

Guest Post! Adapting Social Thinking – ISAAC Conference 2018



Kim will be presenting at the ISAAC Conference on the Gold Coast later this year.



"I was so excited to be offered the chance to speak at the next ISAAC Conference on the Gold Coast. The conference is for people who use and/or work with alternative and augmentative communication (AAC). AAC includes such methods as symbols, signs and speaking devices. When the conference is in the UK, I usually

attend and when I saw this conference was in Australia I jumped at the chance.

I love the innovative work coming out of Australia particularly in relation to PODD and I wanted to hear speakers from around the world. I will be presenting my work on adapting a methodology called Social Thinking for people using AAC.

Social Thinking is a fantastic resource and I wanted to use it with my caseload of students who are non verbal or minimally verbal. It is a cognitive-thinking approach so I wanted to see

if I could adapt it without losing it's unique essence.

The conference's focus this year is 'Access All Areas' so I thought it would be ideal to present my work. I'm currently in the process of collating my work to date and liaising with Dr Pam Crooke at Social Thinking HQ so that I'm ready to present in July. Not long to go now so watch this space. I will be tweeting while I'm there and will keep everyone posted."

The conference will be held on the Gold Coast this year from the 21-26 July 2018.



Further Information:

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