



**FREE CONFERENCE**

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The Autism Education Trust (AET) believes that all children and young people on the Autism Spectrum should receive an education which enables them to reach their individual potential to engage in society as active citizens (and that individuals, families and professionals are informed, supported and equipped to enable this to be achieved).

# **AET** Leeds Conference

'Transition: practical steps for moving forward'

**Thursday 22 October 2009 The Queens Hotel, Leeds**

The AET is holding a one day conference presenting a range of keynote speakers and practical workshop sessions. The event will focus on "transition", which is a crucial issue in the education of children and young people on the autism spectrum.

The event is aimed at all those working in the autism education sector, the schools workforce, local authority representatives, health professionals as well as adults and young people on the autism spectrum and their parents and carers. As well as the wide range of speakers and workshops the event will provide an opportunity to share experiences and good practice in autism education.

**The Autism Education Trust (AET) is England's only umbrella organisation for autism education and is funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). Its work is currently supported by over 25 voluntary, statutory and community groups who contribute to the work of the AET through its Steering Group and Advisory Council membership.**

Further information on the content and timings for the day can be found overleaf.

To register for this event please complete the attached booking form and send to:  
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Copies of this flyer and booking form can be downloaded from [www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk)

## Provisional programme

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Time	Session	Title	Speaker
08.30 - 09.30	Delegate Registration & Refreshments		
09.30 - 09.40	Welcome and Introductions		Bob Lowndes Chair, Autism Education Trust
09.40 - 09.45	Youth Council Slide Show		
09.45 - 10.30	Keynote Session 1	Aiming High for all: the Transition Support Programme, bringing together local practice and national policy	Helen Wheatley Programme Director, National Transition Support Team Council for Disabled Children
10.30 - 11.15	Keynote Session 2	Keynote Address	Liz Blackman All-party Parliamentary Group on Autism (APPGA)
11.15 - 11.45	Refreshment Break and Networking		
11.45 - 12.45 Seminar Sessions 1-5	Seminar 1	<p><b>Managing Change in the Early Years:</b> Creating supportive environments</p> <p>.....</p> <p>This seminar will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) examine practical ways to create supportive learning environments for preschool children with autism spectrum disorders, and</li> <li>b) discuss ways in which the young child's move from an early years setting to primary school can be a positive experience for all involved.</li> </ul>	Alex Stanyer MA (Infant Spec. Ed.) Director, The Puzzle Centre
	Seminar 2	<p><b>Practical Tools to Aid Transition:</b> How pupil voice informed the secondary transition process and tools used by the outreach service to aid all forms of transition</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The workshop will explore practical examples of how Corley Centre works with ASD pupils to aid transition. Examples will be shared from Coventry Autism Support Service as to how children and young people are supported in the transitions they encounter in the mainstream education system. Evidence will also be shared of the views of students who have transferred to a specialist secondary school about what they found helpful in the transition process and how this information has informed the transition process for pupils transferring to Corley Centre.</p>	Karen Gannon Deputy Head Corley Centre  Jan Hutchinson Corley Centre
	Seminar 3	<p><b>Moving from Primary to Secondary School:</b> Practical strategies for facilitating a smooth transition</p> <p>.....</p> <p>This seminar will highlight some of the common challenges children with ASD face when they make the transition from primary to secondary school, and will offer practical strategies to equip such children to meet these challenges. Parents and Educators will discover ways to support the young person and facilitate a smoother transition which enables a positive start to secondary education.</p>	Alice Stobart Outreach Teacher and Coordinator, The National Autistic Society

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11.45 - 12.45	Seminar 4	<p><b>Transition: Post Secondary.</b> Falling off a cliff or the gateway to independence?</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>The seminar will:</b></p> <p>a) Use real case studies to highlight practical examples of what has worked, as well as the barriers</p> <p>b) Work through a checklist for parents</p> <p>c) Explore the issue of dealing with the balance between autonomy and risk for people living in the community.'</p>	Sue Osborn Chief Executive Kingwood Trust
	Seminar 5	<p><b>The Transition to Adulthood:</b> Sex and relationship education for young people with ASC</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Building social relationships by making friends and establishing intimate partners is a key developmental life stage for young adults. All young people have a right to develop relationships but young people with ASCs are hindered by problems with understanding and managing verbal and non-verbal communication, interpreting social behaviour and therefore social and intimate relationships.</p>	Lynne Moxon Chartered Psychologist
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch and Networking - Interactive drumming seminar to take place over lunch		
14.00 - 15.00	Re-runs of Seminars 1 - 5		
15.00 - 15.30	Refreshment Break		
15.30 - 16.15	A Personal Perspective	A personal account of school experience from a man on the autism spectrum	John Simpson
16.15 - 16.30	Conference Closing Remarks		Bob Lowndes Chair, Autism Education Trust

### The essential conference for:

- LA Representatives
- Teaching Staff
- Educational Psychologists
- Those involved with commissioning Children's Services
- Teacher Training Staff
- Any other professionals working within the field of autism

## Delegate Booking Form

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Event Title:	AET Conference, Leeds – Transition: practical steps for moving forward	
Event Date:	Thursday 22 October 2009	
Full Name: (inc title)		
Job Title: (if applicable)		
Organisation:		
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Any special requirements? Access/Dietary/Support/Other?	

How did you hear about this event? <b>Please tick</b>	Direct Mail - by Post <input type="checkbox"/>	Direct Mail - by Email <input type="checkbox"/>	AET Website <input type="checkbox"/>
	Press Release <input type="checkbox"/>	NAS Website <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other - Please Specify		

## Crèche Booking

If you would like to take advantage of the crèche facilities available at the conference then please complete the following:

Name of child/ children			
Ages		On the autism spectrum?	
Dietary Requirements			

Please see overleaf for seminar choices and authorisation signature

## Seminar Selections

Please select two sessions from seminars 1-5 listed below

### Seminar sessions 1-5

		Session 1	Session 2
1	<b>Managing Change in the Early Years:</b> creating supportive environments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<b>Practical Tools to aid Transition:</b> How pupil voice informed the secondary transition process and tools used by the outreach service to aid all forms of transition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<b>Moving from Primary to Secondary School:</b> Practical strategies for facilitating a smooth transition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<b>Transition: Post Secondary.</b> Falling off a cliff or the Gateway to independence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<b>The Transition to Adulthood:</b> Sex and relationship education for young people with ASC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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I confirm that I have read and agree to the statements below:-

Authorised Signature

BOOKING CONFIRMATION AND VENUE DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FORM.

IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL YOUR PLACE, PLEASE INFORM US IN WRITING 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT TO AVOID A CANCELLATION FEE.