

DAY CONFERENCE

# When words are not enough...

## Working with Children with Learning Disabilities and Autism

**SPEAKERS**

**Phoebe Caldwell**  
Expert in 'Intensive Interaction'

**Jenny Powell**  
Art Psychotherapist

**Tracy Cavalier**  
Drama Psychotherapist

**Nick Murphy**  
Art Psychotherapist

**Jenny Blyth, Philippa Swann and Lucy French**  
Speech and Language Therapists

**Tanya Rawlinson and Sarah Brown**  
Clinical Psychologists

**Andy James**  
Community Learning Disability Nurse

**Friday 23 March 2012**

**Clifton Suite, Engineers House, The Promenade, Clifton Down, Bristol BS8 3NB**

**Overview:** Being able to communicate with other people is a basic human need, not only to make our desires known and get our needs met but to express our thoughts, emotions and beliefs and to connect with others. Children and young people with learning disabilities and autism often have associated expressive, receptive or social communication difficulties. Emotional and behavioural problems can at times be an outward expression of difficulties communicating with others. Equally communication difficulties can make it harder for young people with learning disabilities and/or autism to express themselves and communicate their emotional distress.

**Conference Aims:** This conference aims to provide practitioners working with children and young people with learning disabilities and autism with an understanding of these communication difficulties and ways of working when words are not enough to enable meaningful interaction, communication and emotional expression.

**Appeal:** The day will be of interest to all working with children and young people with learning disabilities and autism in health, education, social work and the voluntary sector.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 09:00 Registration and refreshments
- 09:25 **Welcome and Introduction:** *Dr Toni Hovey Committee Member and Dr Helen Stephens, Joint Chair of ACAMH Avon*
- 09:30 **Can we Talk? Emotional Engagement with non-verbal people with autism PART ONE:** *Phoebe Caldwell*
- 10:30 Morning coffee break
- 10:50 **Can we Talk? Emotional Engagement with non-verbal people with autism PART TWO:** *Phoebe Caldwell*
- 11:50 **Arts Therapies:** *Jenny Powell, Nick Murphy and Tracy Cavalier*
- 12:40 Lunch and ACAMH Avon AGM
- 13:40 **Parallel Workshops which delegates rotate during the afternoon :**
  - 1. **Working with Young people with Asperger Syndrome:** *Jenny Blyth*
  - 2. **Functional Communication:** *Philippa Swann and Lucy French*
  - 3. **Emotional Literacy:** *Tanya Rawlinson, Sarah Brown and Andy James*
- 16:15 **Plenary – Question and answer:** *workshop leaders*
- 16:45 **Conclusion and Close:** *Dr Toni Hovey*

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