



Registered Charity No 1066859

## HILLINGDON AUTISTIC CARE AND SUPPORT

### CONFERENCE ON AUTISM WITH ROS BLACKBURN AND GEOFF EVANS

VENUE: HARLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, PINKWELL LANE, HAYES UB3 1PB  
(free public car park)

## Saturday 31st March 2012

<b>Registration/Crèche registration</b>	9.15 to 9.45 am
<b>Introduction by Antoinette Mullally</b>	9.45 to 10.00 am
<b>Ros Blackburn, an adult with autism who is recognised as an International speaker.</b>	10.00 to 12.15 pm
<b>“Logically Illogical: Information and Insight into Autism”</b>	Mid morning there will be a 15 minute refreshment break
This is a unique opportunity for parents/carers, teachers, teaching assistants and other professionals to develop their understanding of autism and the way in which young people and adults with autism experience the world.	
<b>Questions and Answers</b>	12.15 to 12.30 pm
<b>Buffet lunch and opportunity to purchase HACS fundraising raffle tickets. Bookstand with a selection of books for sale.</b>	12.30 to 1.15 pm
<b>Geoff Evans, Head of Quality Improvement at Options Group</b>	1.15 to 3.15 pm
Speaking on “Relationships and Sexuality”	
Geoff started his career as a social worker then moved to the National Autistic Society, where he worked for over 20 years. During this time he gained considerable experience in working with individuals across the whole spectrum as well as supporting families including siblings.	
<b>Questions and Answers</b>	3.15 to 3.30 pm
<b>Conclusion and raffle</b>	3.30 to 3.45 pm

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**COST:**

£40 PARENTS/CARENTS  
£65 PROFESSIONALS  
Reduced block booking rate available for professionals



## **GEOFF EVANS**

Head of Quality Improvement at Options Group

### **Presentation Title: “Relationships and Sexuality”**



**Options Group**

*making a difference*

[www.optionsgroup.co.uk](http://www.optionsgroup.co.uk)

Options Group provide a range of integrated care, education and therapy services for children, young people and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties, Learning Disabilities and associated complex needs.

Geoff started his career as a social worker then moved to the National Autistic Society, where he worked for over 20 years. During this time he gained considerable experience in working with individuals across the whole spectrum as well as supporting families including siblings.

As well as his social work qualifications, Geoff has qualifications in Management, Training and Development, and Outdoor Education.

His extensive experience, gained over more than two decades, has been utilised by Universities, the National Autistic Society, Local Authorities and others to enhance the design, content and delivery of a range of training programmes. These have been delivered to professionals across many disciplines including health staff, teachers, social workers and care professionals. His parent training has been described as inspirational and very practical.

His continuing professional and academic interests in ASD include sexuality in adolescence, sensory perception and processing in young people, managing stress and anxiety, challenging behaviour and family support. Geoff's current research is an attempt to identify and understand the competencies required to work effectively with individuals with autism and to fit these within a holistic framework.

In recent years Geoff has consolidated his position as an expert in the field of autism and has built a national and international reputation as a renowned speaker and specialist trainer.

**Options Group** <http://www.optionsgroup.co.uk/asd-home.html>

## **HILLINGDON AUTISTIC CARE AND SUPPORT**

*Supporting Those Affected by Autism*

**We're on the web!**  
[www.hacs.org.uk](http://www.hacs.org.uk)  
**Remember to regularly check  
the HACS website for events,  
bookings & updates.**



### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## ROS BLACKBURN

**Presentation Title: “Logically Illogical: Information and Insight into Autism”**

Ros Blackburn is an able adult with autism who displays great courage in dealing with the sensory and social confusion around her. She has an exceptional ability to portray to others how she views the world and why she behaves as she does. Ros has given numerous talks to professionals working in health, social services and education and to parent groups throughout the UK. Using humour and anecdote, she points out the absurdities of many of our social conventions and makes us question so-called “normal” behaviour

In Ros’s own words “From three months old, it appeared that I was withdrawn, isolated and very much in a world of my own. At six months, I was diagnosed profoundly deaf, which later proved to be far from correct. Finally at a year old I was diagnosed severely autistic, but with average intellectual ability. Now at 31, I’m regarded as ‘high functioning autistic’, although I tend to feel that many areas of my autistic condition have remained very severe, while others have almost disappeared completely. I have a very uneven profile of strengths and weaknesses, where often my strengths mask my very real difficulties. In summary, I feel that in many ways my ability quite often proves to be my disability, particularly in the area of obtaining the valuable help and support I so desperately need as my parents grow older.

*(Reference taken from University of Birmingham module 11 14115 Understanding and Responding to the Autism Spectrum).*



## BOOK STAND

**A bookstand will be available at the conference with books by our speakers and related topics.**

## H.A.C.S. RESOURCE CENTRE—MEETING ROOM HIRE



### **Meeting Room Hire** Bright, modern & comfortable

SMART board and projector  
Wireless Internet Access  
Flipchart  
Refreshment facilities  
Up to 45 people  
Reasonable rates (discount  
for voluntary groups)





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**CONFERENCE ON AUTISM - SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2012**

Cost inc. buffet lunch and refreshments: **£40.00** parents/carers, **£65.00** professionals. Block bookings of 5 or more are available at a discounted rate of £40.00 per person.

Crèche cost: £25.00 (age range 3 years to 10 years), reduced rates available for more than one child. Limited spaces available. See separate booking form.

I wish to reserve places for the following people:

Name (please print) .....Contact Number .....

Address:.....  
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Email: ..... Vegetarian y/n

Organisation..... Parent y/n Professional y/n

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*Please inform us of any special requirements or assistance you may require on the day (eg wheel-chair access, special dietary requirements, large printouts, hearing loops etc)*

**For confirmation of a place please supply email address above or enclose a stamped addressed envelope.**

**Payment Methods**

**BACS payment**

Sort Code 20-73-53 Account No. 50962392 Account Name: Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support (HACS). Please quote name or Invoice Number. Remittance email: [louise@hacs.org.uk](mailto:louise@hacs.org.uk)

**Cheques**

Payable to Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support and returned to HACS, Dudley Place, Off Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middx UB3 1PB

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## HILLINGDON AUTISTIC CARE AND SUPPORT CONFERENCE ON AUTISM

### Conference Booking Terms and Conditions.

#### **Conference fees**

The conference fees are valid from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The charges of **£40.00 for parents/carers and £65.00 for professionals** include conference buffet lunch, all refreshments and a comprehensive delegate pack. Block bookings are available at a discounted rate for non-members; 5 or more bookings will be charged at a reduced rate of £40.00 per person. **Please note** accommodation is not included in the price.

#### **Payment**

A cheque made payable to Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support should accompany your booking form, unless you require an invoice to be forwarded to your organisation. All payments for conferences should be made by a cheque. **Terms are strictly 30 days from the event date.**

#### **Refund policy and Cancellation**

Conferences organised by Hillingdon Autistic Care & Support are financially self-supporting and a minimum number of delegates is required for each events. If an event is cancelled, delegates who have completed a booking form will be given as much notice as possible (normally at least 14 days prior to the event date) and given either a full refund (if paid in full) or the option to transfer to another event.

Delegates who wish to cancel their places must cancel in writing, at least 7 days prior to the event to receive a full refund. If no cancellation in writing is received within this time, then the full conference fee will be charged.

Delegate names can be substituted at any time up to 3 days prior to event. This is to ensure that correct name badges and certificates are made available on the day of the event.

#### **Amendments to Conference Programmes**

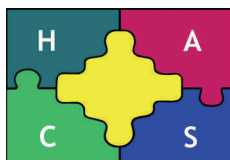
Sometimes we will need to make amendments to our conference programme or to our speakers. We reserve the right to do so.

#### **Conference and Events mailing list. (Data Protection Act 1998).**

Upon receipt of your booking form, you will be entered onto our database, so that we may send you updates on conferences and events. If you do not wish to receive these mailings, then please inform us and will remove you from our database.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

The opinions and views expressed at the conference are not necessarily those of HACS.  
No responsibility can be taken for the accuracy of statements quoted.



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Crèche Cost per child is £25.00  
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**Please note that all payment is non-refundable**

I wish to reserve places for the following children in the crèche facility. The crèche will be run by staff who hold a relevant Childcare qualification. **Please note a packed lunch must be provided for your child and clearly labelled.**

*The crèche will take place at a different venue to the conference and will be at HACS, Dudley place, Off Pinkwell Lane (directly opposite Harlington Community School).*

Name of child.....	Age.....	Disability Y/N
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Children will take part in a number of structured activities throughout the day. Please contact Stephanie Mullally, Recreation, Youth and Leisure Co-ordinator, on 0208 6060 6780 or email [Stephanie@hacs.org.uk](mailto:Stephanie@hacs.org.uk) if you have any queries about the crèche

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