



The National Autistic Society's Professional Conference

28 - 29 February 2012 - Manchester Central Convention Complex

Working Together for Better Outcomes

This two-day conference will be a unique opportunity for senior professionals to discuss best practice and share learning.

Key speakers include:

- > **Dr Gary Mesibov**, UNC School of Medicine
- > **Dr Francesca Happé**, King's College London
- > **Professor Jeremy Turk**, South London & Maudsley Foundation NHS Trust
- > **Dr Gillian Baird**, King's College London
- > **Professor Jonathan Green**, School of Medicine, University of Manchester
- > **Dr Andy McDonnell**, Studio III Clinical Services
- > **Michelle Dawson**, University of Montreal

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Welcome

I'm delighted to announce the return of **The National Autistic Society's Professional Conference.**

This has been another difficult year, with numerous stories in the press illustrating just how much there is still to do to really make a difference in the lives of people with autism. We need to be even more innovative in the way we work, to ensure that cuts in resources will not have a negative impact on the services we provide - particularly when it comes to ensuring the safety and well-being of people with autism.

Our Editorial Board has worked hard this year to develop an outstanding programme which meets this critical need, providing a forum for professionals to discuss best practice and share learning. With a particular focus on working more collaboratively to improve outcomes for people with autism, this year's conference takes a closer look at short and longer-term strategies to make the best use of resources.

In particular, you will hear from expert speakers about the latest developments in the field of autism. Keynote sessions given by top international speakers will present an overview of the changing autism environment, and a series of expert seminars will provide you with practical strategies to implement with your colleagues.

By working collaboratively and making effective use of resources, together I know we can provide better outcomes for people with autism.



Carol Povey
Director of the Centre for Autism at
The National Autistic Society and Chair of
Professional Conference editorial board

Don't delay - last year's event was our most popular yet, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Register now at:

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Editorial board



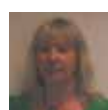
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Director of Education
The National Autistic Society

"Essential annual update, an enormous range of aspects linked to autism and well beyond."

Sally McDonagh, Sutton ASD Service

About the organisers

The National Autistic Society is the leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome), their families and the professionals who work with them. We provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism.

Working Together for Better Outcomes

Call for posters

There will be an opportunity for delegates to submit a poster for presentation at the conference. Posters will be displayed throughout the conference and there will be a special session for authors to present their posters and answer questions.

The deadline for sending your poster abstract is Friday 11 November.

Visit our website for more details:

www.autism.org.uk/conferences/professional2012.

Evening debate and drinks reception

At this year's evening debate, four expert speakers will debate the question:

"Whose life is it anyway?"

After the debate, questions and comments will be invited from the floor, followed by a drinks reception allowing you to maximize networking opportunities with colleagues and peers. Expect some lively arguments and strong opinions.

Breakfast seminars

On day two of the conference, you can attend one of our breakfast seminars. These facilitated networking and discussion forums will give delegates a fantastic opportunity to debate current issues facing the autism community.

Places at these seminars are limited, so don't forget to pre-register to secure your place.

"Inspiring speakers who are obviously passionate about improving the lives of those with autism."

Anna Hopwood, The David Lewis School

"Inspirational atmosphere, I left the conference with a warm feeling."

Herculano Castro, Mentaur Ltd

Register today and save £50 on your delegate fee.

Special early booking rates apply before 28 October 2011.

About the venue

Manchester Central Convention Complex is a state-of-the-art convention centre in the heart of Manchester city centre in the north west of England. The city is served by good road, rail and air links, making it an easily accessible location for visitors from all over the world.

www.manchestercentral.co.uk

Who should attend

- **Education professionals** from mainstream schools, special schools and Local Authorities
- **Commissioners, directors and senior autism leads** with responsibility for local authority autism service provision
- **Directors and senior managers** of adult service providers
- **Clinicians** across the professional field, including psychiatrists, psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and GPs.

Attend to:

- hear **keynote presentations** from **expert speakers** discussing the latest developments in the field
- choose the seminar stream most **relevant to you**
- learn **practical strategies** to implement with your colleagues
- **network** with professional colleagues to **benchmark your performance** and learn from your peers.

Sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities

In the current tough economic climate, this conference will give you a cost-effective way to promote your products and services and enhance your company's profile amongst your target audience.

To find out more about our unique sponsorship and exhibition packages, call Mary Lawrence on 020 7923 5709 or visit www.autism.org.uk/conferences/professional2012.

"Excellent venue, excellent speakers, could have done with three days as so much to see."

Steve Green, Care Principles Ltd



Conference Programme

Day One – Tuesday 28 February 2012

Plenary sessions

- 09:40 **Welcome by the Chairs**
Hilary Cass, Neurodisability Consultant, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
Robyn Steward, Trainer, Speaker, Mentor and Autism Consultant
- 09:50 **Welcome Address**
Mark Lever, Chief Executive, The National Autistic Society
- 10:20 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**
1) Looking at the changes in TEACCH over the years
 OR
2) Examining the quality of life for people with autism over their lifespan *
Dr Gary Mesibov, Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, UNC School of Medicine
 * Visit our website to vote for which talk you'd like to hear!
- 10:50 Refreshments and time to visit the exhibition
- 11:30 **On the right track: can early intervention change the trajectory of communication development for children who have autism?**
Professor Jonathan Green
 Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Manchester
Dr Catherine Aldred
 Consultant Speech and Language Therapist
 The Roundway Centre
- 12:10 **A paradoxical parent**
Leneh Buckle, Autistic mother, speaker and advocate, Chair of the Autscope Organisation
- 12:50 Lunch

Stream sessions Choose your individual sessions from the four streams listed below

	A – Education	B – Adults	C – Clinical	D – Supporting families
14:00	A competence framework for individuals working with children with autism: bringing ABA into the mainstream Louise Denne Head of Ambitious External Training and Consultancy, Ambitious About Autism and Professor Richard Hastings School of Psychology, Bangor University	Advocacy for adults on the autism spectrum Gillian Loomes Autism Advocate, Your Voice Wakefield Advocacy Project	Catatonia in Autism Spectrum Disorders – diagnostic and management aspects Dr Amitta Shah Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Leading Edge Psychology	Autism and ageing Carol Povey Director of the Centre for Autism, The National Autistic Society
14:40	Transition between seminars			
14:50	Making sense of my school day Steve McGuinness NAS Trustee, Councillor and Autism Consultant	Maximising the ups and minimising the downs: suggested approaches for optimising clinical outcomes of diagnosis at point of delivery and equipping people to optimise benefits of subsequent disclosure to service providers Sue Mulcahy Action Researcher, Centre for Investigative Psychology, University of Liverpool	Towards a better understanding of Pathological Demand Avoidance syndrome Phil Christie Consultant Child Psychologist and Director, The Elizabeth Newson Centre	Can the Courts prevent cuts to services for people with ASD? Ian Wise QC, Doughty Street Chambers
2	A	B	C	D
15:30	Refreshments and time to visit the exhibition			

Plenary sessions

- 16:00 **Criminal and forensic issues in autistic spectrum disorders**
Professor Tommy MacKay, Director of Psychology Consultancy Services and Professor of Autism Studies, University of Strathclyde
- 16:40 **Challenges to autism intervention research: costs, benefits, problems and solutions**
Michelle Dawson, Researcher, Riviere-des-Prairies Hospital, University of Montreal
- 17:20 **Closing remarks**
- 17:30 **EVENING DEBATE**
Debate topic: Whose life is it anyway?
- 18:15 **Networking drinks reception**
- 20:00 **End of day 1**

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Day Two – Wednesday 29 February 2012

08:45

BREAKFAST SEMINAR 1

Defining good outcomes for people on the autism spectrum – a consultation based study

Dr Kerstin Wittemeyer

Lecturer, Autism Centre for Education and Research (ACER)
University of Birmingham

BREAKFAST SEMINAR 3

Getting the most out of autism research - past, present, and future

Michelle Dawson

Researcher, Riviere-des-Prairies Hospital, University of Montreal

BREAKFAST SEMINAR 2

Developing coping resources in staff teams who work with people who challenge

Dr Andy McDonnell

Director, Studio III Clinical Services

BREAKFAST SEMINAR 4

Teaching functional core social skills through motivating shared experiences: a structured approach for students in mainstream secondary school settings

Gina Davies

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Attention Autism

Plenary sessions

09:50 **Welcome by the Chairs**

Dr Gary Mesibov, Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, UNC School of Medicine

Russell Stronach, Co-Chair, Autistic Rights Movement (ARM) UK

10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Speaker to be confirmed

10:30 **Navigating the NHS changes to achieve good practice in commissioning services for people with autism**

Sandy Bering, Lead Commissioner / Consultant – Health and Well Being, NHS Trafford

11:00 Refreshments and time to visit the exhibition

11:30 **Beyond diagnosis – what's the point of specialist ASC teams?**

Dr Ian Ensum, Consultant Psychologist, Bristol Asperger Syndrome Service

12.10 Lunch

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13:15	<p>Making the best use of your teaching assistant</p> <p>Jane Green Senior Consultant, NAS Education Support Service and</p> <p>Alice Stobart Leader of the Special Resourced Provision for pupils with ASD, King's Oak Primary School</p>	<p>Passion for detail requires a huge leap of faith: IT training and employment opportunities for adults with autism</p> <p>David Farrell-Shaw General Manager, Specialisterne Scotland</p>	<p>Common known causes of Autism Spectrum Conditions: recent developments and implications for identification, assessment and support</p> <p>Professor Jeremy Turk Professor of Developmental Psychiatry & Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, South London & Maudsley Foundation NHS Trust</p>	<p>The use of personal budgets for adults with Asperger syndrome</p> <p>Chris Mitchell Team Manager – Nottinghamshire Adults with Aspergers Team, Nottinghamshire County Council</p>
13:55	Transition between seminars			
14:00	<p>Established, ongoing and developing good practice in Rotherham</p> <p>Gill Capaldi Head of Service, Rotherham Autism Communication Team and</p> <p>Carole Hill Specialist Teacher, Rotherham Autism Communication Team</p>	<p>Addressing common themes in adults who have Asperger syndrome</p> <p>Christine Austin Team Manager, Liverpool Asperger Team and</p> <p>Dr Frank Chapman Clinical Psychologist, Liverpool</p>	<p>Medication for young people with autism and co-morbid mental health problems</p> <p>Dr Paramala J Santosh Consultant in Child and Adolescent Neuropsychiatry and Psychopharmacology, and Head of the Centre for Interventional Paediatric Psychopharmacology, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children</p>	<p>Transition: improving the outcomes and experiences of young people and their families</p> <p>Kevin and Alison O'Brien Directors, K & A Associates</p>
14:40	Refreshments and time to visit the exhibition			

Plenary sessions

15:00 **Implementing the NICE guidelines on recognition, referral and diagnosis of autism**

Professor Gillian Baird, Consultant Paediatrician, NEWCOMEN Centre, Guys Hospital

15.40 **What we do, don't and must know about Autism Spectrum Conditions**

Dr Francesca Happé, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, MRC SGDP Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London

16.20 **Closing remarks**

16.30 **Conference ends**

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Seminar 1 Seminar 2 Seminar 3 Seminar 4

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Payment

Payment must be received before the conference date. If payment is not received by this time, delegates will be required to guarantee payment by credit card on the day of the conference. Cheques should be in pounds sterling and should be made payable to "The National Autistic Society".

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Delegates who wish to cancel their places must do so in writing. If notice of cancellation is received at least 21 days prior to the event, the NAS will refund the full registration fee less £50 administration charge. If notice of cancellation is not received within 21 days prior to the conference, then we regret that no refund can be made.

Substitutions can be made without charge up to 3 days prior to the event. In the event that the NAS has to cancel the event, delegates will be given as much notice as possible and given a full refund (if paid in full) or a credit note (where payment is not yet made). We regret that we will be unable to compensate delegates for any travel or accommodation costs incurred.

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