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Deafblind International Communication Network webinars

The Deafblind International Communication Network is delighted to be hosting another webinar in their series of webinars. The first webinar on *Early Intervention* in April 2021 had over 100 participants from all over the world.

In this fifth webinar Liliast Liston will be sharing with us her parent perspective on supporting and advocating for her deafblind son. She will share some of her early experiences as a mother to a child with deafblindness, how she was able to equip herself to recognise her son's communicative and cognitive potential and how he coped and explored the world. She will discuss what worked well and how she empowered herself to give him the best life possible, identifying professionals who were able to help and collaborate to develop a positive experience.

The webinar series is aimed at **family members** of children and adults who were born with deafblindness or those with limited language (speech or sign) who wish to develop their own communication skills and the skills of their deafblind family members.

There will be three webinars on the same topic run in different time zones, so families can choose the time zone from their region or the best time that suits their schedule. We are working with local partners to provide different language interpretation and will provide more information on this when available.

During the webinar it is possible to ask the presenter questions. Registrations are essential. The Registration links are available below.

All times are listed in panel speakers local times to support you to work out the time of the webinar that suits your schedule. We advise you to check your local time zone: <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/>

Webinar 5: A parent's perspective on supporting and advocating for her deafblind son

Topics covered in the webinar include:

- initial feelings after discovering having a child with disabilities
- recognising his communicative potential
- supporting his understanding the world
- identifying professionals with the right expertise and
- identifying positive collaboration

Session 1: Australia / Asia - Wednesday 17th April 2024

Australian Eastern Standard Time 8pm-10pm AEST (+8 UTC) / Indian Standard Time 3.30pm-5.30pm (+5.5 UTC)

Presenter: Liliast Liston, UK

Facilitator: Meredith Prain, Australia

Panel: Namita Jacob, India, and Steve Rose, Australia

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPOHX>

Session 2: Africa / Europe - Thursday 18th April 2024

Central European Summer Time 1pm-3pm (+ 1 UTC) / Central Africa Time 1pm-3pm (+1 UTC)

Presenter: Liliast Liston, UK

Facilitator: Helle Buelund Selling, Denmark

Panel: Helen Shakele, Zambia, and Saskia Damen, The Netherlands

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtfu6srj4tHdHgTFkupkrmpbrKwX4nNm2e>

Session 3: Americas - Thursday 18th April 2024

Eastern Daylight Time 1pm-3pm (-5 UTC) / Brasilia Time 2pm-4pm (-4 UTC)

Presenter: Liliast Liston, UK

Facilitator: Bernadette Van den Tillaart, USA,

Panel: Yvette Gallegos, Mexico, and Maria Aparecida Cormedi, Brazil

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqdOiupzlsGdZmBBZgfZjiGjU0L3fjr-0t>