



**BORDERS
ASPERGER & AUTISM
GROUP
SUPPORT**

**Wednesday
21st
September 2011**

Recognised Scottish Charity No; SC 032508

Professor Rita Jordan

**George & Abbotsford
Hotel,
Melrose**

BSc MSc MA PhD C.Psychol. OBE

10am
(registration 9-30am)
until
1pm
(buffet lunch follows)



£50

£35
(BAAGS members)

After a **degree in Psychology**, Rita became a teacher in nursery and primary mainstream schools and started an opportunity group and toy library for children with special needs. She took a **Masters in Child Development** and researched curriculum development and parent training for those with profound and multiple difficulties. She taught children with severe learning difficulties, and then children with autistic spectrum disorders, for nine years. During that time she took a **Masters in Linguistics** and then went into higher education where she trained teachers on special and mainstream courses and lectured in **Clinical Linguistics and Education**, at the University of Hertfordshire. **Her doctorate was in pronoun development in autism.**

From 1993 to her retirement in 2009, she worked at the University of Birmingham, where she developed **professional training programmes in autism spectrum disorders** for those living or working with individuals (children and adults) within the spectrum, including a web-based one. She helped establish the Autism Centre for Education & Research and became the first UK professor in Autism Studies. She remains an Emeritus Professor in Autism Studies. She also established two autism journals and was editor of one for 11 years.

She has written and researched on many aspects of autism and has been involved in training events, consultations and conferences all over the world and has served on national and international task forces and working parties set up by governments or professional bodies to review evidence and offer advice in relation to **autism spectrum disorders**. In 2007 she was awarded an OBE for her services to special needs education.

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WORKSHOP BOOKING FORM

Please complete one form per delegate and enclose payment at time of booking. Confirmation will be sent as receipt of application.

Refunds will not be given, but replacement delegates will be accepted with prior notice given.

NAME

Please complete as appropriate.

parent / individual with an ASD / Profession represented.

CONTACT DETAILS.

POSTCODE.

PHONE.

Amount enclosed;

*Please make cheques payable to **BAAGS***

Signed

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