

# Tacpac Training Information



**Hilary Wainer** has spent a lifetime working in schools with children, specifically children with a wide range of special needs. Before the days of the National Curriculum there were virtually no resources for people needing access to a sensory learning approach. The inspiration for **Tacpac** came about during this time. Tacpac was created by Hilary Wainer et al.

**Tacpac** uses the power of music combined with the power of touch to enhance sensory communication. The combination of these two mediums has been highly successful through the use of the Tacpac CD's and co-ordinating objects. Hilary organises the training sessions personally, and either Hilary or one of her team would be happy to run a training session for you!

A **training session** can have **up to 30 people**, and should you have more people interested then we can split it into 2 half day trainings. The sessions usually run Monday – Friday.

*NB: Saturday sessions are catered for and can be arranged upon request.*

A half day training session **focuses on our senses**, what we know about them, and how aware we are of them:

- Our sense of **touch** is paramount in **Tacpac**, and there is usually an interesting discussion about how we have received 'touch' in the past, and how we would like to deliver it.
- Our sense of **music** is as important in **Tacpac**. We have lively debates when we remember our experiences and how music was delivered to us, and how we would like to deliver it in turn.

The exciting bit comes when we try to combine our two senses - touch and music - in an aware manner, through the use of Tacpac. It is designed to enhance communication by reinforcing **trust**, **predictability**, and above all **FUN!**

**Team Around The Child** -Remember when you're considering a training session, it is an excellent idea to get everyone involved, as this stimulates a great discussion from the different professional viewpoints. If you have Portage workers, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists, Health Visitors, Early Years workers, SENSS workers, etc – that would make for a merry bunch!

The cost of the half day training fee is approx £20.00 per person, for 30 people, (£600.00) plus expenses. For this you will receive the following:

- Half Day Training for up to 30 people
- 1 Tacpac of your choice (objects not included)
- Reduced rates on extra Tacpac packs (limited time only)

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Hilary Wainer