SPOTLIGHT ON AUTISM SERIES

Single Workshop
- For the public: $200
- For those using VCF*: $140

Combo of 2 Workshops
- For the public: $360 (after 10% discount)
- For those using VCF*: $280

Combo of 3 Workshops
- For the public: $510 (after 15% discount)
- For those using VCF*: $420

Venue: Resource & Training Centre
(Level 3)
No 11 Lorong Napiri
Singapore 547532

*Voluntary Welfare Organisations - Charities Capability Fund (VCF) : A grant applicable for employees working in VWOs only.

Organised Activities and Environments for Learning & Independence

Evidence from ongoing research establishes the fact that children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) learn better in environments that are predictable and organised. Predictability and organisation helps to create learning environments that are less threatening and more facilitative, thus helping children with ASD achieve their best potential.

We live in a highly unpredictable world, which is constantly changing. As typical individuals, we find these constant changes tiring and frustrating. But we are endowed with the coping mechanisms to deal with these changes and maintain a balance in our lifestyles. Children with autism, however, are not able to deal with these changes and may need help from their environment and the people around them.

This workshop will
1. Highlight the importance of creating a learning environment at school and home that is predictable and organised for children with autism.
2. Examine the use of structured environments, visually organised activities and use of visual strategies at school and home for children with autism.
3. Introduce the importance of structured environments to promote independence and interdependence in children with autism.

Target Participants
Teachers, parents and professionals who work with children with autism in individual or group settings in schools, homes, therapy centres, educational settings etc.
Unlocking Communication Barriers: Effective Social Communication Strategies for Children with Autism

All of us who have had an opportunity to interact with children with autism are well aware of their difficulties in initiating and maintaining an effective and efficient social communication interaction. Socialisation involves communication and the "what", "why" and "how" of communication can sometimes seem too hard to understand for people with autism.

This one-day workshop aims at examining some of the tried and tested strategies of promoting social communication in children with autism. Effective and functional communication is the key to learning and this workshop will cover functional strategies to promote communication and social interaction in children with autism. Emphasis will also be on visual strategies that take into consideration the strengths of children with autism and their preferred modes of receiving information.

Participants will learn:

Target Participants:
Teachers, parents and professionals who work with children with autism in individual or group settings in schools, educational settings, homes, therapy and day care centres.

Promoting Positive Interactions & Language Learning the Hanen Way

Successfully including children with autism and speech-language delays in interactions depends on the adult’s awareness of the roles they play in the interaction. All of us appreciate teachers who were very responsive to our needs and interests. These were teachers who made us feel that our opinions, feelings and ideas were interesting and important. Positive interaction between the child and the adult keeps the communication going during play, work and daily routines. Once, we have the interaction, the stage is set to provide children with the information and experiences that help them develop language, not only to satisfy their physical and social needs but also to think, problem-solve, imagine and learn. This workshop is all about strategies to get interaction going and providing children with information to promote language learning.

Participants will be able to:
1. Identify communication stages, conversational styles and
2. Plan functional communication goals
3. Implement interaction strategies
4. Implement strategies to extend and expand language content

Target Participants:
Educators and professionals working with children with autism in special or integrated settings.

About our Trainer: Mr Manoj Pathnapuram

Manoj Pathnapuram currently heads AWWA Resource and Training Centre. He oversees the coordination and delivery of training programmes for caregivers and professionals in AWWA and the sector. He also provides consultation on service model enhancements and training needs for organisations in Singapore and the region.

Manoj is on the Resource Panel for leadership development appointed by the Ministry of Social and Family Development and a mentor for the SunRay programme appointed by the National Council of Social Services (NCSS). In recognition of his contributions to the social service sector, Manoj has been appointed the Social Service Fellowship by NCSS in 2017.

Manoj is a speech-language pathologist who has donned clinical, training and management roles in his career spanning 20 years in the field of early intervention and special education. He has a Masters in Speech Pathology & Audiology and extensive post-graduate certification in the Neuro-development Treatment (NDT) approach, Treatment & Education of Autistic Children & other Communication Handicaps (TEACCH), Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Orton Gillingham Approach for children with Dyslexia and Hanen programmes for teachers and parents. He is also a certified administrator of the MBTI suite of instruments and Extended DISC for personal and team development. Manoj has an Advanced Certificate in Training & Assessment (ACTA) and is currently pursuing the Diploma in Adult & Continuing Education (DACE).
REGISTRATION

I wish to attend the following workshop(s)

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☐ Unlocking Communications Barriers, Effective Social Communication Strategies for Children with Autism
☐ Promoting Positive Interactions & Language Learning the Hanen Way
☐ Organised Activities and Environmental for Learning & Independence

Participant’s Details

Number of persons attending: _________
(if more than 1 person, please indicate all the names on a separate sheet.)
Name(as per NRIC): _____________________________________________________________
Tel no.: ______________ Office: ______________
Email address: ________________________________________________________________

Do you require a Certificate of Attendance?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO

Mode of payment

☐ By Cash/Cheque  Cheque payment is to be made payable to: AWWA Ltd - Resource & Training Centre
☐ By Invoice/e-invoice  Please fill in the details below.

DETAILS OF SCHOOL/ORGANISATION (for invoice/e-invoice only)
School/Organization: _____________________________________________________________
Attention to/Department: ___________________________/____________________________
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Address: ____________________________________________________________

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Cash or cheque payment is to be made on or before 7 May 2018. For cheque payment, please write a crossed cheque made payable to AWWA Ltd-Resource & Training Centre. NETS payment is NOT AVAILABLE.
- Confirmation of registration is at RTC’s discretion and will be made only upon receipt of payment. Only fully completed forms will be accepted.
- Once registration is confirmed, there shall be no refund of registration fee.
- RTC reserves the right to make changes and disclaim responsibility should any change(s) to the workshop occur. In the event of cancellation made by RTC, a full refund of ONLY the registration fee paid will be made.
- Please note that video-recording and photographs will be taken during the training for publicity, archival and news purposes.

By completing and submitting to us this form:
- you are deemed to agree to the terms and conditions stated here, and
- you consent to the collection, use and disclosure of your personal data for the purpose stated above and for us to provide you with the service/s requested.

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