions raised by participants.

Who can attend?

This workshop will be of interest to a wide range of clinicians including psychologists, speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, doctors, and other professionals who support people with intellectual disabilities.

It is also open to whānau including adult siblings, educators, policy makers, NASC assessors, CAT 1 & 2 assessors, adult services, WINZ case managers, Assistive technology assessors and anyone interested in ensuring that children and adults with intellectual disabilities have the support they need to communicate and connect with the important people in their lives.

Why attend or encourage others to attend?

The aim of this webinar is to ensure that the wishes and needs of all New Zealanders can be heard, respected, and understood. To do this, we collectively can continue to advance our own skills as communication partners.

The content will be relevant regardless if you are supporting and conversing with young people or adults with minimal or no speech and intellectual disabilities.



Presenter

Dr Jo Watson is a Senior Lecturer in Disability and Inclusion at Deakin University in Victoria Australia. Jo currently co-directs and teaches into the Post Graduate program of disability and inclusion at Deakin. She has practiced as a Speech Pathologist since 1991, with a focus on supporting people with little or no speech to have their 'voices' heard. Jo is engaged in research focused on supported decision-making approaches specifically for people with intellectual disability who communicate informally.

For more information about Dr Watson, you may be interested in the following podcast and TedTalk:

- Podcast - <https://www.informonline.org.au/supported-decision-making-inform-podcast/>
- 2016 TedTalk - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMerG7CULJE>

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