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Time: 9.00-16.30 **Course Code:** 3688 **Course Date:** 2 May 2008

Applicants

<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Special Diet/Need</u>

Location Name: _____

Location Address: _____

Tel No: _____

- I am a parent/carer/and enclose a cheque to Blackpool Council for £65
- Please arrange invoice for £120

Address for invoice if different from above

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return your completed form to:
Children's Workforce Development Unit, Children and Young People's
Department, Progress House, Clifton Road,
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Tel: 476588/476533 Fax: 476144

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'A one day conference considering the multifaceted impact of social, emotional, mental and physical demands in developing into an adult with Autism'



*2nd May 2008, 9.00am—4.30pm
Imperial Hotel, Blackpool*

Keynote Speakers:
**Rita Jordan, Olga Bogdashina,
Ros Blackburn, Geoff Evans**

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About the speakers

Rita Jordan is Professor in Autism Studies in the School of Education, The University of Birmingham. She has taught in primary, nursery and special schools including 9 years as Deputy Principal of a school for children with Autism. She also taught clinical linguistics, special education, and primary education at University of Hertfordshire. Rita now leads a team of academics providing a range of professional development programmes in ASD at the University of Birmingham. She has served on national and international task forces on autism and consults world-wide in this area. Rita spent 4 months as a visiting professor in Clinical Psychology at the University of Kyushu in Japan.

Olga Bogdashina, MA Education (Autism), PhD (Linguistics) has worked extensively in the field of autism as teacher, lecturer and researcher, with a particular interest in sensory-perceptual and communication problems in autism. Since 1994, she has been the director of the first Day Centre for autistic children in the Ukraine and the President of the Autism Society, Ukraine. Olga teaches and lectures around the world. She is currently a Visiting Lecturer at Birmingham University and Consultant Psychologist for Services for Adults with Autism, Doncaster, UK. She has a teenage autistic son. Olga has published a number of books on the subject.

Geoff Evans is an experienced social worker with over 25 years experience of supporting children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and their families. He is an experienced conference speaker and trainer throughout the country and abroad. His past posts have been Head of Social Work Services at a special school for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Senior Lecturer in Autism at Sheffield Hallam University. He is currently Expert advisor and trainer for The Options Group.

Ros Blackburn is an adult with autism. At 3 months old she appeared withdrawn, isolated and in a world of her own. At 6 months she was diagnosed profoundly deaf, which later proved to be incorrect. At a year old she was diagnosed very severely autistic but with average intellectual ability. Now Ros tends to feel that although many areas of her condition have remained severe, others, such as her language delay, have disappeared almost completely. Ros has given many presentations about her autism to professional audiences throughout the UK. Ros' talks give a unique, personal and graphic insight into the experiences of a person with autism

Mick Connelly (Chair) is manager of the Physical, Sensory and Complex Needs service in Blackpool Council's Children and Young People's Department. Mick has considerable experience in the field of autism as a teacher, Principal of a school for children with autism, through work with a number of education authorities and social services departments and with the National Autistic Society. He has provided significant input into a number of research projects, policy papers and curriculum guidelines for children with ASD, and training for those working with children.

About the event

This event brings together a range of high calibre speakers with significant knowledge and experience of the Autistic Spectrum. The day seeks to explore the physical, mental and emotional impact of the process of change to adulthood, giving a rare opportunity to consider the elements taken together and to reflect on how each affects the other. Various perspectives from the theoretical to the practical will reveal insights for professionals, practitioners and parents, with an interest in helping those on the autistic spectrum grow into adulthood with less trauma and greater success. The event has been arranged by Blackpool Tiggers, which offers services for more than 100 local families affected by Autism. Tiggers groups which are also located in Rossendale, Preston, Lancaster, Fleetwood and Bolton, are self managed with support from the committee and volunteers. In Blackpool there is a range of activities including Trampolining, Martial Arts, Music Tiggers and an extensive holiday activity programme, including weekends away.

Who should attend?

Parents and carers of those with Autism/Asperger's Syndrome, Educational Psychologists, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Children's Services staff, Health Professionals, Local Authority staff and anyone with a general interest in the Autistic Spectrum.

How to apply + fees

Please complete the application form on the back of the flyer and forward to the contact at the bottom of the form. The deadline for applications is 2 April 2008. As interest is expected to be high for this event you are advised to complete your application early as they will be dealt with on a 'first come-first served basis'.

COURSE FEES:

£120.00 (+VAT @ £21.00)

£65.00 (+VAT @ £11.38) for parents and carers, people with ASD.

Course fee includes refreshments and lunch.

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