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The Dance of Communication: 45 Years of Learning from People with Intellectual Disabilities

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Lesson #1

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Speech \neq Communication

Lesson #2

What someone doesn't do tells you little about what they can do

Lesson #3

The right scaffolds can lead to powerful outcomes

Lesson #4

Humans are innately driven to communicate –
through any means possible

Lesson #5

Positive mutual regard promotes learning

Lesson #6

Teaching others to respond promotes positive mutual regard

Lesson #7

Affording choice requires respecting what's been chosen

Lesson #8



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My role is to recognise, appreciate, value and celebrate each person – including the modes they choose for communication – and to provide support

Thank you

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