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Welcome!

South Dublin Libraries is delighted to introduce our specialised **Toys, Technology and Training** initiative (TTT).

The collection is designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. This specialised collection of toys and other resources can be accessed free of charge by patrons of South Dublin Libraries with the TTT membership card.

The project also includes the training element of TTT which is our series of free lectures and workshops. These events offer further guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and healthcare professionals.

Over the following pages, you will see a listing of events which will all be taking place virtually.

Attendance at all of the events is free of charge and open to everyone but advance booking is essential.

Advance Booking available on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

Contact information for each of the library branches is available on the back cover of this brochure.

These events are brought to you as part of South Dublin Libraries TTT Programme and is supported by the Social Inclusion Unit

Castletymon Library
Friday 16th April 11am



Supporting someone with ASD in the classroom

This talk, delivered by Jennifer Grundulis, CATTS Senior Speech & Language Therapist, will cover practical strategies and supports which you can setup in your classroom to assist a pupil with ASD. Jennifer will discuss understanding challenging behaviours, supporting children through transitions, and structuring the environment to support learning.

Presented by Jennifer Grundulis SLT

North Clondalkin Library
Tuesday 20th April 7pm

The process of coping with Your Child's diagnosis - When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis



When a child receives a diagnosis, it can be a very challenging and daunting time for parents. There are so many decisions to be made and possible appointments to be made for the child. Whilst trying to process the diagnosis, parents can often feel totally overwhelmed, go into denial or launch themselves deeply into doing the best for their child. It is important for parents to take time to process the news they have received so they can manage their own thoughts, emotions and feelings whilst still trying to do the best for their child.

With Fiona Hall MIACP

Clondalkin Library
Wednesday 21st April 7pm

Developing Social Communication Skills with Pre-Verbal Children with Autism

This talk will explore what 'social communication' is, and explore different evidence-based models that target social communication skills in children with Autism, who is pre-verbal. The talk will also discuss the introduction of an alternative communication system.



Presented by Oonagh McMahon SLT

Lucan Library
Thursday 22nd April 7pm

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

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

Presented by Joanne Fine SLT

Ballyroan Library
Wednesday 28th April 8pm

Diversity is much talked about these days, this talk will explain what is Neurodiversity and how can it be utilised for your company and clients in order to gain a competitive advantage. It will also look at the structures you need to achieve this from recruitment to progression along with the hints and tips on how to make sure this happens across the entire company.

Presented by ADHD Ireland

Neurodiversity in the Workplace



Lucan Library
Thursday 29th April 11am

A short, to the point, helpful course in order to quickly get to grips with supporting someone with Autism. This training course will cover:

- What is Autism?
- Flags for Autism
- Autism as a Sensory Disability
 - Techniques that help
 - Using Visual Supports
- Motivation and Reinforcement
 - Inappropriate Behaviour
 - Social Stories



When you attend this course, you will learn what autism is (according to the Mother of

two young adults with Autism) and how it affects their children or students in the learning environment. You will learn ways to help support your pupils, to attend, to organize and to communicate when they need help utilizing simple and affordable techniques such as picture schedules, token rewards, and visual aids.

Presented by Lisa Domican CEO & Founder GraceApp

Ballyroan Library
Wednesday 5th May 7pm

Managing Anxiety in 3rd Level Education for people with hidden disabilities



In this talk Michael looks at College Life – Support Services and Personnel, General Campus, Personal Management and Accommodation Tips. Michael also explores the Signs and Symptoms of Mental Ill-Health/Anxiety and strategies on how to Manage Anxiety

Presented by Michael Ryan (Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist)

Clondalkin Library
Thursday 6th May 11:30am

Six steps to the Grace App

Lisa Domican is a social entrepreneur and developer of Grace App which provides non-verbal people with Autism with a simple way to communicate. Here she talks about how to use GraceApp successfully as a communication tool for a pre-verbal person. If you use GraceApp with your loved one and haven't attended the training for a while and want to refresh, or have not managed to get to see Lisa deliver this in person, this could help you.

This talk will cover: "Everybody Communicates" and how to identify what your learner is already very interested in communicating, and get ready to set up Grace App". Finding, taking, creating and installing the pictures that you will need to engage the learner and show them how to communicate with Grace App. Using Grace App as a personalised tool to teach functional communication that has meaning for the learner.

Presented by Lisa Domican (Co-creator Grace App)

Castletymon Library
Thursday 6th May 7pm

The Role of the Speech and Language Therapist in a Multi-Disciplinary Team for a Child of Autism

This talk will discuss what Autism is and what role an SLT will have in the person with Autism's intervention plan. It will also discuss some 'ingredients of therapy' and some examples of what therapy approaches can be used in an holistic intervention plan.



Presented by Oonagh McMahon SLT

Palmerstown Hub
Monday 10th May 7.30pm

Negotiating mainstream life as a teen/adult with a hidden disorder

In this talk Michael 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.

Presented by Michael Ryan (Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist)

North Clondalkin Library
Tuesday 11th May 7pm

Managing Anxiety for Young People who have a Neuro-Diverse Diagnoses

In this talk, Michael will look at anxiety management for young people with Neuro-Diverse Conditions (ASD, ADD, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia etc). He will explore common types of anxieties and give practical suggestions around strategies for the parents/guardians and for the young people.

Presented by Michael Ryan (Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist)

Castletymon Library
Wednesday 12th May 7pm

What is ADHD?

What is ADHD? A talk by Ken Kilbride, CEO of ADHD Ireland. This talk will explain what ADHD is and what it is not, along with treatment routes and tips on how to manage the condition. It is aimed at parents of children with ADHD and adults living with the condition.



Presented by Ken Kilbride ADHD Ireland

Tallaght Library
Thursday 13th May 7pm

Helping Siblings – When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis (ASD, ADD, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia etc)

When your child gets a diagnosis, it can impact on everyone in the family including siblings. It can be a time of great change and stress. This workshop explores how siblings can be affected by the diagnosis, the possible impact on them and provides practical advice and tips for parents to help siblings adjust.



Presented by Fiona Hall MIACP

Tallaght Library
Thursday 20th May 7pm

Teenagers with Speech, Language and Communication Needs

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 McMahon SLT

Palmerstown Hub
Date and Time TBC

Who Do We Tell? How Do We Tell?

How Do We Manage the Process? When Your Child has a Neurodiverse Diagnosis

The period following your child getting a diagnosis can be very emotional for parents and family members. There is a lot of decisions to be made and appointments to be scheduled as well as trying to emotionally process the diagnosis. The subject of "telling" often comes up, who should we tell and how do we break the news but keep the information private at the same time?

This workshop looks at simple ways to approach these topics and provides practical advice and tips for parents, carers and family members.

Presented by Fiona Hall MIACP

Michael Ryan

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 (ASD) as well as other hidden conditions.

Joanne Fine

Joanne Fine is a Speech & Language Therapist working in Early Intervention Disability Services. She also works in a private capacity in South Dublin (Buttercup Speech & Language therapy). She is a founding board member of PRISM DLR (Parent Resource & Information Support Meeting needs), an Autism family support charity. She is involved a Foroige Youth Group for teenagers with ASD. Joanne has run a variety of community based inclusive and ASD specific lego groups as well as Lego Therapy and social communication camps. Joanne is CORU registered and a member of the IASLT and is involved in an Special Interest Group for Speech & Language therapists working in the field of Autism. Joanne is passionate about working holistically towards improving the quality of life for young people with Autism and their families.

Fiona Hall MIACP

Fiona is a qualified and accredited psychotherapist and counsellor as well as a parent of a child with a double diagnosis. Fiona has worked with many parents in a counselling capacity over the years as well as delivering workshops for parents throughout Leinster.

Oonagh MacMahon


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. She has received training in Picture Exchange Communication System and LAMH (level 1). She has also attended training workshops in Social Thinking, Attention Autism and SCERTS, and uses these. Oonagh works in private practice from her clinic based in Enfield, Co. Meath, The Speech Sound Clinic.

Lisa Domican

Lisa Domican, co-creator of Grace App and mother of two autistic teenagers; 16 year old Grace who inspired the App and Liam, now 18. As a parent of two teenagers with Autism and a severe speech disability, Lisa has been attending courses and studying evidence based interventions for autism for over 14 years. Her company, Grace App Communication sets out to demonstrate that independent communication support can be affordable, accessible and adaptable. Her mission is to empower non-speaking and speech delayed people to be able to express exactly what they want in order to build and encourage inclusion and interaction on their own terms through better understanding.

Jennifer Grundulis SLT

Jennifer is a Senior Speech Therapist with CATTS Ireland. CATTS is an Irish owned company established in 2009 and incorporated in January 2010. They provide Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) and Occupational Therapy (OT) services to babies, children, adolescents and adults using an individual or a Multi-Disciplinary Model



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