

## DEAFBLIND TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTION

Please find the dates of our next online course (via Microsoft Teams)

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 1: Overview of Deafblindness**

This module sets the tone for the entire course; it looks at the definition of deafblindness, the causes, congenital v. acquired as well as the challenges people face.

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 2: Hearing and Vision Impairments**

Participants will learn about the different eye and ear conditions that individuals with sensory impairments may be diagnosed with as well as the symptoms of vision loss to look out for. Participants will know how to safely guide someone who is deafblind.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 3: Deafblind Awareness and Accessibility**

Participants will learn about the diversity of the deafblind population through discussion and case studies. There will also be examples of accessible environments and technologies for people who are deafblind.

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 4: Communication Part I**

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 4: Communication Part II**

This is the largest of the modules, as it focuses on the main issue for people who are deafblind--Communication. Participants will learn why communication is so challenging, what the various methods look like, how we choose a mode of communication, how to set up a daily calendar, and become aware of all of the tactile strategies that individuals who are deafblind may use.

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12-1pm (GMT)**

**Module 5A: Vocational Activities, Daily Living**

**Skills, and Community Participation for adults who are deafblind**

This module will look at functional activities that adults with deafblindness and additional disabilities can engage in as well as how to encourage independence into daily living activities. We will then look at how to support people who are deafblind in the community through promoting participation and individualised communication.

**OR**

**Module 5B: Strategies for Young Children with Dual Sensory Loss**

This module is primarily for parents, teachers/SNAs, professionals and caregivers of children aged 0-7 who have hearing and vision impairments including those who may have additional needs. It will look at the key strategies used in the field to increase a child's interaction, awareness, communication, and concept development.

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***The training is free to our Outreach clients' family and support teams.***