

There is more Autism to me than

Keynote Speakers

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About the conference

Do you support someone living with Autism? Do you have a family member or friend who lives with Autism? Do you live with Autism? Are you interested to learn more about Autism, expand your knowledge and understanding?

If so, then we are delighted to welcome you to our conference, “There is more to me than Autism!” Our goal is simple – acceptance of, understanding about and celebrating Autism.

We aim to provide you with the latest information; best practice and practical strategies, so you can better understand and support individuals with autism living the lives they choose.

In Moray, we have an Autism training team, the trainers are all adults with a diagnosis of Aspergers Syndrome, they deliver Autism Awareness training across the locality and to date have reached nearly 1000 participants. The trainers have all gone through their own personal journeys to get to where they are now, they all speak with confidence, passion, knowledge and experience about what it is like to live with Autism. It is this team that have

inspired our conference, their personal stories, innovative and unique delivery of the autism awareness training has ensured Moray knows more about Autism. We want to give them a bigger audience, help them deliver their message of autism awareness more widely. So, with great delight we welcome internationally recognised Autism specialists Dr. Olga Bogdashina and Dr. Jacqui Jackson to Moray, together with Luke Jackson and John Williams we want to share with you all what it means to live with Autism and why we should all be celebrating it.

Who should attend?

This event is open to anyone; professionals, volunteers, parents, carers, families and of course individuals with Autism. We just ask that you want to learn more about Autism, what to understand what it means to live with Autism, contribute to the development of services within your locality and share your learning with colleagues, friends and family.

Conference Details

Date:

11th & 12th June 2015

Venue:

11th June – Elgin Town Hall

12th June – Eight Acres Hotel

Time:

The conference will commence promptly at 9:30am and finish by approximately 4:30pm. Registration on both days will be open from 8:30am

Registration costs:

Professionals – £50 + VAT for both days, which includes lunch and refreshments.

Individuals with Autism, parents, unpaid carers, volunteers – £10 (inclusive of VAT) for both days, which includes lunch and refreshments.

If you cannot attend both days, a substitution may be made. Please contact us to inform us in advance.

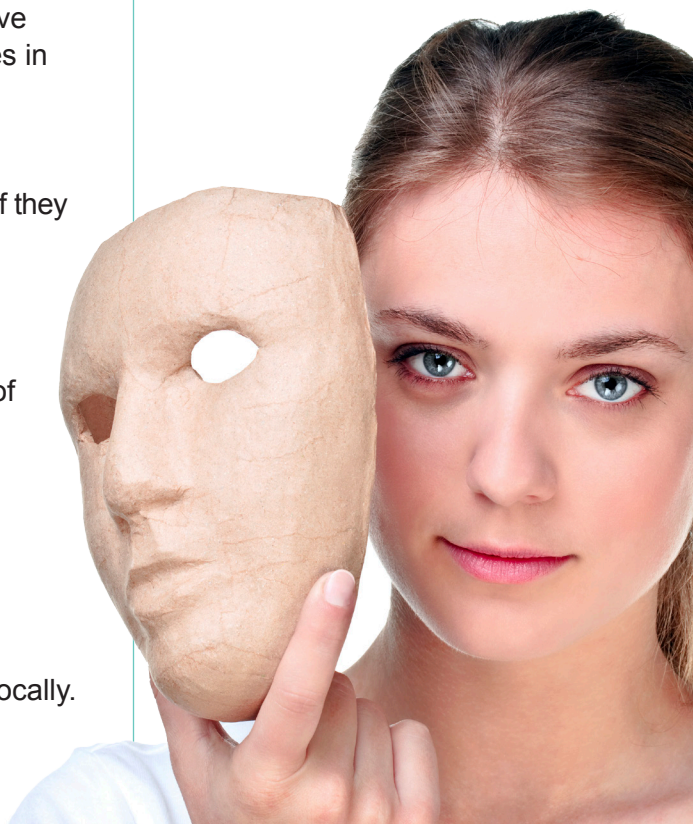
Accommodation:

Elgin has a wide range of accommodation to suit every budget. For more information and ideas please visit: www.thisismoray.com



Outcomes

- All people in Moray with Autism are accepted for who they are and valued for what they contribute to the world.
- The Moray community will have a knowledge and understanding of Autism.
- The Moray community have a shared core set of values in relation to Autism.
- People with Autism will be supported in the right way if they come into contact with key services.
- This event will promote good practice in the field of Autism
- Building a professional network that have a good knowledge base and understanding of Autism in order to support the development of services locally.
- The event will be a networking opportunity for all those interested in Autism, providing multiagency links that may not have existed previously.



Dr. Olga Bogdashina Biog

Ph.D. (linguistics), MA Ed (autism), MSc (Psychology) MA (Teaching methods)



Dr. Olga Bogdashina, Honorary Professor, Programme Leader (Autism courses: DE, CPD on-line courses), Co-founder, Chief Research Fellow and Lecturer at the International Autism Institute, KSPU; Visiting lecturer in Autism Studies in the UK Universities; Associate Consultant (Autism) to the European Institute of Child Education and Psychology (ICEP Europe), founder of the Autism Society of Ukraine and director of the first Day Centre for autistic children in Gorlovka, Ukraine. She has worked intensively in the field of autism as a teacher, lecturer, researcher and consultant. Olga teaches and lectures in the UK and Europe.

Her particular research interests are sensory perception, cognitive functioning, communication and language development in autism, and spirituality in autism – reflected in the books:

- *Sensory Perceptual Issues in Autism and Asperger Syndrome: Different sensory experiences – different perceptual worlds* (2003), Jessica Kingsley Publishers;
- *Communication Issues in Autism: Do we speak the same language?* (2004) Jessica Kingsley Publishers,
- *Theory of Mind and the Triad of Perspectives on Autism and Asperger Syndrome* (2005) Jessica Kingsley Publishers;
- *Autism and the Edges of the Known World: Sensitivities, language and Constructed Reality* (2010).
- *Autism and Spirituality: Psyche, Self and Spirit in People on the Autism Spectrum*

Olga has a son (27) with autism and a daughter (24) with Aspergers Syndrome.

Programme

Day 1 – 11th June 2015 (Elgin Town Hall)

8:30am – 9:30am

Registration

9:30am – 9:45am

Welcome Address

Cllr Lorna Cresswell

9:45am – 11:00am

Keynote Speaker

Dr Olga Bogdashina

Sensory World of Autism

1:00am – 11:30am

Refreshments

11:30am – 12:30pm

Seminar sessions

1. Moray Autism Training Team – Supporting an individual with ASD in Employment.
2. Wendy Milne, Linn Moor School – Supporting an Ordinary Life!
3. Speaker TBC – TBC

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 1:45pm

Post lunch address: Glyn Morris,
Friendly Access/NAS Branch Chair

1:45pm – 3:00pm

Keynote Speaker

Dr Jacqui Jackson

The Autism Spectrum

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Refreshments

3:15pm – 4:15pm

Seminar sessions

1. Luke Jackson – Coping Strategies
2. Laura McDowall – Powers of attorney and guardianship
3. Lesley Bell, Autism Development Team – Using Visual Structure to support learning in both education and home environments.

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Closing remarks

Programme

Day 2 – 12th June 2015 (Eight Acres)

Evening Event 11th June 2015 (Elgin Town Hall)

7:30pm – 8:00pm

Out of the Darkness Theatre Company
performance

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Art exhibit and networking

9:00am – 9:30am

Registration

9:30am – 10:00am

Welcome Address
Mr John Williams

10:00am – 12:30pm

Seminar sessions

1. Dr Olga Bogdashina

Communication Issues in Autism

2. Dr Jacqui Jackson

The Transition from Child to Adulthood

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm – 1:45pm

Post lunch address: TBC

1:45pm – 3:15pm

“My Son’s not rain man”: Mr John
Williams

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Closing remarks

Dr. Jacqui Jackson Biog

Ph.D. (Design)

Dr Jacqui Jackson is a renowned and experienced speaker who addresses topics such as family, education, the criminal justice system, design, employment and sensory issues associated with the autism spectrum.

Jacqui holds a PhD in the field of Design and the impact of the built and digital environment on individuals on the Autism Spectrum. She is also a parent of 8 children and young adults, 5 of whom are on the Autism Spectrum. As a Scientific Advisor and trustee for the leading charity Research Autism, she recognises the importance of sound research into interventions for individuals with an ASD. Moreover, her personal experience of parenting and living with those with an ASD give her a unique insight into autism and related conditions.

Jacqui's family was the subject of 'My family and Autism' in 2005, a documentary which followed the life of Jacqui and her unique family. A subsequent drama, 'Magnificent Seven' was then based on Jacqui's



book, 'Multicoloured Mayhem', where Helena Bonham Carter played Jacqui.

Jacqui is therefore in the position to enlighten, empower and enable professionals, parents, carers and those on the Autism Spectrum by speaking at conferences, seminars and workshops and consulting via Video and Teleconferencing on many aspects of living with autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and related conditions.

Luke Jackson Biog



Coming from a family of eight, many of whom are also on the spectrum, Luke grew up around Autism from a very young age. Diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and Dyspraxia himself, he decided to write about his experiences with a view to helping people who live with it too.

Growing up born into a family of eight, many of whom were on the Autism Spectrum themselves, meant Luke gained first-hand experience of what it was like to live with Autism and related conditions. From this experience and his own research, Luke looked at how symptoms of Autism, Asperger's, ADHD and other related conditions manifest, and how some of the more stressful parts can be alleviated. Now in his mid-twenties and currently based

in the North of England, he shares his time between writing books and speaking at conferences on the subject of Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and relevant interventions.

The talks and the books both share a common thread; Autism is not a disease or a condition. To quote Freaks, Geeks and Asperger's Syndrome, 'difference is cool', and this is a message that's crucial to changing the way people think about Autism.

After the highly successful (grossing 2.7 million viewers,) BBC documentary 'My Family and Autism', narrated by Luke, him and his family were the focus of the acclaimed television drama 'The Magnificent Seven', starring Helena Bonham Carter.

John Williams Biog

John Williams is a standup comedian. In 2013 he created 'My Son's Not Rainman', a blog and comedy show based on his life as a full-time single dad bringing up his twelve year old son who has autism and cerebral palsy. "It isn't a story about autism", John is keen to point out, "it's a story about a young man who happens to have autism. There's a difference." The show has featured at the Edinburgh Fringe, on BBC Online and Radio 4, and has toured throughout the UK and Europe. The accompanying blog has had over a million hits and is the basis for a book of the same name to be published later in 2015. John is appalling at writing about himself in the third person. He is brilliant at dance-offs.



My Son's Not Rainman is the story of 'The Boy', a twelve year old with autism. He isn't a genius. If he has a 'special power', it's making his Dad laugh. A lot. This is their shared life of magic trains, special school discos and crazy golf by the sea. Set against the backdrop of a long, difficult journey through the education system, ultimately it's just an uplifting story about what it truly means to be different.

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Terms and conditions

Your registration constitutes a legally binding agreement. Payment must be received before the event.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Registration fee is non-refundable. Substitutions can be made. "No shows" on the day will be liable for the registration fee. The organisers reserve the right to change the programme, speakers and venue as required. In the unlikely event that we have to cancel the event we will issue a refund for the registration fee. We are not responsible for any other costs.

Data Protection: The personal data that you supply during the registration of these events will be entered into a database and used by the conference organisers to manage your registration and attendance. Unless you advise to the contrary, in writing and in advance to the Conference Organiser, your name and affiliation may be made available in a list of delegates to attendees at the event. The personal data in the database will be retained by the Conference Organisers unless requested in writing, and may be used to inform you about other appropriate services and events that may be organised in the future.

Registration Form

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Seminar/training Choices

Please indicate your first and second preference for each of the following options –

Day 1 Morning Sessions– 11th June 2015

- ☐ Support in Employment
- ☐ Supporting an Ordinary Life!
- ☐ Adult support and diagnosis

Day 2 Sessions – 12th June 2015

- ☐ Communication in Autism
- ☐ The transition from Childhood to Adulthood

Day 1 Afternoon Sessions– 11th June 2015

- ☐ Coping strategies
- ☐ Powers of attorney and guardianship
- ☐ Using visual structures