

autism.west midlands Training Workshop:

Creating a Communication Friendly Environment

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Date: 20th April 2010

Venue: Queen Alexandra College

Court Oak Rd, Harborne, Birmingham B17 9BR

Cost: £15 Parent or Person with an ASC & £25 for Professional

Communication is pivotal to working effectively with people with ASC and a communication friendly environment is often created by the use of visual support.

Course Content:

The course will include:

- The meaning, use and purpose of communication.
- Similarities and differences between the communication development of neurotypical people and those with ASC.
- Advantages and disadvantages of different modes of communication, including speech, signing, symbols, pictures.
- Strategies to support more effective communication in people who have ASC, including use of structure and visual support, with opportunity to explore a range of visual support ideas and make some resources.

Aims:

- To consider what we mean by communication and the many reasons why we use communication in our lives.
- To develop an understanding of how communication develops naturally and intuitively in neurotypical people.
- To compare and contrast the communication development of people with ASC with that of neurotypical people.
- To explore the advantages and disadvantages of using different ways of communicating with people who have ASC e.g. speech, signing, symbols, pictures, to help them express their needs/wishes and understand other people.
- To discuss strategies for creating a communication friendly environment and developing more effective communication e.g. use of structure, visual supports, communication passports, social stories.
- Provide time, materials and equipment to make visual support resources.

Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a greater insight into the purpose and development of communication for people with and without ASC.
- Have opportunities to discuss the pros and cons of different modes of communication and identify some strategies which support the creation of a communication friendly environment for people with ASC.
- View a range of visual resources and then make some.

A certificate of attendance will be issued on this event

Booking Form

I would to book _____ places on the Training Workshop below:

Places	Workshop
	Creating a Communication Friendly Environment – 20/04/10

_____ places charged at Parent/Person with an ASC rate of **£15 per place**

_____ places charged at Professional rate of **£25 per place**

Total amount of booking = £_____

Delegate Details

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____ **Email:** _____

Any Special Needs: _____

Please return your completed booking form to:

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