



The Portage Workshop

The Portage Workshop is an accredited course by the National Portage Association (NPA). This training course is delivered by a NPA Accredited Trainer from Doncaster Portage team and offers an introduction to the Portage approach to working with children with SEND and their families. The workshop is suitable for early years practitioners, therapists and Portage parents. The Portage Workshop consists of a Core Curriculum of seven modules:

- *The Portage Model and its Relevance to Early Years Settings.*
 - *Helping Children Learn - Using Clear Language*
 - *Helping Children Learn - Planning for Success*
- *Helping Children Learn - A Small Steps Approach*
 - *Examples of Planning, Recording and Sharing*
 - *Supporting the Development of Play*
 - *Positive Approaches to Children's Behaviour*

The outcomes are to:

- *Develop knowledge of the Portage Principles and model of support*
- *Consider how the Portage model can be incorporated when working with children with SEND and their families*
 - *Develop an understanding of the small steps approach to learning*
- *Understand why play is so important and consider how the development of play for children with SEND can be supported*
- *Develop an understanding of why some behaviours occur and how they can be helped to change*
 - *Be confident to apply skills learned on the course in the workplace*

Doncaster Portage Team aims to deliver the training yearly and this will be advertised on the Buy Doncaster website.