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What is the TTT Programme?

This programme and the TTT collection are designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. The TTT collection is a catalogue of specialised toys, software and assistive technology which can be accessed free of charge in branches throughout South County Dublin and can be borrowed or utilised by joining up at any South Dublin library. Items in the catalogue can be collected by the borrower at their nearest branch library. Membership is free to any individual who lives, works, or goes to school in South Dublin. Terms and Conditions of use apply. This collection was chosen by the staff of South Dublin Libraries in partnership with occupational therapists working in the community. The Project also includes the Training element of TTT which is our annual series of free lectures and workshops. These events offer further guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and healthcare professionals. For up-to-date details of future talks and events relating to the TTT Project please email us and ask to join the mailing list at talib@sdublincoco.ie. Attendance at all of the events is free of charge and open to everyone but advance booking is required. Please contact the South Dublin Library where the talk is happening to book your place.

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Facilitator: **Joanne Fine**

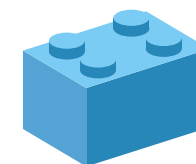
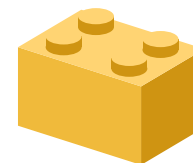
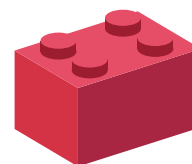
Dates & Venue: **20/11/2021, 2pm, Live
Ballyroan Library
29/01/2022, 2pm, Live
Lucan Library**

Talk: **Autism Friendly Lego Workshop**

Event: Autism-Friendly LEGO Workshop - Build an adventure, stretch your imagination & make friends. Creative themed LEGO building session with a focus on collaborative & imaginative play and social communication skills. Facilitated by Speech & Language Therapist. Small supported group setting for girls and boys aged 6-12 years of all abilities with a passion for LEGO. These workshops are for children with Autism and their siblings. They aim to improve motivation to initiate social contact and sustain interaction with peers in a fun and natural way. LEGO sessions involve individual creative building where children are supported and encouraged to practice turn taking, sharing, joint problem solving and general social communication skills.

Bio: Joanne Fine is a Speech & Language Therapist working in Early Intervention and School Age Disability Services in Dublin South. She also works in a private capacity in Dublin South / North Wicklow (Buttercup Speech & Language therapy www.buttercupspeech.com . She is a founding board member of PRISM DLR (Parent Resource & Information Support Meeting needs), an Autism family support, awareness and advocacy voluntary charity in Dublin South. She is a facilitator and organiser of the PRISM DLR Foroige Youth Group for teenagers with Autism. Joanne has run a variety of inclusive community based and Autism specific Lego groups as well as Lego

Therapy and social communication camps. Joanne is a regular participant of the Toys, Technology and Training program in Kildare and Dublin South County Libraries where she delivers specialised workshops and presentations to the public in person and virtually. She also curates inclusive family fun days as part of the Dublin International Literary Festival. Joanne is CORU registered and a member of the IASLT and is involved in the Special Interest Group for Speech & Language therapists working with young persons with Autism. Joanne is passionate about working holistically towards improving the quality of life and social participation for young people with Autism and their families. Joanne is a regular participant of the Toys, Technology and Training program in Kildare and Dublin South County Libraries where she delivers specialised workshops and presentations to the public in person and virtually. She also curates inclusive family fun days as part of the Dublin International Literary Festival. Joanne is CORU registered and a member of the IASLT and is involved in the Special Interest Group for Speech & Language therapists working with young persons with Autism. Joanne is passionate about working holistically towards improving the quality of life and social participation for young people with Autism and their families.



Facilitator: **Susan Crawford**

Dates & Venue: **29/11/2021, 7pm, Online
Ballyroan Library**

Talk: **Autism awareness and understanding**

Event: This talk explores autism from diagnostic criteria, issues that may require support, strategies to appropriately support autistic children and adults and current research etc.

Facilitator: **Susan Crawford**

Dates & Venue: **08/12/2021, 7pm, Online
Clondalkin Library**

Talk: **Teaching and learning intervention for
autistic children and adults**

Event: This topic explores the different teaching and learning approaches that are useful when planning programmes and developing skills for autistic children and adults. It will include an overview of applied behaviour analysis, TEACCH, Pivotal Response Therapy, Use of Technology and others. The lecture will provide guidance on how to adopt an "eclectic" approach where the best of all approaches are combined or adapted to meet the learning needs of the child or adult.

Facilitator: **Susan Crawford**

Dates & Venue: **20/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Ballyroan Library**

Talk: **Exploring Autism and anxiety**

Event: In this lecture we consider what the research tells us about autism and anxiety. We look at typical markers of anxiety and explore strategies for managing anxiety.

Facilitator: **Susan Crawford**

Dates & Venue: **11/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Castletymon**

Talk: **Exploring Sensory Integration for the
autistic population**

Event: In this lecture we explore the sensory issues that may arise for autistic populations. We look at sensory profiling and consider strategies to address and support autistic children and adult in relation to sensory processing and integration.



Bio: Dr Susan Crawford is a lecturer and researcher in University College Cork, Ireland with a particular interest in autism. She has been the recipient of The Digital Champion Award (2016), a Fulbright Scholar (2015), The President's Award (2014) as well as book deals for developing programmes both digital and hard copy for children and adults with autism to address movement skills. Susan is also a qualified Nurse, Midwife, Sport and Exercise Scientist, Occupational First Aid instructor/Examiner and have completed further post graduate study in Teaching and Learning in higher Education to Masters level (Hons). Susan has worked both nationally and internationally in all of these fields. As the mother of a young man with autism, she is passionate about addressing quality of life issues for individuals on the spectrum. Susan has been actively engaged in fundraising particularly for autism.



Facilitator: **Joanne Fine**

Dates & Venue: **01/12/2021, 7pm, Online
Clondalkin Library**

Talk: **Using Social Stories to help children with
ASD understand and interact with others**

Event: One of the biggest challenges faced by children on the ASD spectrum can be their lack of comprehension with changing social and emotional situations in life. Some children find it simply impossible to naturally understand the difference between two seemingly obvious social scenes and can often react in a socially inappropriate manner. This talk aims to explore some of the reasons for these issues and go through series of Social Stories specifically designed to help children understand and more appropriately deal with various social scenes.

The Talk will address the following issues:

- Children with ASD rely heavily on the use of Visual learning
- Children's senses can often be overwhelmed by sensory input which can lead to reactions
- How to use social stories to explain social situations
- Examples and recommendations

Facilitator: **Joanne Fine**

Dates & Venue: **24/01/2022, 7pm, Online**
Tallaght Library

Talk: **Visual Strategies and Self-Management**

Event: This talk addresses using visual strategies in everyday life with your child or children. It provides information on:

- using visuals to aid understanding of daily/ weekly activities and routines
- how to order and sequence activities using visuals
- using visual strategies to promote independence
- using visual strategies to support behaviour

Visual aids have been proven to be very effective with individual's who find language difficult to understand.

The use of visual aids can be very beneficial both in the classroom and the home environment, often leading to an increase in positive behaviour in both settings.



Facilitator: **Dr Alison Doyle**

Dates & Venue: **12/01/2022, 7pm, Online**
North Clondalkin Library

Talk: **Pathological Demand Avoidance**

Event: "Pathological demand avoidance (PDA) is a profile that describes those whose main characteristic is to avoid everyday demands and expectations to an extreme extent. This section explains what a PDA profile is and the assessment process. It also links to some personal accounts from adults with PDA." Alison Doyle will speak on PDA.

Bio: Alison has worked in association with the Disability Service in Trinity College since 2007. Her current role is to provide specialist academic support to students who present with a neurodiverse profile, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), ADD, ADHD, Dyscalculia, and Dyspraxia.

Alison is an independent educational psychologist with more than 35 years of experience in special and inclusive education, supporting children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND) to manage educational transition. Alison also designs and delivers bespoke pre-entry transition programmes for individuals and groups, and regularly provides seminars and workshops to parents and institutions.

Her research work includes transition from school to higher education for students with disabilities, transition from school to further education, training and employment for students with intellectual disabilities, pre-entry transition programmes for students with ASD, transition from primary to post-primary school in the Dublin 1 area, and she is currently Principle Investigator for a national study - Mapping the Experience of Pathological Demand Avoidance in Ireland - funded by the Irish Research Council.

Facilitator: **Michael Ryan**

Dates & Venue: **14/12/2021, 7pm, Online
North Clondalkin Library**

Talk: **Negotiating mainstream life as a Teen/Adult
with a hidden disability**

Event: In this talk we will look at challenges and strategies for dealing with School Life, College Life, Accommodation Tips, Interview Skills, Work Life, Friendships, Relationship's/ Family Life along with some General Life Skills.

Facilitator: **Michael Ryan**

Dates & Venue: **18/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Clondalkin Library**

Talk: **Parenting while you live with a Limiting
Condition/Disability – Overcoming the
challenges**

Event: In this talk we explore the challenges of parenting while also having to manage a disability or life-limiting condition. We explore the realities for Parents/Guardians and the routes towards the acceptance of your condition. We give strategies on informing Children and Teens of your condition and outline the 5 Pillars of Wellness along with some tips on Self Care for Care-Givers and defeating your inner critic.

Facilitator: **Michael Ryan**

Dates & Venue: **25/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Lucan Library**

Talk: **Acceptance of a Diagnoses for You and/or
a Family Member**

Event: "Labels are for jars not people" – but the school system requires "labels" in order to provide services. This talk will explore the ways in which Children/Teenagers can handle their diagnoses. We will look at ways to boost their self-esteem and confidence and allow them to come to a place of ownership and acceptance of their diagnoses - while ensuring that they do not define themselves by their "labels". We also look at what happens if we deny/reject our true selves and explore the paths towards inner harmony with whatever life throws at us.

Bio: Michael Ryan (MIACP) is a Counsellor/Psychotherapist and Author who works with children and teenagers in primary & secondary schools as well as having a private practice for adults in West Dublin. He occasionally provides training and hosts workshops/webinars on positive Mental Health. He regularly contributes to media debate on these subjects and has spoken at regional and national conferences on topics related to Mental Health, Wellness and Autism Spectrum (AS) as well as other hidden conditions.

Facilitator: **My Canine Companion Visit**

Dates & Venue: **02/12/2021, 10am,
Castletymon Library**

Event: My Canine Companion is a national charity whose main purpose is to provide highly trained and skilled service dogs to people with disabilities, particularly autism. My Canine Companion trains dogs to assist children and young adults living with Autism. Come and visit these wonderful dogs at Castletymon Library! Contact the library at 01 4149203 for more details.

Facilitator: **Oonagh MacMahon**

Dates & Venue: **02/12/2021, 7pm, Online
Palmerstown Library Digital Hub**

Talk: **Teenagers with Speech, Language and
Communication Needs**

Event: This talk will explore common expressive and receptive language difficulties experienced by adolescents with developmental language disorder or related disorders. We will also discuss some strategies that can be implemented both at home and in the school environment to help students become more successful learners. Presented by Oonagh MacMahon SLT

Bio: Oonagh qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist from the University of Limerick, Ireland in June 2013. Prior to this, she obtained an MSc in Applied Behaviour Analysis from the University of Ulster, Coleraine, Northern Ireland and subsequently gained certification as a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA).

Oonagh has gained considerable clinical experience working with a variety of pediatric profiles, for example, children with Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Down Syndrome, children with speech sound disorders/delay, children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) and younger children with language delay.

Oonagh works in private practice from her clinic based in Enfield, Co. Meath, The Speech Sound Clinic. She is a member of the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT), Independent Speech - Language Therapists of Ireland (ISTI) and CORU.

Facilitator: **Jess Kennedy (My OT & Me)**

Dates & Venue: **30/11/2021, 7pm, Online
Lucan Library**

Talk: **Strategies to Support Handwriting Skills**

Event: Handwriting is a complex skill that lots of children can find difficult to master. It could be that they become tired when writing, have difficulty learning their letter formations or find it challenging to keep their words spaced on the line and legible. This webinar will explore the topic of handwriting, providing lots of practical strategies and tips that you can use in the home or school environment. This one hour webinar is suitable for Teachers, Educators, Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) and Parents.

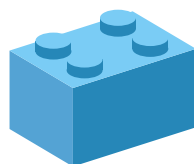
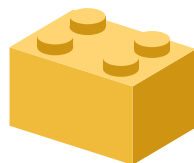
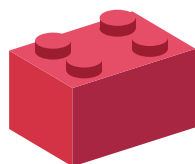
Facilitator: **Jess Kennedy**

Dates & Venue: **09/12/2021, 7pm, Online
Castletymon Library**

Talk: **The Building Blocks for Supporting
Independence in Children**

Event: Supporting a child's independence both in school and at home is vital for their confidence. How can you do this or where do you start? This webinar will explore strategies you can use with children to support their independence skills such as putting on their coat, starting their homework, following instructions or packing their bag. This one hour webinar is suitable for Teachers, Educators, Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) and Parents.

Bio: Jess Kennedy is Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist (OT) and founder of My OT & Me and co-founder of Gabadoo. She is a dedicated and passionate OT who has specialised in Paediatrics and has her own private practice in Cork where she provides home-based intervention to families. Jess offers a range of courses, webinars and products for teachers, SNAs and parents on www.MyOTandMe.com



Facilitator: **Amanda McGuinness**

Dates & Venue: **14/12/2021, 7pm, Online
Castletymon Library**

Talk: **Toilet Training -
A Gentle Developmental Approach**

Event: For many parents, the thought of toilet training their little ones can be overwhelming. Having toilet trained my own children and supported countless children (with varying levels of support needs) on their journey to toileting independence, I can tell you it can be done without those feelings of overwhelm. My approach to Toilet Training has always been to focus on the child and the parent. Toileting independence is a huge developmental milestone for children. If your children have additional needs, you may find you are meeting additional barriers to success in toileting. There can be regressions, withholding, sensory differences, intellectual and communicative misunderstandings. Toilet Training: A Gentle Developmental Approach will seek to support families in helping their children on their toileting independence. This workshop is an introduction to toilet training for families of children who are autistic, and/or who have intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Topics included:

- Toileting Readiness - Step by Step Advices
- Incremental & Gentle Approach to Day & Night Time Training
- Withholding & Bowel Movements
- Sensory Differences
- Regressions
- Visual Supports
- Practical Strategies
- Lived Experiences
- Facing challenges and fears
- Recommendations
- Question & Answer Time

Bio: Amanda is an Autism Ambassador for Ireland's national Autism Charity; ASIAM. She and her son Jack were interviewed by Ryan Tubridy on The Late Late show on Autism Acceptance Day 2021.

Amanda's lived experience as an autistic individual, her lived experience raising and home-schooling her three autistic sons together with her professional experience as an Autism Consultant and Early Intervention Educator, inspires parents of children with additional needs all over the world through her online social media platforms.

Amanda is an experienced Webinar Presenter and designs bespoke Training Courses on request.

Through her social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, her family blog; www.littlepuddins.ie and her parent support forum www.theautismeducator.ie Amanda has reached all corners of the world with her Visual Supports, educational resources, insights and family experiences.

Facilitator: ***Dyslexia Association of Ireland***

Dates & Venue: ***18/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Tallaght Library***

Talk: ***What is dyslexia – strategies for
children at school***

Event: Topics covered will include:

- What is dyslexia?
- Strategies in school & at home (this will cover both primary school goers and secondary school goers)
- Self-advocacy
- Self-esteem and well being
- This webinar aims to:
- Provide parents with the key information they need to act as advocates on behalf of their children.
- Give parents an overview of dyslexia in the context of the Irish education system
- Equip parents with some practical strategies they can implement themselves to help their children.

Please note that this course will not be recorded. It is delivered live to enable better participation and question and answer sessions.

Facilitator: **Dyslexia Association of Ireland**

Dates & Venue: **25/01/2022, 7pm, Online
Castletymon Library**

Talk: **Self Esteem & Wellbeing for our Young
People with Dyslexia**

Event: This webinar is for parents who want to learn more about how to support the self-esteem and wellbeing of their young person with dyslexia.

This webinar will focus on the following topics:

- The ways dyslexia impacts self-esteem.
- Self-esteem cycles.
- The language of positive reinforcement.
- Building confidence when faced with stress & anxiety.
- The importance of one good adult.

Bio: Founded in 1972, the Dyslexia Association of Ireland (DAI) is a charity which works with and for people affected by dyslexia, by providing information, offering appropriate support services, engaging in advocacy and raising awareness of dyslexia.

Our vision is a dyslexia friendly society where all people with dyslexia are enabled to fulfill their potential, where every child and adult with dyslexia has access to appropriate identification and support to achieve their full potential in education, training, employment and all aspects of life.

Facilitator: **Dyslexia Association of Ireland**

Dates & Venue: **04/12/2021, 10am, Live
North Clondalkin Library
11/12/2021, 10am, Live
Castletymon Library**

Talk: **Sensory Storytimes**

Event: Join Sharon Curran for a fun, sensory story time, tailored specially to meet the needs of children with ASD. Suitable for ages 5-10 years. For more information and booking details please contact the library.

Bio: Sharon Curran Sharon Curran (MSEN, BA Mont Ed, Dip Hort) is a Special Educational Needs teacher specialising in autism spectrum disorder. She has a background in Montessori education and a wealth of experience in teaching children with a wide range of learning disabilities.

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