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2025 October /November offering – Online LAMP Words for Life & the LAMP therapy approach for Aotearoa / New Zealand

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

PRESENTED BY

Dr Sam Brydon

In response to feedback, the first day of the 2-day LAMP course is now available as an online course in NZ, comprising of three 2.5-hour sessions spread across 6 weeks, and offered twice yearly.

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 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 30 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. When you register for this course it is assumed that you will have an autistic young person in mind that you can consider practicing these skills with, as appropriate!

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.

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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 & Cancellations:

Events require a minimum of participants to proceed. We'll confirm if we can go ahead, latest two weeks before the start date of the event and we offer a full refund in case we need to cancel. Cancellations by participants less than 14 days before the event will not be refunded. Substitution by another person is possible when you notify us by email at events@atanz.org.nz no later than 3 days before the start of the event. Please check out our full cancellation and refunds policy here.

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, (membership is $110)
$ 50 for Whānau/family members (limited numbers)
$ 75 for Students (limited numbers)

Please check out our grants for professionals and whānau here https://www.atanz.org.nz/professionals/grants-and-funding

Registrations close 7th October 2025
or when sold out – places are limited! Ensure you log in with the correct ticket type to access the discount rate for ATANZ members!

TICKETS AND INFORMATION:
www.atanz.org.nz/events

Day 1 – 15th October 2025,
Day 2– 29th October 2025,
Day 3 – 12th November 2025

1.00 pm– 3.30pm , 3 online sessions of 2.5 hours incl. 15 minutes for questions.

For any questions about these workshops please contact events@atanz.org.nz