

## *DIARY*

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### **Events and training**

Communication Matters organises training and events.

These include:

#### **Conference**

Our annual conference takes place over three days. It is a chance for everyone – AAC users, professionals, carers and families – to learn, share and get to know each other.

[Learn more](#)

**AAC** is used to mean many different ways to help someone communicate. It could be simple things like pointing, signing writing or drawing as well as using a computer with a voice.

#### **Information Days**

Information days are a chance to look at the latest communication aids.

These take place across the UK all year.

They run for a full day from 9am to 3.30pm.

They are free.

You must book a place and pay before you go. You can do this through our [AAC Information Days Diary](#).

## Study Days

Study days look at a certain part of AAC.

These are a great way to learn more about communication aids.

[Learn more](#)

## Training by Companies

Many companies and organisations that provide AAC equipment and services run training courses:

- **AT therapy.** They give people help with speech and language. You can find out more at:
  - Website: [www.ATtherapy.co.uk](http://www.ATtherapy.co.uk)
  - Email: [andrea@attherapy.co.uk](mailto:andrea@attherapy.co.uk)
  - Telephone: 0161 494 6489
- **Call Scotland.** They provide many different training courses about using AAC

- Website: [www.callscotland.org.uk/professional-learning/in-school-training/](http://www.callscotland.org.uk/professional-learning/in-school-training/)
- Email: [shirley.lawson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:shirley.lawson@ed.ac.uk)
- Telephone: 0131 651 6235
  
- **Candle.** They offer training in communication and learning anywhere in the UK
  - Website: [www.candleaac.org](http://www.candleaac.org)
  - Email: [office@candleaac.com](mailto:office@candleaac.com)
  - Telephone: 01229 585173
  
- **Talking Mats.** They offer training in ways to communicate using talking Mats
  - Website: [www.talkingmats.com/training/](http://www.talkingmats.com/training/)
  - Email: [karen@talkingmats.com](mailto:karen@talkingmats.com)
  - Telephone: 01786 479511
  
- **Widgit Software.** They offer online training in using Widgit software and symbols
  - Website: [www.widgit.com/training](http://www.widgit.com/training)
  - Email: [doug@widgit.com](mailto:doug@widgit.com)

- Telephone: 01926 333680

## Events diary

### Sep 2019

**Sunday 8 September to Tuesday 10 September:** The 2019 International AAC Conference at the University of Leeds

### Oct 2019

**Friday 11 October:** The National AAC Awards 2019 at the University of Leeds

### Places to find more information:

- Some companies that provide AAC equipment run free training days
- Some AAC Centres provide day courses
- Some independent companies may provide day courses, for a fee.
- Subscribe to our [Newsletter](#) for the latest information about these events.
- Our [Training List](#) has some examples of what's on offer.