

# Keys to Understanding the Autism Spectrum

Presented by

## Wendy Lawson

### 10th November 2009

9.30am - 12.30pm

Wendy Lawson has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. However, Wendy has graduated, over time, from being a child considered to be intellectually disabled and 'almost incapable of doing as she is told' (as one school report stated) to a mum of four children with five university degrees. She now operates her own business.

As well as running training programs for those wanting to understand autism better, Wendy is a poet and a writer who possesses a real passion for words. "It was when I came to understand that 'words' could explain the world better that my love for them increased. With each and every word I have a corresponding picture. As these pictures form links within the chain of life so my experience becomes more 'real'.

"I want to share my autistic understanding with others. This may then help them to understand what being autistic is like and in doing so a bridge can be formed, running from my world to theirs. Making the journey into their world is never easy. Although I have achieved a great deal in the past few years, I still need to rely on a network of people around me to support me at home in Warrnambool, Australia. Especially my family, including my partner Beatrice without whom I would not be able to do the work that I do."

Once there was a time when Wendy felt isolated and without hope. Living with a mis-diagnosis of Schizophrenia for over twenty-five years, her sense of 'self' was non-existent. Now, Wendy has found both herself and her space. A place of belonging, purpose and most importantly, a place of hope. Hope for the future. Enjoy the journey!

*Of interest to:* Parents, Teachers, SENCos, Support Assistants, Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists, Support Workers, Social Workers, Therapists Health Professionals, Mentors, Learning Difficulties Teams etc.

**Cost: Professionals: £30      Parent/Carers & Individuals with an ASD: £20.00**  
**Concessions: £15 (proof of benefit required)**

**Venue: The Pendle Suite, Clayton Park Conference & Learning Centre, Junction 7 Business Park, Blackburn Road, Clayton le Moors, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 5JW.**

**Notes:-** Cancellation fees apply, call for details. Programme may be subject to alteration.

**For further information or a booking form please contact the office.**

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# Communication Issues in Autism & Aspergers Syndrome

## Do we speak the same language?

Presented by

**Dr Olga Bogdashina**

**26th January 2010**

**10am - 4pm**

## About the speaker

**Dr. Olga Bogdashina** has worked extensively in the field of autism as teacher, lecturer and researcher, with a particular interest in sensory-perceptual and communication problems in autism. She has written articles and books on autism, the most recent ones are:

- ***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.

Olga teaches and lectures around the world. She is currently a Visiting Lecturer at Birmingham University and Consultant Psychologist for Adults with Autism. She has a 20-year-old son with autism and a teenage daughter with AS

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**Cost: Professionals: £70**

**Parent/Carers & Individuals with an ASD: £35.00**

**Venue: Burnley Football Club, Harry Potts Way, Burnley Lancashire.**

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