



GROWING UP with an AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER

How the needs of people with autism or Asperger Syndrome, and of their parents/carers, change as the person grows up.

Main Speakers:

Prof. DIGBY TANTAM
ROS BLACKBURN
JOSHUA MUGGLETON

SATURDAY 3rd October 2009

University of Surrey, Guildford.
10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Parents/carers/people with autistic disorders: £30
Professionals/care workers £60

(suggested minimum donations)

About the NAS Surrey Branch Conference

This conference is for parents/carers, people with autistic spectrum disorders (ASDs), professionals and others interested in autism and Asperger Syndrome. It will look at how the needs of people with ASDs may change as they grow and develop, and what parents/carers need to be aware of to prepare for these changes.

In the morning our speakers are Prof Digby Tantam and Ros Blackburn.

Prof Digby Tantam is a psychotherapist, counsellor, psychologist, and psychiatrist. He has worked in the NHS for over thirty years, and as a University Professor for nearly twenty. He has provided a regular clinic for adolescents and adults with Asperger syndrome since 1980, and has been the author or editor of 11 books, the latest of which is “Can the world afford autistic spectrum disorder?”

Ros Blackburn was diagnosed at one year old as severely autistic but with average intellectual ability. She is now a highly respected international speaker on autism. Although she feels that many areas of her autistic condition have remained very severe, others, such as her severe language delay, have disappeared almost completely.

After lunch there will be a **choice of talks** looking at the issues for specific age groups in more depth. (*See back page for details*)

Our final speaker will be **Joshua Muggleton**, a young man with Aspergers Syndrome. He is currently studying for a degree in Psychology at the University of St Andrews, and has given many talks about Aspergers and his life, including workshops for professionals and speeches to MPs at party conferences. He spoke at the House of Commons launch of the NAS “Make School Make Sense” campaign.

To reserve your place, send back the completed booking form opposite with a cheque, to the address given, by September 7th. For further information contact Sara Truman, NAS Surrey Branch Officer: email: nas@mugsy.org Tel: 01483-822630.

Cancellations refunded up to 7th Sept, less £5 administration charge. We reserve the right to change the speakers or content due to unforeseen circumstances.

BOOKING FORM

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To book your place, return this form with a cheque made payable to **NAS Surrey Branch** to: Mrs. S. Truman, 4A West Meads, Onslow Village, Guildford GU2 7ST.

Please reserve me Professional place(s) £60;*

..... Parents/carers/people with ASDs place(s) £30*

I enclose a cheque for £..... made out to **NAS Surrey Branch**.

Professionals only: if an invoice or receipt is required, please provide the name and address to which it should be sent on a separate sheet.

Name.....

BLOCK CAPITALS. Please use a separate form for each person. Form may be photocopied.

Address

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Email

If professional, please give job title.....

Do you require: Vegetarian meal? Yes / No

Wheelchair access? Yes / No

Other special food /requirements?

Signed

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AFTERNOON TALKS

The following four talks will look in more detail at the issues affecting children and young people with ASDs at different ages. Each talk will run at the same time, so each person can attend only one talk. Space is limited for some talks and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice below.

SESSION & SPEAKER

1st/2nd
choice

Age 5 and under

Catherine Attridge, Deputy Head, Pond Meadow School

Catherine Attridge is responsible for the new ASD provision at Pond Meadow School in Guildford, having previously been in charge of the Springboard Autism Assessment Nursery based there.

Age 5 to 11

Sue Skippage, Autism Outreach teacher, Freemantles School

Melissa Sartin, Speech and Language Therapist

Sue Skippage provides ASD support to mainstream primary schools in West Surrey. Melissa Sartin is a specialist SaLT who works with pupils at Freemantles School.

Age 11 to 16

Cath Schofield, Autism Outreach Teacher, West Hill School

Mark Brown, Community Learning Disability Nurse

Cath Schofield provides ASD support to mainstream secondary schools in East Surrey. Mark Brown provides advice and support to families with learning disabled children in Mole Valley and parts of Elmbridge.

Age 16 to adulthood

Ginny Willis, Special Needs Team Leader, Connexions

Christine May, Assistant Service Manager, Adult Social Care, Surrey

Tom Moore, Surrey County Council's lead for adults with ASD.

Ginny Willis and her team provide advice for 14 - 25 year olds with disabilities, especially around moving on from school. Christine May's role includes responsibility for Surrey social service's Transition Team. Tom's role includes developing supported housing for adults with ASD.