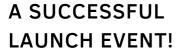
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DORSET AUTISM IN SCHOOLS

Project Newsletter



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the launch of the Autism in Schools project and for bringing your enthusiasm and energy!

The event brought together senior leaders from the 16 schools involved in the project, autistic young people, their parents and the practitioners who will be delivering the training. We were privileged to hear from 3 autistic young people from one of the secondary schools taking part and they gave us an fabulous insight into their school lives. A powerful reminder of the importance of the project and the difference we need to make for all autistic children and young people.



13 June 2023

Along with parents the participating schools were introduced to Tamsin, the 'parent participation lead' for the project. It's great to see her diary filling up with school-based events, coffee mornings and other opportunties for parents and carers to get together to be more involved. The Project Group are currently busy pulling together the evaluation for the project, this will be qualitive as well as quantitative data. We will be in touch with more detail about this soon.

We are still keen to hear from anyone who wants to contribute and help us develop good practice in schools for autistic children and young people. Please share your views and experiences **HERE** or by using the QR code. Thank You again for joining us.

> Thank You The Project Team



You can share your views & experiences using the OR code below..















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SAVE THE DATES: SCHOOLS

Please hold these dates for the following training courses that will run centrally for school Senior Leadership Teams. These will be delivered by Lucy Brookes, Specialist Teacher and Anna Ridley, Senior Educational Psychologist:

- Autism and Inclusion
 Date: Monday October 16 Time: 9.30am 12.30pm
- Leadership, Inclusion & Structural Reasonable Adjustments

Date: Friday December 8 Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Details about how to book will be provided when booking is available.

NEXT STEPS...

Schools involved in the project, your link trainers will be in touch this term to:

- Book dates for the whole school "Making Sense of Autism" training. It is hoped, for most schools, this can take place in the Autumn term.
- Explain more about the coaching sessions and what these will entail.
- Explain more about what data will be required from school so the impact of the project can be evaluated
- Discuss how we can support school staff to involve young people in the project.

Anna Ridley & Lucy Brookes

A Message from Tamsin (Parent Participation Facilitator).

What a brilliant turnout for the launch event, and a great opportunity for me to put faces to names! I have already been out to visit a couple of schools to meet with parents, to talk about the project, to answer questions and more importantly to hear from them what's working and to find out what they want the project to achieve.

Please feel free to get in touch with me directly using - dpccevents@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively you could give your school team a gentle nudge and ask them to arrange an coffee morning or something similar so we can get together in person! Hope to see you soon.

Tamsin Pike

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SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH 'VOICE'

Jenna (Beaminster School)







Birds of a feather flock together.

At least that's what everyone says.

But behind the child's sweet little rhyme.

there's a darker twist in time.

You ree, birds will attack one more colourful than the rest.

because DIFFERENCE is dangerous

and that is a terrible threat.

This is awfully wrong.

for underneath the coourful feathers that bird is incredibly strong.

fighting to survive almost all day long.

Instead they should celebrate the DIFFERENT,

because that one bird is magnificent.

So, take this message home.

and tell it to others please.

for birds of all feathers should flock together

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We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.