# **School of Education**Professional Development for Educators

## Autism Friendly Schools: Strategies for Educators

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#### At a glance

This workshop will provide secondary school staff with insight into the main strengths and challenges for students on the autism spectrum in a school environment. We will discuss a range of issues and strategies, including those related to learning theories, communication, social skills, sensory needs and emotion regulation.

Date	6 March 2018
Duration	9.30am to 3.30pm
Location	B33 Dearing Building University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus Triumph Road Nottingham, NG7 2TU
Cost	£150 per person Full day including practical workshop, resources and catering.

#### What you will learn

Participants will draw on their own expertise and experience to take part in a range of activities led by two experts in autism and education. International research will be used to highlight the key issues and challenges for young people on the autism spectrum in the school environment as well as strategies that can make a difference. You will learn about ways in which to draw on the strengths and talents of young people on the autism spectrum to improve the learning and teaching experience of everyone who works with them.

#### **Core content**

The focus of the day will be on the core areas that prove the most challenging for young people on the autism spectrum, their teachers and other school staff, and their parents. These will include understanding and communication, key learning theories, social relating, sensory needs and emotion regulation strategies.

#### **Key outcomes**

- 1. An understanding of the key strengths and challenges of autistic young people in the school environment
- 2. Strategies for supporting learning including environmental, sensory and social
- 3. Experience of using a matrix for planning a whole school approach to ensure that autistic students have a positive experience at school

### Book your place

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