



The Annual Autism Conference 2024

Understanding, Practical Strategies & Big Ideas
for Supporting Children & Young People

Tuesday 29th October 2024, Glasgow

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCE DELEGATES

“Eye opening and mind-blowing information which helps to understand autism in ‘real terms’”

Marissa Smith, Youth Support Worker,
West Lothian Council

“I would advise all professionals working with autistic individuals to book a place”

John Paul Harkins, Principal Teacher,
Kibble Education & Care Centre

“It’s great to hear such passionate and knowledgeable people discuss how we can make positive change”

Joanne Morgan, Head Teacher, Peterhead
Central School

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Join us for a fantastic opportunity to learn from UK leading experts & practitioners on autism, all handpicked for their knowledge, enthusiasm, and ability to inspire! The programme is jam-packed with in-depth knowledge updates, current information, practical strategies & top tips, so you can make a real difference to the autistic people you support. We do hope you will join us!

WHY YOU CAN'T MISS THIS EVENT

- Gain the latest knowledge
- Gain practical information and tips to help support the children & young people you work with.
- Change the way you think about Autism.
- Network with others.
- Be inspired!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is a “MUST” for all professionals working with autistic children and young people, particularly those working in education, social care and health settings. Parents, carers and all others with an interest in this area are welcome to attend. (See discounted rates).

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date Tuesday 29th October 2024
Time 0930-1615, (Registration & refreshments from 0900)
Venue Macdonald Crutherland House, Strathaven Road, East Kilbride, Glasgow G75 0QJ
Fee £197 + vat

HOW TO BOOK

It is advisable to book ASAP as places are restricted, please ensure you read our terms and conditions on the homepage of our website & this online leaflet. Confirmation of booking and further information will be emailed to you. If you have not received it within 3 days of submitting your booking, check your junk mailbox or call us on 0141 638 4098

Special Rates: £99 + vat per person for autistic people and their families wishing to attend.

Please book ASAP as there is limited availability. Please call the Medica CPD office for further details on these discounts: Tel 0141 638 4098 or email carolyn@medicacpd.com.

BRINGING TOGETHER KNOWLEDGEABLE & INSPIRING SPEAKERS

Some of Medica CPD's favourite speakers and some new faces too



Jim Taylor
Director, Knows Autism



Dr Luke Beardon
Senior Lecturer, Sheffield Hallam University



Jodie Clarke
Children's Well-being Practitioner & Autism Specialist



Geoff Evans
International Trainer & Consultant on Neurodiversity



Ross Mattinson
Youth Activity Worker, Lead Autism Representative, Public Speaker & Football Referee



Donna-Marie Henry
Head of Outcomes, Celtic FC Foundation

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Conference Programme

0900 – 0930	Registration & refreshments	1300 – 1355	Lunch
0930 – 0935	Welcome & introduction from the conference chair Jim Taylor , Director, Knows Autism	1355 – 1400	Introduction & welcome back from conference chair Jim Taylor , (as before)
0935 – 1035	What we know about autism, hot topics & contemporary thinking. Luke will increase your understanding on autism as well as covering some of the latest hot topics, cutting edge thinking & controversies in autism. Dr Luke Beardon , Senior Lecturer, Sheffield Hallam University	1400 – 1500	How to help autistic children and young people with day to day life Geoff will share his 30 plus years experience working in the field, interesting case studies, practical advice and tips on what he has found helpful covering communication, anxiety, eating, sleeping, relationships and staying healthy. Geoff Evans , International Trainer & Consultant on Neurodiversity
1035 – 1045	Questions & discussion	1500 – 1510	Questions & discussion
1045 – 1115	Refreshment break	1510 – 1530	“Understanding You, Understanding Me” – A personal perspective After years of struggling and not understanding himself and anyone else, Ross will delve into the unique challenges and insights that come with being an autistic individual, his highs and lows, and what has helped him. Ross Mattinson , Youth Activity Worker, Lead Autism Representative, Public Speaker & Football Referee
1115 – 1145	“Stop the World I Want to Get Off” Understanding & practical strategies to manage autistic burn out. Jodie Clarke , Children’s Well-being Practitioner & Autism Specialist	1530 – 1540	Refreshment break
1145 – 1150	Questions & discussion	1540 – 1610	Ability Counts: How the Celtic Foundation addresses inequality and promotes a fully inclusive community... Donna-Marie Henry , Head of Outcomes, Celtic FC Foundation
1150 – 1250	Reasonable adjustments for autistic children & young people to make a difference Luke will discuss & provide examples of what he see’s as essential adjustments to our homes, education, health, social care settings & the wider world in order for autistic CYP to reach their full potential & thrive Luke Beardon , (as before)	1610 – 1615	Questions & closing remarks
		1615	Approx close

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1. Once we have received your booking online, by telephone, email or in the post, this constitutes a firm booking.
2. Your registration constitutes a legally binding agreement; payment must be received before the event unless we have a purchase order no. Any outstanding payment becomes the responsibility of the named delegate attending.
3. Cancellations must be made in writing. A refund less an administration charge of £30 + vat will be given to cancellations received before **1st September 2024**. After this date the full fee is payable, regardless of if the delegate attends on the day or not. Substitutions can be made if we are notified up to 3 working days before the event.
4. The organisers reserve the right to change the programme, speakers and venue as required. In the unlikely event that we must cancel the event we will issue a refund for the registration fee. We are not responsible for any other costs incurred.
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Forthcoming Professional Development Conferences

- **A Day with Luke Beardon**, Tuesday 29th October 2024, Crutherland House Hotel, Glasgow
- **LGBTQIA+, Gender Identity & Sexuality: Children & Young People Conference**, 19th November 2024, Glasgow

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