

# Children and young people with complex learning difficulties and disabilities: outcomes and opportunities



## Research dissemination conference

This conference will share outcomes from SSAT's research into education for children and young people with complex learning difficulties and disabilities (CLDD). This research is supported by the Department for Education. They will examine the changing education needs of these children and will showcase online resources. The engagement-based materials, interventions and approaches emerging from this research have been developed by schools, for schools, with educators and multidisciplinary colleagues.

Ninety mainstream and special schools, academies and other settings, covering every age phase, have been research partners in this project. These include 15 international schools.

### London

24 March

Central Hall, Westminster

Event code: LAN1012899

### Midlands

29 March

Wolverhampton Science Park

West Midlands

Event code: LAN1012898

### North

31 March

Rheged Centre, Penrith

Event code: LAN1012900

## Who is the conference for?

These conferences will be of interest to school leaders, education and health practitioners, educational psychologists, local authority officers and voluntary sector workers who have responsibility for children and young people with special needs at mainstream and special schools.

## Conference benefits

- Gain new insights into the needs of this rapidly emerging population of learners with complex learning difficulties and disabilities.
- See, through practitioner-led case studies, how the research findings have been implemented successfully in schools to improve student engagement.
- Access research outcomes which informed teaching and learning for this population of students.
- Share newly developed web-based tools.
- Gain an insight into international perspectives on this group of children.

## Conference structure

The London event will open with a keynote from **Sarah Teather MP**, Minister for Special Needs Education.

Keynote speakers include:

**Professor Barry Carpenter** OBE  
SSAT Director of the CLDD research project.

**Headteachers** and **practitioners** who have been partners in the CLDD research project.

**Jane Thistlewaite**, a New Zealand-based project advisor who will offer an international perspective.

The conferences will be chaired by leading authorities in special education and care, and there will be opportunities for delegate questions and discussion.

Conference chairs include:

### London

**Dame Philippa Russell**  
Chair, Standing Commission on Carers

### Midlands

**David Braybrook**  
Independent Consultant and former Director of Education, ICAN

### North

**Lorraine Petersen**  
Chief Executive, nasen



## How to book

**SSAT member price £99, non-member price £110.**

You will need to login (or register if you have not done this previously) to book your place.

For further information and to book your place please go to [www.ssatrust.org.uk/specialschools](http://www.ssatrust.org.uk/specialschools).

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## Interested in CLDD?

SSAT has published the Complex Needs series of booklets – six publications focusing on aspects of children with complex needs.

**Cost £25**

To find out more and how to purchase them, visit [www.ssatrust.org.uk/specialschools](http://www.ssatrust.org.uk/specialschools).

