

## Introduction to Attention Autism

**Date:** 4 June 2025 **Time:** 09:15 - 11:30 **Venue:** Hatchford Brook Family Hub [Click here to book](#)

**Course cost:** FREE

**Audience:** All SENCOs, setting Leads, and support staff

### Course details

This session will be delivered by Siobhan Farrelly and Wendy Fitzmaurice from the Autism team - within the Specialist Inclusion Support Service (SISS).

### What you will learn

- Understanding the ideas that drive the Attention Autism programme
- Getting the child's attention - keeping it and sharing it
- Creating an irresistible invitation to 'learn'
- Developing communication and spontaneous expression
- Individualising sessions for each child and including the curriculum
- Creating activities that are worth communicating about and inspire learning
- Creating sessions that everyone enjoys and remembers
- Practical ideas focusing on attention, engagement and communication for autistic children and young people

### Outcomes

- Understanding the ideas that drive Attention Autism
- Understanding how attention develops
- Understanding the different stages and working out when the child is ready for the next stage in the programme
- Involving the team
- Ideas for practical sessions and ready to set up a session ideas and resources
- Modelling as a strategy for increasing spontaneous communication
- Sorting the practicalities and differentiation to meet the needs of each child
- Using words to label things, make comments and develop understanding
- Building vocabulary
- Using voice and sounds to create successful communication for both verbal and non-verbal children
- Learn more about communication and how to encourage understanding and spontaneous expression
- The role of fun and fascination in inspiring a love of learning
- Understanding how shifting attention can lead to successful turn taking

- Running an Attention Autism session including all four stages:
  - Stage 1 - The Bucket Stage
  - Stage 2 - The Attention Builder
  - Stage 3 - Turn Taking and Re-engaging
  - Stage 4 - Shifting & Re-engaging Attention

**Who is this training for?**

This session is suitable for all SENCOs, leads in settings, and support staff.

**Maximum number of places available: 23**