

## Providers of Training in SLCN

### LAAs/SLT services

Local authorities and speech and language therapy services often provide training for people working in schools, early years settings or the NHS, usually at little or no cost. They may also be able to help if you work for another organisation such as leisure services or an FE college, or even outside the statutory sector altogether.

### E-Training

A number of online courses have been developed, mostly for people working in specific services. They vary in their formats and prices. Some are designed for you to work through on your own and may be available for little or no cost. Others offer tutorial support and accreditation and so are likely to be more expensive.

- **The Inclusion Development Programme (IDP):** This was developed by the Government to equip teachers, TAs and early years staff with the skills they need to successfully include children with SEN. There are two modules on SLCN, one for school staff and one for those working in early years. They can be accessed here: <http://www.idponline.org.uk/>.
- **Advanced Training:** This was originally designed to supplement the IDP by equipping some teachers with advanced and specialist skills in SEN. The original aim was for every school to have at least one teacher with advanced level training in each of the five main areas of SEN, and this remains a worthwhile aspiration. For the Advanced Training module on SLCN, see: <http://www.advanced-training.org.uk/>.
- **Online Training:** This company designs and publishes eLearning courses, including some on SLCN, aimed at teachers, teaching assistants and others who work with children with SEN. [https://www.oltinternational.net/about\\_our\\_courses.asp](https://www.oltinternational.net/about_our_courses.asp)
- **Real Training** provide a range of courses validated by the British Psychological Society and Middlesex University, including a module on SLCN: <http://realtraining.co.uk/>
- **The E-Learning for Healthcare Project:** This was set up by Health Education England in partnership with the NHS and professional bodies to provide training for healthcare workers. Its section entitled *The Healthy Child Programme* includes a module on SLCN: <http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/healthy-child-programme/>
- The **Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)** has a training programme called **The Box** aimed at anyone working in the criminal justice sector, or with young people at risk of offending. It is taught through a combination of a free e-learning module and a two day course, see [http://www.rcslt.org/speech\\_and\\_language\\_therapy/the\\_box\\_training\\_for\\_the\\_criminal\\_justice\\_sector/open](http://www.rcslt.org/speech_and_language_therapy/the_box_training_for_the_criminal_justice_sector/open)
- The **University of Sheffield** offers an undergraduate level **Advanced Certificate in Language and Communication Impairment in Children** aimed at TAs, Early Years Staff and Speech and Language Therapy Assistants. This is a one year part-time course taught through distance learning and delivered largely online. For more information, see: [http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hcs/prospective\\_pg/advcert](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hcs/prospective_pg/advcert) It is also possible to study some of

the modules from the course separately, see

<http://www.findcpd.com/search/?DID=3&Keywords=SLCN>

### FE/HE Colleges

Local colleges often run courses for Early Years staff, TAs and others who work with children with SLCN. Some might develop their own courses, perhaps with university accreditation. Others might offer one or both of the level 3 qualifications in SLCN awarded by **Cache** or **City and Guilds**. For more information see:

- **CACHE:** <http://tinyurl.com/px2cyoh>
- **City and Guilds:** <http://tinyurl.com/nstpkso>

### Postgraduate Study

A number of universities offer courses at postgraduate level:

- The **Institute of Education** (part of the University of London) together with City University offers a Masters degree in **SLCN in Schools: Advanced Practice** [http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/PMM9\\_JPP91M.html](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/PMM9_JPP91M.html) The course can be studied full or part-time and is taught through a combination of face-to-face day and evening sessions and online learning. There are also a number of Masters level modules in **Developmental Language Impairment:** [http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMAJPP\\_04.html](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMAJPP_04.html), **Language Development:** [http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMASEN\\_08.html](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMASEN_08.html), and **Language, Learning and Development:** [http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMAJPP\\_02.html](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/study/MMAJPP_02.html)
- The **University of Birmingham** Department of Disability, Inclusion and Special Needs offers a range of postgraduate courses, including an M.Ed/Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate in **Language, Literacies and Dyslexia** taught through distance learning: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/language-literacies-dyslexia.aspx>
- The **University of Sheffield** offers a range of PG Certificate/Diploma/MSc courses in various aspects of SLCN, see: [http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hcs/prospective\\_pg](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/hcs/prospective_pg). Most of these are part-time courses taught through distance learning, but some can also be studied full time.

### Other Training Providers

Afasic knows of these voluntary, non-profit and commercial organisations offering training in various aspects of SLCN. To find out more, visit the relevant website:

- **Afasic:** <http://www.afasic.org.uk/professionals/courses/>
- **ASEND:** [www.asend.co.uk](http://www.asend.co.uk)
- **The Cued Speech Association:** <http://www.cuedspeech.co.uk/index.php?page=learn-to-cue-2>
- **ELKLAN:** [www.elklan.co.uk](http://www.elklan.co.uk)
- **HANEN:** [www.hanen.org](http://www.hanen.org)
- **ICAN:** <http://www.ican.org.uk/What-we-do/Training.aspx>
- **Language for Learning:** <http://www.languageforlearning.co.uk/>

- Learning Talking: <http://learningtalking.co.uk/training>
- The Makaton charity: [www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org)
- The Paget Gorman Society: [www.pagetgorman.org](http://www.pagetgorman.org)
- The Signalong Group: [www.signalong.org.uk](http://www.signalong.org.uk)
- Thinking Talking: <http://www.thinkingtalking.co.uk/#/training/4568912245>