

Autism Awareness

Designed for:

All those in social care settings working with people on the Autistic Spectrum

Course aim and objectives:

This one day course will introduce participants to:

- Language and terminology in relation to autism
- A short history of our understanding of autism
- Causes of Autism? – Myths and misunderstanding, genetics, brain difference, new developments
- An 'autistic spectrum' – ranges of functioning and impairment
- Asperger's Syndrome – characteristics, diagnostic criteria and social difficulties
- Characteristics of Autism
- Exploring differences in social interaction/communication
- Exploring imagination and flexible thinking
- Helpful responses - strategies / behaviour support planning / alternative communication
- Further information / reading