Key Word Sign NSW Committee

About Us

Key Word Sign NSW has been an incorporated association since December 2010.

Key Word Sign NSW committee are a group of volunteers who are passionate about supporting Key Word Sign in NSW.

Members of Key Word Sign NSW include speech pathologists, teachers and parents who are trained Key Word Sign Presenters.

We were previously known as Makaton NSW.

Contact Us

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Workshop enquiries, workshop promotion, find a presenter, evaluation summaries and reports.

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Website access and troubleshooting, website updates, advertising an event.

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Enquiries about presenter training, general enquiries, contacting the coordinators or committee members.

Social Media:

@KeyWordSignNSW

www.facebook.com/pages/Key-Word-Sign-NSW

Key Word Sign NSW

"Empowering people and their communities, to communicate effectively through inclusive training and education about Key Word Sign"

What is Key Word Sign?

Key Word Sign is a simplified form of manual signing. It is used by people who have communication difficulties and the people around them.

Key Word Sign uses Auslan signs borrowed from the Australian Deaf community.

When using Key Word Sign we speak, and sign the key words of our message.

Key Word Sign can be used by children and adults who have difficulties that might include:

- paying attention and using eye contact
- understanding what people say to them
- communicating with speech

Key Word Sign is also used by people in their community, home, school or work place who might interact and sign with them.

Now I will be able to communicate clearly with clients that use sign and hopefully prevent some behaviours caused by miscommunication" - workshop participant

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How do I learn Key Word Sign?

Key Word Sign NSW train presenters to deliver Key Word Sign Basic Workshops.

The Key Word Sign Basic Workshop is a full day training course. The workshop includes:

- a basic vocabulary of over 80 interactive signs
- learning how signing supports communication
- planning to use signs in everyday activities
- Choosing a useful vocabulary tailored to the individual

How do I find a workshop?

Key Word Sign Basic Workshops are advertised on our website http://www.kwsnsw.com/home/nsw-workshops

To request a Key Word Sign Presenter to run a workshop at your home, school or workplace, please email us on **workshops@kwsnsw.com** to find out more information.

"I came to learn sign for one of my students who has limited speech but now I can see how all my students can benefit from signing to support their understanding" - workshop participant

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Other resources

Key Word Sign Australia
http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/cseds/programs/key-word-sign-australia/about-us

Key Word Sign Victoria http://keywordsignvictoria.org

Auslan Sign Bank Dictionary www.auslan.org

Getting Started with Key Word Sign. A dictionary of interactive signs that can be used every day. Order online via KWS Australia.

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