



WHY JOIN THE IASLT?

Your Membership Counts

INFLUENCING THE FUTURE

1. The IASLT lobbies the Government, Oireachtas Health Committee, all political parties, and the Department of Health and Children and other National Bodies on key issues and priorities. We influence policy development and plans through responses and submissions.
2. The IASLT is leading work to shape the speech and language therapy profession into the future, developing the scope and standards of practice, influencing and accrediting curriculum development, and supporting members.
3. We keep the profile of the profession high by achieving coverage in the national and regional media.
4. The IASLT represents member's views.
5. The IASLT is recognised as the designated authority for the Speech and Language Therapy Profession in Ireland, acting with the approval of the Minister of Health and Children.
6. The IASLT accredits Irish University undergraduate speech and language therapy programmes.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND UP TO DATE

1. You receive the all colour, information packed Update magazine twice a year.
2. Members can access a range of information online including access to printed guidelines on many topics.
3. You can read the latest research and evidence in our bi-annual Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies.
4. Members can access IASLT publications ranging from the latest clinical guidelines to public information leaflets.
5. Members receive regular email updates from IASLT.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MEMBER SUPPORT

1. The IASLT CPD Officer explores and responds to your professional development needs, using a variety of tools and recourses some of which are accessible via the IASLT website.
2. A comprehensive CPD Calendar of events are offered by IASLT at member rates.
3. CPD events are advertised on www.iaslt.ie
4. The IASLT submits proposals to the HSE annually for funding to support the delivery of CPD.
5. We work to ensure that the quality of speech and language therapy education meets the present and future needs of clients.
6. The IASLT professional indemnity insurance scheme and Fitness to Practice schemes are available for members who are working in ROI.
7. The IASLT ONLINE CPD Portfolio is available for members to plan and record their CPD.

GETTING INVOLVED

1. You have the opportunity to vote in council elections at our annual AGM.
2. You can join committees.
3. You can attend the annual IASLT Conference with top national and international speakers and a fantastic range of educational, scientific and social networking opportunities and experiences.

HOW DO IASLT MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO THE PROFESSIONAL BODY?

The use of the letters 'MIASLT' (Member of IASLT) is a privilege reserved for IASLT members and is a benefit of IASLT membership. IASLT Members are advised to use the term 'MIASLT' as part of their signature on all documentation relating to their professional practice. These letters are a symbol of your professional identity and position in the IASLT Community. They also assure service users and providers that you meet the standards required to be a member of the professional body for Speech and Language Therapists in Ireland.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. Only current members' clients can claim reimbursement for treatment from Health Insurance Providers.
2. Members have the opportunity to submit their research, group or individual, in the form of a Poster or an Oral Presentation at the IASLT Biennial Conference.
3. ABOVE ALL, AS A MEMBER, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION IN IRELAND.