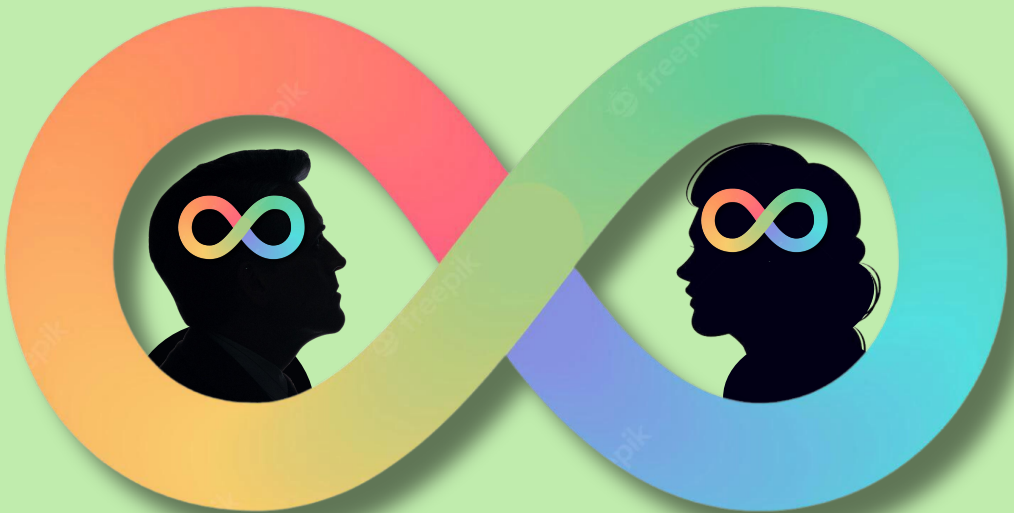




Celebrating Neurodiversity





Talk Title: Lámh Module 1

Speaker: Silvia Angel Education

Date Time: 14th October 10am-4pm

Venue: North Clondalkin Library

Description:

This course is for those who are interested in learning Lámh. The course covers 100 Lámh signs and how to support a Lámh user.

Family members can also attend if a Family Lámh course is not available to them. Please notify me that you are a family member when you book.

Qualifications Required: No previous Lámh training is required.

Course Duration: 6 hours.

Course Content:

- Module One Lámh signs (100+)
- Alternative and augmentative communication (AAC)
- Lámh, a brief history and development
- Lámh signing environment

By the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Use the 100+ signs from the Module One Book
- Use Lámh as an effective communication tool
- Contribute to assessment or decision-making around Lámh use
- Participate effectively in an established Lámh environment



Bio:

Silvia Angel GDipAutSt. SS. BA (PsyhEd)

Silvia Angel is an education consultant and early intervention specialist with over 20 years of experience supporting children with additional needs, families, and teachers.

Silvia has a degree in Social Studies from the University of Ramon Llull in Barcelona, a B.A. in Psychology of Education from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, and a Diploma in Autism Studies from the University College Cork.

Silvia Angel has worked as an early intervention specialist in Ireland in public children's clinics since 2002.

She is also the mother of 2 children, one of whom is autistic.

Silvia is a trainer and speaker and has presented at premier national and international events in her field, such as the National Progressing Disabilities Conference and the World Down Syndrome Congress.

She runs regular training events for schools and families and is the creator of The CIRCLE Programme, a comprehensive autism training programme for professionals and families. Over 3000 people have attended her popular online webinars. She has also provided training for organisations such as the HSE, NCSE (National Council for Special Education), Down Syndrome Ireland, The Down Syndrome Centre, Resilience, NUA Healthcare, College of Further Education Dundrum, South Dublin Libraries, Better Start, and many others.



Talk Title: Autism and Teens

Speaker: Zarah Doyle, AsIAM

Date Time: Wednesday 8th November 6.30pm

Venue: Ballyroan Library

Description:

- **Autistic Culture, strengths, and challenges**
- **Minding mental health**
- **Self-care: Advocating for reasonable accommodations.**
- **Relationships and boundaries**

Bio:

Zarah has been working in the field of autism since 2014 in various roles, she joined the AsIAM team in July 2021 as the 'Bridge Forward' Project Coordinator. In that time, Zarah founded and designed strength-based community projects for autistic children Nationwide.

Zarah started her role as Training Manager with AsIAM in 2022, she manages the autism friendly accreditation programme and works with a team of training officers. The team deliver Autism specific training supports nationwide in a multitude of settings in health, education, community, and business.





Talk Title: Autism and Understanding
Speaker: Zarah Doyle, AsIAM
Date Time: Wednesday 15th November 6.30pm
Venue: Clondalkin Library



Description:

- What is Autism? And What is it Not?
- What is it Like to be Autistic?
- Communication, social & sensory differences
- Building Inclusive Communities
- Questions & Answers

Bio:

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Talk Title: Balancing Siblings Needs
Speaker: Zarah Doyle, AsIAM
Date Time: Wednesday 29th November 7pm
Venue: North Clondalkin Library

Description:

- Neurodiverse Family Lived Experience
- The impact of sibling relationships
- Our role as parent
- Building confidence and self-esteem of siblings

Bio:

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Fiona Ferris

Deputy CEO & Head of Training

Fiona has worked with AsIAM since 2017, initially in the role of Early Years Specialist, but assumed the role of Deputy CEO in 2019 and oversees the Training Department within AsIAM. Fiona delivers talks both nationally and internationally about autism, neurodiversity and disability, while contributing her own experiences as an autistic adult and a parent to a child on the spectrum. In her talks, Fiona aims to give practical, relatable knowledge and strategies to assist others in supporting the autistic community to meet their own individual potential and fully participate in their community. Fiona's expertise covers a broad range of issues including Autism and Women, Neurodiversity, Disability Rights, Employment, Accessibility and Education.

Fiona will speak

about Autism in Girls and Women, and why it is difficult for girls to be diagnosed. She will cover a range of topics including typical female presentation, the 'P' words (puberty/periods), disordered eating, masking and late diagnosis.



Talk Title: Supporting Dyslexia at Home

Speaker: Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language Therapist.

Date Time: Wednesday 18th October 11am Online

Venue: Lucan Library

Description:

This one hour talk will cover four broad areas:

1. How can we support the literacy skills of a child with dyslexia at home?
2. How can we support homework and study?
3. How can we boost the self-esteem of a child with dyslexia?
4. How can we foster a home-school bridge?

Bio:

Jennifer has more than 25 years experience in Speech and Language Therapy. She has degrees from Syracuse University in New York and University of Texas. She has worked in Texas before moving to Ireland in 2005. Her experience includes working with ID, DS, ASD with a wide variety of ages and abilities as well as creating training for the www.cattscourses.com Special Education video library.





Talk Title: Using toys to support your child's language

Speaker: Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language Therapist.

Date Time: Monday 16th October 7pm

Venue: North Clondalkin Library

Description:

If you are a parent of a child who is learning how to speak you will get the most out of this talk.

Presented by CATTs Speech and Language Therapist, Jennifer, this one-hour course covers the following areas:

What do children learn from play?

Tips to use in Play

Creating Communication Opportunities

Types of Play

Toys to help language development

What to Avoid

Choosing Toys

Bio:

Jennifer has more than 25 years experience in Speech and Language Therapy. She has degrees from Syracuse University in New York and University of Texas. She has worked in Texas before moving to Ireland in 2005. Her experience includes working with ID, DS, ASD with a wide variety of ages and abilities as well as creating training for the www.cattscourses.com Special Education video library.

Talk Title Neuro-affirming language & Advocacy

Speaker: Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language Therapist.

Date Time: Monday 20th November time 7pm Online

Venue: Ballyroan Library

Description:

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Bio:

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