

## Why do we have SMILE ?

Just because someone  
Can't express themselves  
verbally doesn't mean they can't  
communicate !



SMILE aims to develop sociability and self esteem, promoting choice-making in everyday life and to have these choices heard and responded to.

## Where does SMILE happen?

SMILE sessions can be set up in your own space, in a day centre or residential home. I can offer a start-up pack which includes staff training and support in setting up initial sessions.

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Using total communication to enhance  
the lives of people with a  
Learning disability

## What do we do in SMILE ?

SMILE provides a venue for interaction and communication which occur through the use of sensory stimulation using smell, touch, taste, sound and sight.

Sessions are themed seasonally enabling experiences taken for granted in everyday life to be shared.



## How do we make SMILE happen ?

We use music, rhythm, singing, interactive story telling, songs and games, each session being structured to suit the people involved and led by them taking into account their likes and dislikes



“ Whatever we do we try to remember that it is not the activity which is important, but the interaction which takes place around it. We are continuing to develop ideas and celebrating every small step along the way -and having fun doing so.

Celia Chasey  
SMILE consultant

## Who is SMILE for ?

SMILE came into being by responding and listening to peoples needs and how they wanted their service.

SMILE is primarily for adults with complex needs using a total communication approach but the model can easily be adapted for children.

“ The sessions are very relaxed and friendly and she is allowed to participate, or not, in whatever way she chooses ”



Mother of a SMILE  
user

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