



20th Anniversary Annual Autism Conference

Tuesday 13th November 2018

at The Showroom, Tritton Road, Lincoln

Registration from 8.30am

Speakers

Geoff Evans

Autism over the last 20 years

Andrew Whitehouse

Autism and education

Dr Luke Beardon

How to support unhappy autistic children to become happy autistic adults

PAACT family members: £25pp

Non-members (family): £35pp

PAACT professional members: £50pp

Non-members (professional): £65pp

including refreshments and pastries on arrival and a full buffet lunch. Please notify us of any specific dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Please note: this conference is open to parents, carers and professionals. However, it is not appropriate for children and there will be no provision for them to attend.

To book a place, please contact Gordon Forsyth: paactsupport@hotmail.co.uk

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20th Anniversary Lincoln Annual Autism Conference Booking Form
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Number of places required	
Name of delegate/s <i>Please indicate parent member (£25) / non-member (£35) or Professional member (£50) / non-member (£65)</i>	
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Speakers

Geoff Evans

Geoff Evans is an Independent Autism Consultant and Trainer. He has worked with children with autism and their families for nearly thirty-five years. In addition to social work, Geoff has qualifications in Management and a MEd (distinction) in Training and Development. Over the past twenty-five years, he has delivered training to professionals across many disciplines including health, teaching, social work and care. His parent training has been described as inspirational and very practical. Currently his most popular training subjects are Autism the Happiness Factor; A Holistic Approach to Behaviours of Concern; Autism, Adolescence, Sexuality and Boundaries and Autism, Anxiety and Stress. In recent years Geoff has consolidated his position as an expert in the field of autism

Autism Over the Last 20 Years

In this talk Geoff, looks back from the time of the first Lincoln conference to the present day and explores the changes in our understanding and practice around autism. In doing so, he looks at the following areas:

Sensory processing

Positive behaviour support

Our understanding around stress anxiety and autism

Recent thinking around autism and happiness.

Geoff will explore practical strategies in all of these areas whilst seeking to answer the question, 'how far we have come and how much further is there to go in the quest to provide children and young people with autism with the support they deserve and require?'



Andrew Whitehouse

MSPed CPSE (PGCert) BAHons QTS, SEN Consultant

Andrew is a specialist in neurological diversity and behaviour; he provides interventions for professionals, parents and young people with autism, ADHD, dyslexia and related conditions. Andrew has a number of roles, including training, providing strategies and therapies for education professionals in schools and colleges, observing learners in the learning environment and providing practical solutions to help them achieve their potential. As well as running networking day courses across the UK for SEN, Andrew provides short courses for Bishop Grosseteste University and holds a number of UK and overseas contracts. Most recently, Andrew delivered a TEDx Talk "From Disability to Superpowers" which you can view at <https://www.peoplefirsteducation.co.uk/>.

Education and Autism: The Journey

What parents and educators need to know

In this presentation Andrew will be reflecting on his vast experience of observing young people in the classroom and his work in empowering teachers and support staff to meet the needs of learners with autism, enabling them to reach their full potential. In particular he will be considering the learning journey within individual lessons. Andrew will be looking at the following areas:

- Creating autism friendly learning experiences by doing "more of what works and less of what doesn't"
- Reinventing the broken wheel by remembering that the two elements of a lesson that are fixed are the objective and the outcome – the journey between these two is free and adaptable to meet the needs of the learner... and the educator.
- Trusting your own intuition and the evidence of your own eyes and ears and integrating that into your practice.



Dr Luke Beardon

I have been working for decades in the autism field, in capacities ranging from practitioner to researcher to trainer. I worked for The National Autistic Society (NAS) as a Service Co-ordinator assisting in the development of a residential service for young adults with autism. I worked within this service supporting young adults with a range of complex needs, from those with high dependency needs and severe learning disability, to individuals with a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome; prior to this I worked in the voluntary sector in the learning disability field.

I have run a Project developing autism services within a specific Local Authority, been involved in the setting up and running of two Asperger Social Groups, and have also been employed by the NAS as Regional Development Officer, co-ordinating developments over a large geographical area. This has given me the background experience to work at a strategic level within Local Authorities to develop good practice in the field of autism. The Project included the development of diagnostic services, day provision, residential provision, and transition services.

I have been part of a research team at Nottingham University, running a three year project and have several publications in national and international journals relating to the project. I completed my doctoral thesis at Sheffield Hallam University which was titled 'Asperger Syndrome and Perceived Offending Conduct: A Qualitative Study'. I have been the dedicated Training Consultant for the NAS and Head of the Department, and involved not only in the delivery of autism specific training but also in the development of autism specific courses and modules.

I provide consultancy around how to work with individuals with autism, organisational consultancy, and consultancy to local authorities and national bodies and have spoken at a number of national and international conferences on a variety of autism-related topics. I continue to work closely with individuals and families around a range of needs.

My most recent post is with Sheffield Hallam University, as Senior Lecturer in autism. I run courses at different academic levels in autism, including a Masters qualification, whilst continuing to research and consult in the field of autism. I am the course leader for the Post Graduate Certificate in Autism and Asperger Syndrome, run in collaboration with the NAS, and supervise several students at doctoral level, many of whom are on the spectrum. I am proud of my two autistic (ex) students who successfully completed their Doctorates.

Every year the student survey has run, I have been nominated as either an Inspirational Teacher, Inspirational Research Supervisor, or both. In 2011 I was awarded the Inspirational Teacher Award. In 2012 I was awarded the Inspirational Research Supervisor Award. In 2018 I was awarded my third Inspirational Award and in recognition was presented the Sheffield Hallam Vice-Chancellor Award. In 2015, I was a finalist for the prestigious National Autistic Society's Lifetime Achievement Award for a Professional. In 2016 I was the winner at the National Autistic Society's Autism



★ Professionals Awards for Achievement by an Individual Educational Professional. In 2016 I was nominated and reached the finals for the Autism Hero Awards run by Anna Kennedy Online in two categories: Lifetime Achievement, and Individual Professional – and won both categories. I have made several media appearances, including BBC TV and Radio 4, The Guardian, The Independent and an article appeared in the Times celebrating my achievements. My blog was voted second best in the award winning Aukids magazine in their list of ten top all-time favourite autism blogs. I work closely with the community that supports families and autistic children and adults, and act as a non-clinical consultant on a wide range of issues, including the education of children. I co-wrote the ASPECT consultancy report, the largest consultation with adults with AS undertaken at the time; I am co-editor of five books on autism and Asperger syndrome published by Jessica Kingsley, am author of 'Autism and Asperger Syndrome in Adulthood' and have various other publications in journals and books. My interests are anything related to autism and Asperger Syndrome, pretty much to the exclusion of everything else.