



**Deafblind Awareness Week 2010
Seminar on Communication and Deafblindness
Friday 28th May 2010, 9am – 12.00noon
Empyrean Function Centre**

Welcome

*Sharyn Mitchell
Master of Ceremonies*

Seminar Opening

*Mr James Thom
President, Senses Foundation*

Key Note Address

*Paul Hart
Sense Scotland*

Building the Foundations of Communication – Roles and Relationships between Communication Partners

Morning Tea with display of posters by Senses Foundation staff

*Matthew Wittorff – Communication Guides are finally in Western Australia
Interim results of a pilot running in Western Australia
Mike House – Person Centred Approaches: Wishful Thinking or Realistic Opportunity?
Richard Long – You and Me Keeping in Touch*

Introduction to presentations by Senses Foundation Staff

Debbie Karasinski, Chief Executive Officer, Senses Foundation

Introducing Communication Guides to Deafblind Services in Western Australia

Angela Wills, Deafblind Consultant

Introducing Technology to Young Children who are Deafblind

Fiona Kemp, Occupational Therapist & Melanie Robartson, Speech Pathologist

'Super Sibs' Sibling Support:

A Program for Brothers & Sisters of Children who are Deafblind

Karen Wickham, Social Worker

Presentation of thank you gifts

James Thom

Close

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