



Continuing Professional Development
Programme 2008-2009

counselling

Conference 2008

Contact:
Sandra Dewey
Leeds Metropolitan University
D206 Civic Quarter
Calverley Street
Leeds LS1 3HE
0113 812 5974
s.dewey@leedsmet.ac.uk

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Christine Breakey
Dan Goodley
Luke Beardon

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS:

Autistic Thinking
Leeds Asperger Adults
Aspergers is Brilliant
Practical Support in
Higher Education
REAL services at Sheffield
Hallam
Emotionally Expressive Avatars
Second Life
Counselling Service Users
Perspective
Support into Employment

'QUESTION TIME' PANEL

To complete the Conference, a
panel discussion with some of
the leading professionals &
academics in the field

Conference
fee £70

LEEDS MET THINKS DIFFERENTLY...

About Autism in Higher Education

Leeds Metropolitan University
Counselling & Disability
Services, Innovation North and
Leeds Asperger Adults are
pleased to present a
multidisciplinary conference to
link with the National Autistic
Society Campaign ~ 'Think
Differently about Autism'.

Supported by Teaching Quality
Enhancement Fund (research
informed teaching) this is a
proactive drive towards greater
awareness and understanding of

young people's experience of
Autistic Spectrum Disorder
especially in a Higher Education
setting.

It is estimated that 1% of the
UK population are on the Autistic
Spectrum. Some are making it to
Higher Education and the
challenge is to 'Think Differently'
whether this is in Higher
Education, Primary or Secondary
Education or in community
settings.

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2008

**Leeds Metropolitan University
Gandhi Hall
Headingley Campus
09.00 - 17.00**

WHO IS IT FOR? - University &
College Lecturers, University &
College Support Staff,
Counsellors and Therapists,
Teachers, Youth and Community
Workers, Health Professionals,
Social Workers,

Probation Officers,
Police Officers, Prison Officers,
Autistic Spectrum individuals,
parents & carers and anyone
interested in the education of
young people with Autistic
Spectrum Disorder.

Closing Date: 24 October 2008

<http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/counselling>

Continuing Professional Development Programme 2008-2009

counselling

Conference 2008

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Christine Breakey has over 25 years experience of working with people on the Autistic Spectrum in a variety of settings, including social work, homelessness and education. She now manages Spectrum First which she set up in response to the dissatisfaction which autistic people expressed with their service provision.

Christine has particular expertise in supporting students in Further and Higher Education and is a respected trainer in this field. She also provides Asperger specific CBT counselling and advocacy and acts as an expert witness to the courts. Christine is co-author of *Access and Inclusion for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders* and author of *The Autism Spectrum and Further Education*. She is currently writing an autobiographical book, due to be published in 2009 entitled *Life with an Aspie Mother*. Christine is committed to challenging inequality and discrimination at all levels and uses inclusive and person centred practice.

Dan Goodley is Professor of Psychology at Manchester Metropolitan University. His research engages with the areas of disability studies, learning disabilities, narrative research and critical community psychologies. Dan believes his research brings together three key areas - (1) Disability, diversity and social change, (2) Innovations in qualitative research, (3) Deconstructing professional and institutional practices. He tries to promote dialogues with a whole host of professions and professional practices in various educational, health and social welfare positions. Embracing critical theoretical resources from disability studies and psychology, offers possibilities for potentially liberating talk, critique and evaluation with teachers, disability service workers, nurses, social workers, voluntary worker and carers.

Luke Beardon is a senior lecturer in Autism at Sheffield Hallam University. Luke has been working for several years in the field of Autism and Learning Disabilities, in capacities ranging from researcher to trainer. He started work for the National Autistic Society (NAS) as a Service Co-ordinator assisting in the development of a residential service supporting young adults with a range of complex needs, from those with high dependency needs and severe learning disability, to individuals with a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome.

Luke works closely with the community, supporting families and individuals with Autism and Asperger Syndrome, acting as a non-clinical consultant on a wide range of issues. Luke co-wrote the ASPECT consultancy report, the largest consultation with adults with Autistic Spectrum undertaken at the time; and is co-editor of two books on Asperger Syndrome published by Jessica Kingsley.

WORKSHOPS

During the afternoon session there will be the opportunity for delegates to elect to join with a group facilitator to explore a particular theme of the conference in a small experiential group.

Workshops are likely to include:

Autistic Thinking
Practical Support in Higher Education
Second Life
Service Users Perspective

Leeds Asperger Adults
REAL services at Sheffield Hallam
Emotionally Expressive Avatars
Support into Employment

Aspergers is Brilliant

Workshops will be facilitated by key workers in the field of Autistic Spectrum Disorder

PANEL

'QUESTION TIME' PANEL

An opportunity at the end of the conference for delegates and facilitators to reflect on the day and to think meaningfully about the future for people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Higher Education .

Conference fee £70 inc. lunch

Counselling Service
Continuing Professional Development Programme 2008-2009

Conference 2008

Booking Form

Closing Date: 24 October 2008

YOUR DETAILS

Name:

Professional Role:

Organisation:

Mailing Address:

Address for Invoice (if different from above):

Telephone:

Email:

Any special needs or dietary requirements you want us to be aware of:

YOUR BOOKINGS

Please book me a place for the conference,
**'Leeds Met Thinks Differently... About Autism
in Higher Education '** to be held on
Friday 28 November 2008

Signed

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Personal cheque with form
☐ Organisational Invoice

CHEQUES FOR £70 PAYABLE TO -
"LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY"

Terms and Conditions

1. The Conference will be dependent on reaching the minimum numbers necessary to cover the costs of the event. Maximum numbers may apply.
2. Telephone applications will be treated as provisional until a completed application form is received.
3. Payment by personal cheque (to be sent at time of booking) is preferred but payment of our invoice by BACS is possible. Please ensure that the relevant information is given (above).
4. You may confirm that the event will run and a place is secured for you on the closing date. However, joining instructions will be sent directly to you shortly after this date.
5. Cheques for this event will not be processed until we confirm that the conference will run.
6. There will be no refunds made after the closing date but a substitute can attend.
7. In the event of cancellation of the conference by the organisers, liability will be restricted to refund of fees only.
8. Booking forms should be sent to

Sandra Dewey
Leeds Metropolitan University
D206, Civic Quarter, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3HE.
Tel: 0113 812 5974
s.dewey@leedsmet.ac.uk