



Conference for parents and carers of children and young people who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Scottish Trades Union Congress, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG. Wednesday, 21st May 2014, 10.00am–2.00pm

Parent/Carer Conference Workshops

1. **Challenging behaviour by Kay Hunter (DHT, Abercorn Secondary), Patricia Duggan (Educational Psychologist)**

Children with ASD can display challenging behaviours which can be difficult to manage and understand. This workshop aims to address some of the common causes for challenging behaviour, namely anxiety and sensory issues. We will also hear from an adult with a diagnosis of autism about her experiences as a young person around managing sensory sensitivities and the impact this can have on behaviour.

2. **Scottish Autism – ‘Right Click’ – An Online Parent Support Programme by Chloe McNeillis (Autism Advisor, Scottish Autism)**

This workshop introduces participants to Scottish Autism’s ‘Right Click’ programme, an online support programme for parents/carers. Right Click is for parents or carers of individuals on the autism spectrum who are in particular need of information and support. The aim of the programme is to provide knowledge, support, information and guidance to enable parents to further understand and develop effective skills and strategies for their young child or teenager.

- i. The Young Child programme, which focuses on providing support to parents/carers of young and recently diagnosed children up to around 8 years of age. This includes topics such as:
 - Eating
 - Sleeping
 - Toileting
- ii. The Teen programme includes:
 - Developing skills for independent living
 - Supporting siblings
 - Talking about relationships

3. **Communication and interaction in the early stage by Pauline Haggarty (Speech and Language Therapist) and Jane Evans (Educational Psychologist)**

This workshop will explore the stages of early communication development for children/young people with ASD. The session will also look at practical strategies and approaches for supporting communication and interaction skills with your child. The workshop will be most helpful for parents/carers of children/young people who are at the early stages of communication.

4. **Autism, Teenagers, Parents and the ARC with Laura Alexander, Young Persons’ Co-ordinator, Autism Resource Centre**

In 2004 Glasgow established an Autism Centre for diagnosis, information and training to support the adult population with an ASD. In 2006 the ARC increased the service to work with young adults and to expand its training programme. This session will look at the services now provided by the ARC for teenagers and families including the Me, Myself and ASD programme and current partnerships with other agencies to support families.

5. **Disability Living Allowance for Children – Steven McAvoy, Welfare Rights Adviser**

Claiming disability living allowance for a disabled child can often be a daunting experience, especially the completion of the disability living allowance application form. This workshop will focus on helping parents/carers of disabled children to understand the criteria for disability living allowance and provide some practical tips for making a successful claim.



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Name

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Please find below the workshop choice form for the two sessions. You will attend **one** workshop per session. Please number your preference from **1-3** (1 being first choice) in the grey boxes next to the workshop titles for the two sessions.

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Workshop Session 2

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Please email completed booking form to joyce.young@education.glasgow.gov.uk or phone as per previous form by Friday, 25th April 2014.