

Wellington: Supporting communication in legal processes

Workshop participants will be introduced to a range of practical communication strategies that legal professionals can use when they need to talk with children, young people and adults. A wide range of real-life (anonymised) cases will be used to explore potential solutions to commonly occurring difficult communication situations, drawing on the presenters' experiences in the courtroom and family group conferences in criminal and family cases.

Learning outcomes:

- Learn about barriers and enablers of effective communication in high-stakes conversations.
- Gain greater awareness of how culture and worldview as well as lived experience and neurodiversity can impact communication.
- Hear tips on how to recognise when the children/tamariki/adults you're assisting need you to adapt your communication even more or in a different way.
- Learn a range of compensatory communication strategies you can use to ensure children/tamariki/adults have reasonable opportunities to understand in justice settings and express their views.
- Understand the role of a communication assistant, and when you might want a judge to direct their involvement.

Who should attend: Professionals working in justice settings with children, young people and adults.

Presenters: Specialised speech-language therapists who are experienced communication assistants (court, police interviews, family group conference and at the Parole Board).

Venue: Room RHMZ1, Mezzanine Level, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea, Wellington

Date: Friday 24th March, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Refreshments: Morning & afternoon tea provided. You can bring your own lunch, or there are cafes and shops nearby.

Fee: Legal professional \$400 +GST.

We do not want price to be a barrier to attendance. Please contact us if needed about arranging a discounted ticket.



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