



Lonsdale AAC Network Group

News & Information

No matter how
you communicate

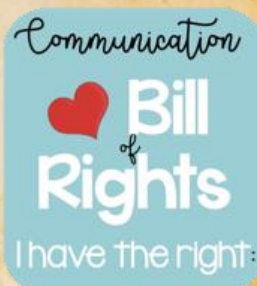
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**your voice
matters!**

What's in the
Newsletter

Augmentative and
Alternative
Communication

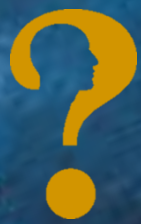
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Keeping you updated with
everything AAC

Edition 8
May
2023





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Augmentative and Alternative Communication

We support our AAC pupil's in gaining a recognised City & Guilds qualification



Izzy and Ross are currently working hard to complete their qualification. They should have completed this by the Summer Term

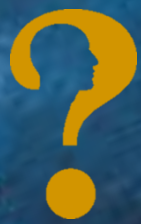


The award and certificate in Augmentative and Alternative Communication qualifications are designed to be wide ranging qualifications that allow learners to develop effective communication.

It is designed to be taught or facilitated by a variety of professionals and carers including teachers, speech and language therapists and physiotherapists.

You'll learn to communicate through non-verbal means including symbols and word boards and sophisticated electronic communication aids.

The award and certificate in Augmentative and Alternative Communication are for anybody who has little or no natural speech.



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Augmentative and Alternative Communication

The aim of the qualification is to provide our learners with the skills to direct others effectively and to carry out simple conversation. The learners use their AAC and have to communicate with known and unknown people in familiar situations using two/three word phrases.

Communicate needs

GIVE WARNINGS



Give instructions

Start a conversation

REPAIR A CONVERSATION

Give encouragement

*Respond to partner's
conversation opening*

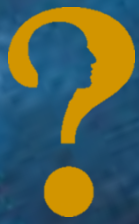
Keep conversation going

**I USE MY
DEVICE TO
TALK!**



COMMUNICATE CHOICES

**Close a
conversation**

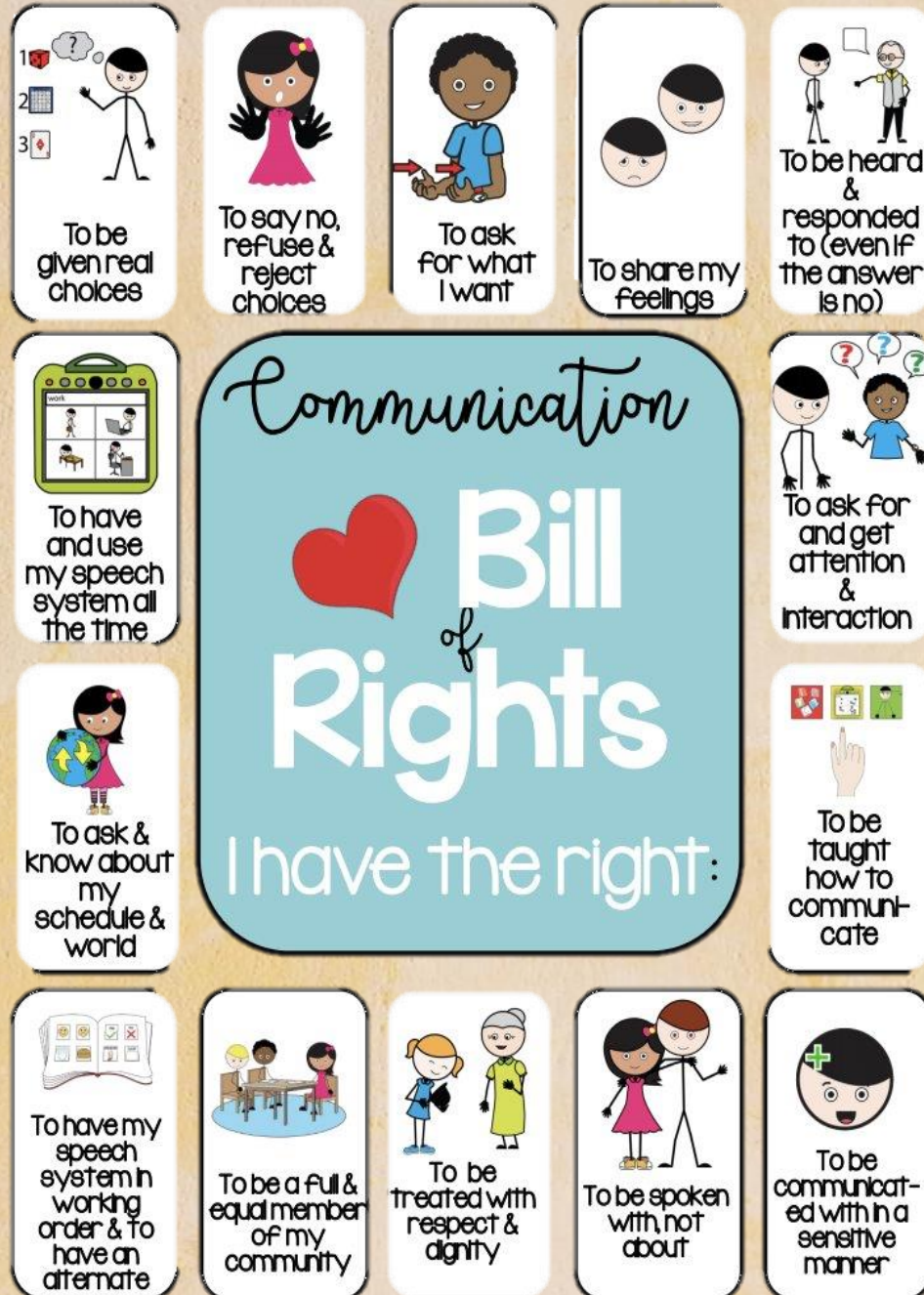


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The Communication Bill of Rights

The Communication Bill of Rights was developed to ensure the basic rights of persons with severe disabilities to affect, through communication, the conditions of their existence.





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Getting Started with InPrint 3

Free 60 Minute Webinars

Join one of our free interactive webinars with ex-senior teacher, SENCO and education specialist, Sue White.

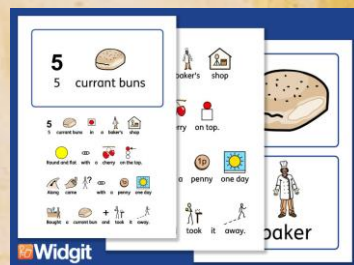
[Book Your Free Place](#)

[Watch a Pre-Recorded Version](#)

This webinar will help you to navigate the features and functions of InPrint 3 and demonstrate how to create both bespoke and template based resources. The session will include the creation of a visual timetable, a social story and a vocabulary mat as well as plenty of time for questions and answers.



Monday 15th May
15:45 - 16:45
Book your place:



<https://www.widgit.com/products/inprint/webinar.htm>

About us – The AAC team



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As a team we aim to provide a high level of support to meet each pupil's Alternative and Augmented Communication (AAC) needs.

We are responsible for:

Assessments;

Access to technology, hardware for VOCAs (Voice Output Communication Aids), mounting solutions for VOCAs.

Specialist Support for;

Technical support for VOCA, technical support for mounting solutions, specialist software.

Training – VOCA hardware, access and mounting solution;

For all school staff, for families and carers.

Programming, editing, upgrading and updating;

All AAC, this includes both paper base and power base.

Equipment;

Funded by Education or Health –

this will be supported by the AAC Support Team.

