



Greater Manchester

Joint Training Partnership



An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Conditions

Aim of training

Participants will gain an understanding of some of the main characteristics of Autism Spectrum Conditions and have thought about ways of improving their practice to meet the needs of autistic people.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the one day training participants will have:

- been given information about autism - history, diagnosis, co-occurring conditions
- discussed some of the typical difficulties/ differences experienced by autistic people and how these impact on day to day life.
- considered the strengths associated with autism and how these should be taken in account when supporting people
- discussed their responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) and the Autism Act (2009) to make "reasonable adjustments" in their work with people with autistic spectrum conditions.
- thought about ways of improving their practice.



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Dates:

This workshop is delivered in two parts. Monday 8th November from 1pm till 4pm and Monday 15th November 1pm to 4pm. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

A link will be sent to enable you to join.

Course requirements: internet access, webcam and microphone enabled laptop or iPad/tablet.

Cost

£10 plus VAT

Trainers

This training has been developed and will be delivered by professionals working in partnership with autistic people.

Jane Forrest – Autism Lead CWP in Trafford

Jane has worked in the area of autism and learning disabilities for the last 30 years. She has previously worked in health, social care, and education as a practitioner, researcher and trainer. Jane is also the parent of a 25 year old autistic man. Her current role in the NHS in Trafford focuses on raising awareness of autism across both generic and specialist services, working with commissioners and service managers to identify gaps and improve support for autistic people, providing direct support and signposting to those affected by autism, including post diagnostic workshops for recently diagnosed adults.

Ian Cullen

Ian has been working with UR Consultants since 2015 and has been one of three Autism Peer Mentors working in Trafford with Post Diagnostic Groups for three years. When not working he is a keen Blogger and runs a Sci-Fi & Fantasy Blog called scifipulse.net When not doing that he is a keen guitarist and plays Rhythm Guitar with a Rock n Roll Cover Band called The Wednesday Knights. Ian was diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Condition in May of 2015.

Mark Simpson

Aged 59 with two millennial children. Chartered taxation practitioner and chartered accountant. On-line football and cricket commentator and qualified athletics coach and field official. Diagnosed on the autism spectrum in spring 2016, and acts as a peer mentor on groups for newly diagnosed autistic adults and as a presenter on autism courses.

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James Muirhead

James has worked in autism consultancy for six years and been part of the team developing and delivering post diagnosis support in Trafford as a Peer Mentor, since 2018. He is also active in promoting neurodiversity acceptance, LGBTQ+ rights, and advocating for other gay and transgender autistic people.

James has also been involved in the development and running of Autism Trafford, a social support group for autistic people and their families living in the Trafford area.

Rahman Kebbie

Hi, my name's Rahman Kebbie, born in 1989 at Manchester and I was diagnosed with Autism in 2016. Some may say it's a late diagnosis because of the stigma attached back in when I was child and couldn't get any support. My interest is Urban Photography, trainspotting and producing music. I spend my time working at Manchester Metropolitan University as a Domestic Assistant and in my spare time I do my exercise, produce music and volunteer at Reform Radio/United Response.

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