

**ONLINE: An Introduction to Selective Mutism in the Early Years: Assessment and Treatment  
(NON-AUSTRALIAN SLTS ONLY)  
By Danielle Cottam**

**WHEN: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, via Zoom 5.00pm-8.30pm NZDT**  
**The session will be live and will not be recorded, or available for later viewing.**

## Online Learning

This 3.5 hour webinar (via Zoom) is suitable for Speech Language Therapists, Education Staff and others working with children with Selective Mutism. Single registration cost is for each individual, not per site. Zoom will be used to deliver the training with “meeting room” details emailed to participants prior to the event. You will need to download Zoom software to your computer. A webcam and inbuilt microphone on your computer is also preferable so you can fully participate.

## Intended Participants

This online Continuing Professional Development (CPD) event is intended for Speech-Language Therapists, Education Staff and others working with children with Selective Mutism.

## Readings and Resources

Recommended readings and resources will be shared 1-2 weeks before the event.

## Learning Objectives

- To develop knowledge of Selective Mutism and speech confidence difficulties.
- To be able to differentiate between Selective Mutism, shyness and other communication difficulties.
- To have knowledge of suitable intervention options in the early years (ages 3-7).
- To have knowledge of strategies and resources that can be used to support young children with speech anxiety.

## Content and Format

Selective Mutism is a disorder that usually occurs during childhood. It is characterised by a child having difficulty speaking (or being silent) in at least one social setting, despite being able to speak normally in other situations. Often it will be shown by children who can speak confidently at home but are silent at school. This presentation will include information on: What is SM?; The difference between SM and shyness; Everyday strategies for use with children aged 3-7 and suitable resources. It will give you the background knowledge and intervention strategies to achieve positive outcomes with young children with Selective Mutism. The course is presented in a practical step-by-step format and includes real life scenarios, recommended readings and resources .

## About Danielle Cottam



Danielle is Senior Speech Pathologist and founder of Selective Mutism Western Australia (SMWA [www.selectivemutismwa.com](http://www.selectivemutismwa.com)). She has over a decade of experience working in the area of Selective Mutism with children, families, schools and community services in Australia and the UK. Danielle is passionate about empowering parents to help their children become confident communicators. She works together with the child, family, school and other health professionals to provide training and therapy to target SM where it happens day-to-day and advocates for the use of tailored trans and multidisciplinary interventions when working with this complex client group. Danielle has also contributed to policy, community projects and provided many trainings in this specialist area having been involved in the set-up and management of services in Selective Mutism across the UK and Australia for over 10 years.

## Registration Fees

Registration fees include Humantix's online payment processing fee. For short course events (training with <6 hours of presentation time), no Super Early Bird or Early Bird tickets are available.

Registration Type	Workshop Fee	Humanitix Fee	Total Fee
Full Rate	\$150.00	\$9.19	\$159.19

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## Terms and Conditions

**Registration** – Registrations are open until 1 week prior to the event date or until each ticket type is 'sold out'. The workshop will only run if a minimum of 20 registrants are met. Registration fees includes PDF handouts and a certificate of attendance when registrants attend the entire event.

**Cancellation Policy** - Cancellations must be sent in writing to Skill Builders Speech Language Therapy. If the registrant cancels or is a non-attende at the event: 100% of the registration fee refunded if cancellation occurs up to 7 days prior to the event; no refund will be given if cancellation occurs within 7 days before the event or for non-attendance on the day(s). 100% of the registration fee will be refunded if the event is cancelled. Skill Builders bears no responsibility for any costs incurred or loss of income.

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**Technology/Trouble Shooting:** Skill Builders bears no responsibility for technological difficulties experienced by participants due to slow internet connections.

Places are limited to ensure opportunities for interaction and questions.

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