

## Workshop Description

This advanced PODD workshop is for people who have completed at least a two day Official Introductory PODD workshop and are now seeking to further develop their knowledge and skills.

The workshop aims to build on current knowledge, and Gayle Porter provides participants with an in-depth knowledge of the theory and principles behind PODD and the structure of PODD communication.

Focus is on building fluid use of PODD, refining observations and assessments, planning implementation and strategies for training communication partners.

Participation in an advanced PODD workshop is a prerequisite for starting the process for becoming certified PODD instructor.

## Workshop Days

Every day at 9:00-17:00

A certified PODD instructor from Sweden will act as local 'assistant teacher'.

## Volunteer a case study

This is your opportunity to influence the content of the training and present issues and questions related to implementing PODD.

Meet with your team and identify a student that will provide participants with opportunities to observe current communication and plan further assessment intervention. Difficulties are welcome!

Case studies will need to include:

- Short video of child interacting with a familiar partner
- Background information
- Previous communication learning opportunities / AAC systems

Contact Britt Claesson if you want to volunteer a case study:  
[britt.claesson@vgregion.se](mailto:britt.claesson@vgregion.se)

## After the workshop, the participants are able to:

- Explain the features of PODD: vocabulary organization, layout, design, access strategies, and customizations for individual requirements.
- Describe the differences and features for customizing PODD page sets for Speech Generating Devices
- Develop fluency using PODD to model receptive language
- Communicate using PODD communication books with a range of different access methodologies
- Use a dynamic assessment process to identify individual communication requirements and teaching-learning strategies
- Describe characteristics of children who have severe physical, communicative, and multiple needs (including CVI) and identify specific strategies to address these needs
- Discuss the application of PODD for individuals on the severe end of the autism spectrum
- Discuss the teaching and learning strategies for implementing PODD communication systems with students and team members
- Teach communication partners to provide receptive input using PODD communication books
- Teach children and partners to use PODD communication books in daily environments
- Identify strategies to combat the challenges faced by professionals creating an aided language learning environment for children with a wide range of complex communication needs
- Develop IEP goals and measurement tools for implementing PODD
- Answer frequently asked questions about PODD



## PODD workshop presenter

**Gayle Porter** is a Speech Pathologist with more than 35 years hands-on experience working with people who have complex communication needs. Gayle works at CPEC (Cerebral Palsy Education Centre) in Melbourne, Australia. She also has a private practice, working with children and teenagers with complex communication needs in mainstream schools.

Gayle Porter has developed the Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) communication books and page sets for speech generating devices.

She has authored articles, publications, and chapters on AAC and cerebral palsy. Gayle is a highly sought-after international presenter.



## Swedish PODD-presenters

*Britt Claesson*, special educator, Dart, Gothenburg.  
*Lena Lindberger*, SLP, Habiliteringens Resurscenter, Stockholm.  
*Helena Hörkeby*, SLP, Habiliteringens Resurscenter, Stockholm.  
*Anna Nilsson*, SLP, Dart, Gothenburg - In training.

## Practical information

**Teacher:** *Gayle Porter*

**Price:** 13 000 Swedish krona for professionals  
10 000 Swedish krona for parents.

Coffee is included.

**Location:** Dalheimers Hus, Slottsskogsgatan 12, 41455 Gothenburg

**Registration:** At the latest September 8., 2023

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**Further info:** <https://www.vgregion.se/ov/dart/aktiviteter/podd-workshop/>



## 5-days PODD Advanced Workshop

*Presented by Gayle Porter*

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