

Our training programmes range from introductory for those new to working with people with autism, through to advanced courses in specialist topics for seasoned professionals. Please see below for a selection of our newest specialist courses.

Please visit www.autism.org.uk for more information – and click on specialist training.



Relationships & Sexuality in people with autism

This one-day course, presented by Dr Stephen Shore, aims to provide a greater understanding of relationships and sexuality in people with autism. Presented from the viewpoint of a person diagnosed with autism, participants will gain a greater understanding of the feelings, physical responses, levels of interest in sex, and addressing the social challenges as well as practical solutions for supporting people all over the autism spectrum in the area of sexuality and intimate relationships.

The course is relevant for those supporting children and adults on the autism spectrum and focuses on understanding some of the social challenges, differing levels of interest and understanding experienced by people on the autism spectrum around relationships and sexuality.

20 January 2014, London

TEACCH 3-day course

This three-day course, delivered by Professor Gary Mesibov, aims to develop your understanding of how to support people with autism using the TEACCH programme.

The training will describe some of the main learning differences that have been identified in research with people with autism and show how these can be accommodated by making appropriate evidence-based adaptations in how educational programmes are created and delivered in schools, homes and communities. The goal of the course is for participants to better understand autism and how to help individuals with autism to think and learn and understand more effectively.



11 to 13 June 2014 – Glasgow

Learning to wee and poo in the right place - Contenance problems in children with autism

This one-day course will focus on the common toileting difficulties in children with autism. It will look at autism and the reasons why children may have toileting difficulties, toileting training, specific continence issues alongside specific autism-related continence issues. The day will be presented by Dr Eve Fleming (Community Paediatrician) and Lorraine MacAlister (NAS Autism Training Consultant).



The course is aimed at those working with children with autism who are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of toileting across a variety of settings. It is particularly relevant for continence advisors, nursing teams and school-based staff or advisors.

12 February 2014 – London
25 March 2014 – Birmingham
4 June 2014 - Glasgow

Understanding and supporting children with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)

This one-day course, delivered by Phil Christie from the Elizabeth Newson Centre, aims to develop a clearer understanding of PDA and its relationship to autism spectrum disorder. The session will focus on developing an understanding of developmental pathways and educational management of some of the more complex children within the autism spectrum, particularly those who fit the profile of PDA.

The course aims to give a clearer understanding of PDA, generate debate about the differences in approach between pupils with autism, Asperger syndrome and those with PDA, and to gain an overview strategies and approaches that are reported to be helpful in the education of PDA. This course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the autism spectrum. Recognising and understanding the key areas of difficulty experienced by individuals with autism is vital to providing effective support.

29 April 2014 - Manchester
18 November 2014 - London



To book places on any of the courses above, please visit;

<http://www.autism.org.uk/our-services/training-and-consultancy/specialist-training.aspx>

Other courses available include Understanding people with autism, Supporting people with autism – The SPELL Framework, Understanding behaviour, Sensory Considerations, Supporting people with autism through social care assessments and Autism Trainer Development.

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