



PRESENTED BY

Jacki Mayne-Davis

A 5-hour workshop suitable for teachers of PMLD learners, VNTs, CDT OTs and SLTs, school-based OTs and SLTs, day program coordinators/teachers.

Whānau and their therapy teams are also welcome.

About this event:

Are you looking to support learners with complex bodies to get the most out of the curriculum at school? Is your caseload comprised of babies or young children who have developmental delays and struggle to move and play with traditional toys? Perhaps your day program is looking for fresh ideas on engaging activities and skill development for the adults attending.

This workshop is the first of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand: not only will we be getting hands-on experience with the latest technology and trialling practical ways to help people with complex bodies use it, we will be linking directly to the curriculum (Te Whāriki and the New Zealand Curriculum) and to therapy goals.

We will cover biomechanics and neurodevelopment; adapting for CVI and contractures; the nuts and bolts of switch selection, mounting, positioning, robustness and maintenance; curriculum adaptations and interactive games; how best to support whānau in integrating switch-adapted technology into their daily routines; and progressing learners through the Stepping Stones (as outlined by Linda Burkhart) of switch mastery.

Come prepared to get in-amongst technology – bring some or all of the pieces of equipment you already own or have access to – and expect to work through a range of practical activities involving setting switches up, trying different positions (including lying on the floor), utilising different apps and web programs, crafting circle time or learning activities using your new knowledge and confidence.

Switch access and switch-adapted technology – Sept 2025

About the presenter:

Jacki Mayne-Davis is a New Zealand Registered Occupational Therapist local to Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland, who trained in Occupational Therapy at James Cook University, Townsville, Australia. She runs her own private practice, POP Occupational Therapy, pursuing her passion of empowering whānau with knowledge and resources to more confidently support their babies, children or young people living with complex conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Developmental Delay.

Minimum numbers:

Events require a minimum of participants to proceed. We'll confirm if we can go ahead, at the latest two weeks before the start date of the event. We offer the option to attend at a different location or a full refund in case we need to cancel. Please keep this in mind when booking any travel and accommodations.

Cancellations by participants less than 14 days before the event will not be refunded. Substitution by another person is possible when you notify us by email at events@atanz.org.nz no later than 3 days before the start of the event. Please check out our full cancellation and refunds policy [here](#).

Who can attend?

This workshop is designed for professionals working face-to-face with babies, children, young people or adults with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD). In particular, teachers and therapists from specialist schools; Visiting Neurodevelopmental Therapists and Child Development Teams; community day program facilitators (adults). Whānau are most welcome and are encouraged to bring one or more of their therapy team (particularly OT and SLT) along to this workshop.

Cost:

- \$375 for ATANZ members
- \$425 for Non-members ([membership](#) is \$110)
- \$50.00 for Whānau/family members (limited numbers)

Registrations close 16 September 2025

or when sold out – places are limited! Ensure you choose the correct ticket type to access the discount rate for ATANZ members!



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9.30 am – 3:30 pm with 20 min morning tea and 45 min lunch break. Coffee & tea at arrival and morning tea and lunch will be provided

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