



Facing '09 Autism

Effectively Educating for Life



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In many parts of the world increasing numbers of children, adolescents, and adults are being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Northern Ireland is no exception. Over the past four decades, the science of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) has provided a framework for effective treatment.

Today, international standards for training in behaviour analysis exist and more health and social care professionals, educationalists, and parents are learning how the use of science and effective education are inseparable. We have asked some of the brightest minds in ABA to come to Northern Ireland and share their expertise.

This is the 4th Facing Autism: Ireland conference and our theme this time is Effectively Educating for Life. Within this theme, we will be highlighting the importance of effective evidence-based education and intervention that starts in the early years but goes on across the lifespan.

We are sure that you will find plenty of stimulating information, discussion, workshops, and informal meetings that allow you to expand your knowledge of ABA and ASD and that you will find opportunities to build new networks of friends, colleagues, and collaborators.

The Organising Committee

Dr Karola Dillenburger, Queen's University Belfast

Dr Mickey Keenan, University of Ulster

Dr Tony Byrne, Parents' Education as Autism Therapists



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Schedule Of Events

Friday 26th June 2009

→ Conference

09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10.00 - 10.10	Opening address
10.10 - 11.00	Keynote Gina Green: Promoting public policies to support ABA treatment for Autism
11.00 - 11.20	Coffee and Tea
11.20 - 12.10	Keynote Bobby Newman: How do we know what works and what does not?
12.10 - 13.00	Keynote Karen Wagner: ABA: A holistic life-span approach
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.50	Keynote Bill Ahearn: Autism and learning: From research to practice
14.50 - 15.10	Coffee break
15.10 - 16.00	Keynote Neil Martin: Application in a UK context: The TreeHouse Trust

20.00 till late: Dinner In The Edinburgh Suite, Europa Hotel

Saturday, 27th June 2009

→ Workshops

Parallel Sessions	Educating Pre-School Children	Educating The Primary School Child	Educating The Secondary School Child	Educating Further
10.00 - 11.00	Workshop 1 Gina Green: Early Screening And Identification of ASDs	Workshop 2 Neil Martin: Data driven Teaching And Learning For Pupils With Autism	Workshop 3 Ken Kerr: Adolescents with AS: Building a Better Life	Workshop 4 Karen Wagner: Relationships & Employment
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee and tea	Coffee and tea	Coffee and tea	Coffee and tea
11.30 - 12.30	Workshop 1 Continued	Workshop 2 Continued	Workshop 3 Continued	Workshop 4 Continued
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30 - 14.30	Workshop 5 Bill Ahearn: From Vocal Stereotypy to Verbal Behaviour	Workshop 6 L. McDermont & S. Owens: Challenging Behaviours	Workshop 7 Bobby Newman: Detecting Behavioural Solutions To Every Day Problems	Workshop 8 PEAT: Parent Training in ABA
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
15.00 - 16.00	Workshop 5 Continued	Workshop 6 Continued	Workshop 7 Continued	Workshop 8 Continued

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Friday 26th &
Saturday 27th June

Europa Hotel, Belfast

International Conference
and Workshop

Who should attend?

Parents & Carers, health and social care professionals, educationalists, and anyone interested in effective intervention for children and adults with Autism.



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Registration

(please complete one form per delegate)

Name:

Organisation (for Professionals):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone: Email:

Please tick as appropriate;

- Parent Registration Fee **£60**
- Professional Registration Fee **£240**
- Student/therapist Registration Fee **£92**

Fee covers both days. Note:

There will be a 10% additional charge for registrations received following **Friday 5 June 2009**.

Conference Dinner on the evening of **Friday 26 June (optional)** Fee **£30**

If you have any special dietary requirements please tick here

Please give details:

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689 Springfield Road, Belfast, BT12 7FP



Or register online at www.peatni.org



Key Note Speakers

Fri 26 June '09 / 10.10 - 11.00 **Gina Green:** Promoting public policies to support ABA treatment for Autism

Sat 27 June '09 / 10.00 - 12.30 **Workshop 1 / Gina Green:** Early screening and identification of ASDs



Professor Gina Green is currently in private practice in San Diego as a consultant and is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Behavior Analysis, University of North Texas. She has authored numerous publications on the treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities and brain injuries, as well as the experimental analysis of behavior. She co-edited the books Behavioral Intervention for Young Children with Autism and Making a Difference: Behavioral Intervention for Autism. Gina also serves on

the Autism Advisory Group of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies and the advisory boards of several autism programs and organizations. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Council for Scientific Medicine and Mental Health. Psychology Today named her "Mental Health Professional of the Year" in 2000. In 2005 she received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from The Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland for her work in autism.

Fri 26 June '09 / 11.20 - 12.10 **Bobby Newman:** How do we know what works and what does not?

Sat 27 June '09 / 13.30 - 16.00 **Workshop 7 / Bobby Newman:** Detecting Behavioural Solutions To Every Day Problems



Dr Bobby Newman, is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Licensed Psychologist. He has authored eight previous books, including the popular staff training tools Behaviorspeak, Behaviorask and Behavioral Detectives. Bobby has published over two dozen articles in professional journals. He currently provides staff training and consultation around the world, and has been honoured for this work by several parent and professional groups, including having an award named in his honour by Families for Effective Autism Treatment of Central New York. He has hosted two series of radio call-in programs. Bobby is on the adjunct faculty of Queens College, CUNY and Stony Brook, SUNY.



Fri 26 June '09 / 12.10 - 13.00

Karen Wagner: ABA: A holistic life-span approach

Sat 27 June '09 / 10.00 - 12.30

Workshop 4 / Karen Wagner: Relationships & employment



Dr Karen R. Wagner is a past-president of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, and was the State Student Advisor for the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. She is a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and has also worked with individuals with disabilities since 1981 in Adult Day Training (ADT) programs, as an Employment Specialist, and as Director of an inclusive summer camp. In 1997 Karen formed Behaviour Services of Brevard, and extended in-home behaviour analysis services to typically developing children. In 2003 she opened a community-based ADT that would allow individuals with cognitive impairments and severe behaviour challenges to access community activities previously denied them due to their extreme behaviours.

Fri 26 June '09 / 14.00 - 14.50

Bill Ahearn: Autism and learning: From research to practice

Sat 27 June '09 / 13.30 - 16.00

Workshop 5 / Bill Ahearn: From vocal stereotypy to verbal behavior



Dr Bill Ahearn, is the Director of Research at the New England Centre for Children (NECC) in Massachusetts and Clinical Assistant Professor in Northeastern University's Master's program in Applied Behavior Analysis and Adjunct Faculty in Western New England College's doctoral program. Bill currently serves as the autism track coordinator for the Association for Behavior Analysis and is the ACE coordinator for providing BCBA continuing education at NECC and for the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy. Having been published in leading journals, Bill's research interests include social skills in children with autism, verbal behavior, assessment and treatment of stereotypy, severe problem behavior, and pediatric feeding difficulties.

Fri 26 June '09 / 15.10 - 16.00

Neil Martin: Application in a UK context: The TreeHouse Trust

Sat 27 June '09 / 10.00 - 12.30

Workshop 2 / Neil Martin: Data driven teaching and learning for pupils with autism



Dr Neil Martin, is the Director of Research at TreeHouse, the first school in the UK to offer educational provision for pupils with autism based on the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis. Neil also holds an honorary research fellowship with the University of Kent, where he was formerly a lecturer, and he currently teaches on a number of BACB-approved course sequences in the UK. He is the Applied Science Representative of the European Association for Behaviour Analysis. Neil has varied research interests including the clinical application of experimental functional analyses, the effectiveness of behavioural intervention for children with autism within school settings and use of computer-based observational technologies for teaching and learning.