



# Professionals Annual Conference



Focus - The Pursuit of Happiness

3rd January 2017

8.50 - 9.00

**Welcome**

9.00 - 10.00

**Sarah Hendrickx**

*Defining Happiness: An autism perspective*

10.15 - 11.15

**Geoff Evans**

*Promoting happy and meaningful lives for children with autism*

11.30 - 12.30

**Barry Carpenter**

*Creating Mental Health: Policy, Pedagogy and Practice*

12.30 - 1.20

**Lunch**

1.30 - 2.15

**Workshop 1**

Sarah Hendrickx - Training Room,  
Barry Carpenter - Performing Arts Hall,  
Geoff Evans - Hall

2.30 - 3.15

**Workshop 2**

Sarah Hendrickx - Training Room,  
Barry Carpenter - Performing Arts Hall,  
Geoff Evans - Hall

3.30 - 4.00:

**Q&A session**



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Cost: £100 - Lunch included

Please reserve your place today by emailing:

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*Please indicate your choice of workshop and any dietary requirements*



### Sarah Hendrickx

Sarah is an independent specialist consultant, trainer and coach in Autism Spectrum Conditions. She is also autistic. She has delivered over 1000 autism training workshops to all types of professionals from educators and care providers to counsellors and lawyers and speaks at conferences worldwide. She has particular interests in girls and women on the Autism Spectrum, sex and relationships, employment and on the impact of anxiety on autistic people.



**Keynote: *Defining Happiness: An autism perspective***

**Workshop: *Anxiety: How Autism Explains Everything***

### Geoff Evans

Geoff started his career as a social worker then moved to the National Autistic Society, where he worked for over 20 years. During this time he gained considerable experience in working with individuals across the whole spectrum as well as supporting families including siblings. As well as his social work qualifications, Geoff has qualifications in Management and a MEd degree in Training and Development. His extensive experience, gained over more than two decades, has been used by Universities, the National Autistic Society, Local Authorities and others to enhance the design, content and delivery of a range of training programs. These have been delivered to professionals across many disciplines including health staff, teachers, social workers and care professionals. His parent training has been described as Inspirational and very practical.



**Keynote: *Promoting happy and meaningful lives for children with autism***

**Workshop: *Reducing stress and anxiety in the classroom***

### Barry Carpenter

Barry Carpenter (CBE, OBE, PhD) is an Honorary Professor at universities in the UK, Ireland, Germany and Australia. He has been a Fellow of the University of Oxford. In a career spanning more than 30 years, Barry has held the leadership positions of Academic Director, Chief Executive, Principal, Inspector of Schools and Director of the Centre for Special Education at Westminster College, Oxford. In 2009, he was appointed by the Secretary of State for Education as Director of the Children with Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Research Project. Since completing that research, Barry has overseen the development of a national project developing online 'Training materials for teachers of children with severe, profound and complex learning disabilities'. He is the author of over 150 articles and many texts on a range of learning disability/ special needs topics. Barry lectures nationally and internationally.



**Keynote: *Creating Mental Health: Policy, Pedagogy and Practice.***

**Workshop: *Creating Mental Health: Implications for teaching and learning***