

## PODD© Communication System Introductory Training

Developed by Speech Pathologist Gayle Porter, who works at CPEC (Cerebral Palsy Education Centre) in Melbourne, Australia. This course is suitable for Speech and Language Therapists and teachers, although others are welcome to attend. Delivered by a licensed PODD Trainer, participants will focus on overcoming the challenges faced when creating truly functional communication systems for children who need augmentative or alternative communication support for their communication.

<b>Course Date</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 9.00 – 5.00
<b>Course Venue</b>	The Studio, 7, Cannon Street, Birmingham B2 5EP [5 mins walk from New St Station]
<b>Course Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The challenge; aided language development</li> <li>• Development and general features of PODDs</li> <li>• Features of PODD Communication books</li> <li>• Selecting and customising PODD templates</li> <li>• Access methodologies</li> <li>• Creating an aided language learning environment</li> <li>• Providing receptive input</li> <li>• Providing opportunities for expressive communication</li> <li>• Scaffolding interactions</li> <li>• Developing operational skills</li> <li>• Communication partner learning</li> <li>• Where to begin – next steps</li> </ul>
<b>More details</b>	Presented by Natalie Fitzpatrick, a Highly Specialist Teacher of students with complex physical, learning and communication needs well as an accredited trainer for the PODD © Communication System. Natalie has worked closely with Gayle Porter to implement the PODD system in Perth, Australia, which is where she was first introduced to PODD back in 2006. She has delivered AAC training to parents, staff and professionals at both national and international educational conferences.
<b>Course Fee</b>	£250 - Includes a 2 course lunch, course handouts plus PODD template resources and certification
<b>How to book and pay</b>	Bookings, or further enquiries are made online by following the link: <a href="https://coursebeetle.co.uk/podd-courses/">https://coursebeetle.co.uk/podd-courses/</a>