



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS TRAINING



This one day training session in Melbourne is being offered to teachers and educational support staff who work with students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (including autism and Asperger syndrome).

The one day training is available on the following dates: Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th March 2010 (9.00am registration for a 9.15am start; concludes at 5.00pm)

Places for these training sessions are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Prerequisites for registrants	This training is suitable for teachers and educational support staff who: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work in primary or secondary schools• Support the needs of students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)• Want to learn more about autism, Asperger syndrome or Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)
Level of training	Suitable for participants with beginner to intermediate levels of ASD knowledge/experience
Learning objectives for the training	Learning outcomes for the participants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An awareness of Autism Victoria's role in supporting individuals with ASD• An increased knowledge and understanding of the different subtypes of ASD and their associated features/characteristics• An understanding of and ability to implement effective core strategies to maximise outcomes in the classroom• An understanding of the legislation and factors affecting service provision for individuals with ASD• A basic understanding of the Helping Children with Autism Plan & Medicare initiatives

<p>About the training content</p>	<p>Autism Spectrum Disorders are a ‘spectrum’ of neurodevelopmental disorders which affect 1/160 individuals in Australia. In December 2008, a decision was made by the Victorian State Government to acknowledge Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) as a neurological impairment under the Disability Act 2006. In order for staff in the educational sector to best support the needs of individuals with ASD, Autism Victoria is offering teachers and educational support a one day training workshop.</p> <p>In providing this educational opportunity, Autism Victoria will be able to play a key role in strengthening the ASD expertise of the workforce. The two day workshop will include an introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders, an examination of the subtypes and characteristics underpinning each, an introduction to a core strategy framework which will guide participants in how to best support the needs of an individual with an ASD, and information about maximising outcomes for individuals with ASD.</p> <p>It is expected that the theory provided within this training will be contextualised and grounded in the experiential knowledge and history of participants. It is anticipated that there will be opportunity for discussion about the interface between theory and practice within the broader educational context.</p>
<p>About the facilitators</p>	<p>Nicole Comerford has extensive experience within the Autism field. She worked with Mansfield Autism State wide Services (Mansfield Autistic Centre) for ten years, in a range of different roles including being a residential worker and a Travelling Teacher, and most recently Nicole has taught at Southern Autistic School. Nicole has developed and delivered training modules to a broad cross section of people including parents, teachers, university students, residential support workers, case managers, disability workers, BIS team members and professionals from the “For Profit” sector.</p> <p>Siska Frederick is a Speech Pathologist with over ten years of experience in both Australia and overseas, having practiced in the fields of community health, education, private practice and specialist resource settings. Siska has worked extensively with children and adolescents with ASD, primarily in regards to assessment, diagnosis, intervention and curriculum differentiation. In addition to her clinical work, Siska has been involved in service development in the UK, assisting local government authorities and health services to provide integrated services to the education and disability sectors. Siska has been actively involved in developing and delivering professional development and training packages regarding ASD and communication to a broad cross section of educators, disability professionals, and the community alike.</p>

Venue	<p>Location: Rydges Bell City Hotel, 205 Bell Street, Preston VIC 3072 (03) 9485 0100</p> <p>Transport: Bell Railway Station (Preston) is a 5-10 minute walk from the venue. Alternatively, take Tram 86 from the corner of Flinders St/Spencer St in Melbourne's CBD and get off at stop 45 (cnr of Bell St/Plenty Rd). Stop 45 is a 5 minute walk from the venue. See www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au for more details.</p> <p>Parking: Complimentary car parking has been made available on-site to all participants.</p>
Catering	<p>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided. For special dietary requirements, please contact Autism Victoria on info@autismvictoria.org.au</p>
Cancellation Policy	<p>Autism Victoria reserves the right to cancel this training due to insufficient numbers. Participants will be advised 24 hours prior to the event should a cancellation occur.</p>
Disclaimer	<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ: Autism Victoria expressly disclaims any and all liability (including liability for negligence) in respect of use of the information provided. Autism Victoria recommends you seek independent professional advice prior to making any decision involving matters outlined in this seminar presentation and complementary materials.</p>

Registrations	Please register your interest in this training by submitting the completed registration form to info@autismvictoria.org.au
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