

Understanding Autism & Asperger's Syndrome

There are many people in all walks of life in the community with undiagnosed Asperger's. Some people are being diagnosed in their 40s and 50s. These individuals might have spent most of their lives 'in a social shell' with out realising why they were different. Some people with Asperger's exhibit creative and special abilities. They include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, film actors, filmmakers, philosophers and writers.

There is no cure for ASD, but intensive education and behavioural intervention at school and home can make drastic improvements in a student's life. Public awareness and understanding of Autism and Asperger's syndrome are limited. The chances of successful integration of a student in to the community are enhanced as our knowledge of ASD increases.

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An Understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Autism is defined as a developmental disability that includes traits like lack of eye contact, repetition of words or phrases, unmotivated tantrums and not being able to communicate properly.

International research studies have indicated that ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) is the fastest growing developmental disability. U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that one out of every 150 children has some form of ASD. There are more than 40,000 people with ASD in New Zealand. It is also estimated that ASD is four times as common as cerebral palsy and 17 times as common as Down's syndrome.

DATES:	Tuesdays: 2 March - 30 March
TIME:	7.00pm-9.00pm
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

These courses are designed for parents, people who work with children, and those who want to understand more about the disorder and learn some strategies.

An Understanding of Asperger's Syndrome (AS)

Asperger's involves problems with social interaction and restricted and repeated patterns of behaviour, interests or activities.

Asperger's syndrome is milder than autism and often referred to as a "hidden disability". Children with symptoms of Asperger's are often not diagnosed until they were 10-12 when social problems become more apparent. Most of these children have been able to manage without many noticeable problems, but their quality of life will be inferior and they will have problems in socialising.

If children are diagnosed or at least identified early during their pre-school/primary school years, they can be taught to socialise better. Some of these children will have difficulty understanding and following even the basic things that other children can grasp naturally or intuitively. Parents can teach many of the simple strategies to compensate these social difficulties, as this is not rocket science.

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