



Parent & Teacher Aide Course

UNDERSTANDING LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Every Tuesday for 6
weeks

29 May to 3 July, 2018

**7 - 9 pm
at**

**Constance Barnicoat
Room
Tasman Library**

Register at

[https://
www.lancewoodeducation.co.nz](https://www.lancewoodeducation.co.nz)

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Parents and Teacher Aides are the people who sometimes feel the least able to help children or students who seem to be such a puzzle - these are the children who have quite different learning needs to most other children.

SLD (Specific Learning Difficulties) Nelson Inc is a local association that uses evidence-based information to work with SLD learners. It belongs to LDANZ <https://www.ldanz.org.nz> a professional umbrella organisation made up of other associations, Learning Difficulties professionals, and any interested others. SLD Nelson wants to work with other trained and interested adults to help them understand an individual's specific learning needs and help to introduce them to thinking about what the difficulty is and ways they can help. For this it really helps to be involved, creative and relevant to that particular person.

This course is designed to interest, support and educate Parents and Teacher Aides in the latest research, teaching materials and local resource people. We hope to support the people, who work or live with students with specific learning difficulties, in a practical way.

Programme

29 May Session 1

- **Sue Michell** - Interactive session. What is it like to have or live with someone with a specific learning difficulty. How might it affect learning and life in general?
- **Ross Vennell** a successful Nelson research scientist at the Cawthron Institute will share his own experiences.
- **Kelvin Hardaker** - a local RTLB reflects on current support within local schools - what is available and who can help.

5 June Session 2

- **Dr Paul Taylor** - expert in autism and the neurology of dyslexia. Paul speaks and entertains groups all over New Zealand and has written an informative book on the subject.

12 June Session 3

- **Lucy Brunwin** - explore the excellent resources and supports in place in the TDC library and find high interest reading material. How can the library staff help our students?

19 June Session 4

- Practical hands on session and displays led by experienced, **local SLD teachers**, who will demonstrate and share effective teaching materials and techniques. Phonics, literacy and multi-sensory learning emphasis.

26 June Session 5

- **Nayland College staff**
- **Catherine Barak** (STEAM School)
- **Sarah Varey** (tutor, parent and occupational therapist).

Specialist teachers and parents share local knowledge and experience of finding your way through the school system with your student.

3 July Session 6

- A practical workshop with a maths focus. Local SLD teachers demonstrate computer programmes, games and techniques to support numeracy.

Supported by Fiona at Lancewood Education and Tasman District Library, we are grateful to all speakers who are donating their time and sharing their knowledge and resources.