



WOKINGHAM CHILDREN'S AUTISM PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership are pleased to offer the following workshops for parents/carers who live with, and practitioners who work and play with children and young people with autism.

For information about any of the following workshops, or to book a place, please contact:

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Wokingham Borough Council, Children's Services, Highwood Annexe, Woodley RG5 3RU

The workshops appear in date order up until December 2015 – they will be repeated January to June 2016 including new pilot workshops

Cost of all workshops:

Parent/carer	£ 5.00	} Subsidised by Wokingham Borough Council Children's Learning Difficulties and Disabilities service
Others	£30.00	

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Autism Awareness – level 1

Wednesday 30th September 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

The large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to understand the myths and facts around autism – the 'hidden' disability including language, social interaction, sensory issues, anxieties; the way many people with autism make sense of the world around them and strategies and tools that may help and support a person with autism.

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Understanding the impact of sensory needs – level 2

Wednesday 7th October 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

The large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to gain an understanding of how we process information via the senses, how this differs for some people, the difficulties it can present and the strategies and interventions that can be used to support

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Understanding and writing social/visual scripts – level 1

(previously titled how to write a social story™)

Wednesday 14th October, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

The large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

Raising awareness of the role of the social/visual script as a strategy in supporting individuals to understand and function in the social world around them. Looking at a range of stories which have helped support development and improved understanding of social events and expectations in a given situation which may lead to more effective social responses. You will have the opportunity to write a story to describe a social situation, skill or concept in a specifically defined style and format for an individual of any age

For parents/carers only

How you can support children & young people with autism to manage emotions (including anger) – level 2

Saturday 17th October, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

Highwood annexe, Fairwater Drive, Woodley RG5 3RU

(free parking)

An opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of autism; an understanding of how you can support people with autism to promote positive behaviours and how you can support people with autism with their understanding of their own and others emotions (including anger) and how to self-manage

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Autism specific workshop on sexual development and puberty – level 2

Wednesday 21st October, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

The Large Hall, Woodley Air Field Youth Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking on site)

An opportunity to discuss and understand the physical and emotional changes at puberty, and how to prepare and support young people with autism to manage these changes. Exploration of the concept 'public, private and personal safety'.

This is a level 2 workshop, and understanding of autism or attendance at a previous autism workshop is expected. **Participants must understand that there will be discussion and visuals about issues of a sexual nature.**

For practitioners/leisure providers only:

How you can support children & young people with an autism spectrum condition to manage emotions (including anger) – level 2

Wednesday 4th November, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 1.15pm

The large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of autism; and how you can support people with autism to promote positive behaviours, and support their understanding of their own and others emotions (including anger) and how to self-manage

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Understanding and writing advanced social/visual scripts – level 2

Wednesday 18th November, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 11.45

The Large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to build and practice skills already in place when using social/visual scripts for children and young people with autism – the next steps in using this successful intervention

For practitioners/leisure providers:

A positive, systematic approach to finding solutions – autism focused

(previously titled autism specific Solution focused problem solving)

level 2

Wednesday 25th November, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 12.45pm

The Large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to develop new skills in finding solutions; responding in a more creative manner towards difficulties and gaining confidence in a team approach to addressing difficulties in your setting.

There is an expectation that candidates have knowledge of autism, and they will be expected to work in small groups to discuss issues experienced by children which are preventing them from moving on, therefore it is necessary to bring a difficulty or challenge of this nature from your setting.

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers

Drawing whilst talking – level 2

(previously titled Comic Strip Conversations TM)

Wednesday 2nd December, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 12.45

The Large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

How to use drawing whilst having a conversation as an intervention enabling the exploration and enhancement of conversational skills, social understanding and building the understanding of how another person might feel in situations, and / or give us their understanding of what took place

For parents/carers and practitioners/leisure providers:

Understanding & supporting the visual environment for children

with autism – level 2

Wednesday 9th December, 2015

9.30 registration for 9.45 start – 12.45pm

The Large Hall, Woodley Air Field youth centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

(free parking)

An opportunity to gain an understanding of effective visual support and its impact in the environment. The need for awareness of different learning styles. How to use and develop visual tools to meet the individual needs of the child/young person, and ideas for improving communication in home, school and community environments

Specifically for Early Years Practitioners

Autism Awareness with Karen Halley - Tuesday 15th September, 2015

Understanding & supporting the visual environment for children with autism with Karen Halley
- Friday 23rd October, 2015

Understanding the impact of sensory needs with Karen Halley
- Wednesday 16th March, 2015

Booking for these workshops only is through the Early Years Learning Hub as usual