



SPELD NZ's Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities

SPELD NZ's two-day Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities (ISLD) is an opportunity to “walk a mile in the shoes” of a person who lives day-to-day with an SLD. You will also be equipped with tools and strategies to support the struggling learner. Discovering more about SLD within an often diverse group can be an insightful experience.

This course is ideal for people with very limited or no knowledge of SLD, or those wanting to “refresh”.

Participants include parents/whanau, employers and educators (eg. teachers, teacher aides, SENCO, LSC and tutors). No prior qualifications are required. A certificate is awarded to all those who fully complete this training.



Both days run from 9am to 4pm with breaks for morning tea and a one-hour lunch.



Content includes:

- What is it like to have a specific learning disability?
- What is happening in the brain of these learners?
- How does this impact their learning?
- What skills are needed for success in learning?
- What accommodations and remediation work for those with SLD?
- SLD and maths
- SLD and writing
- Phonological and phonemic awareness (reading and spelling)
- How do we motivate the individual with SLD?



For more information, see www.speld.org.nz (Training page)
Or contact training@speld.org.nz or call 028 2550 7415

Testimonials



“This gave so much insight and encouragement, plus tools and tips.”

“This was such a brilliant course. I absolutely recommend it to educators and parents, especially parents!”

“Loads of information to take home to my son’s school and my role as a teacher aide.”

“Enjoyed and learnt so much while having fun.”

“Would recommend to so many teachers that this course is a must to attend!”

“I am simply blown away at how good it was. All Y1 and entrant teachers should know these things.”

“Great ideas, practical advice/tasks. Thank you so much for your time, wealth of knowledge and experience. You are so inspiring.”

“The strategies have been amazing. Awesome ideas, games and resources.”

“I found it so valuable and informative and have some wonderful ideas going forward.”