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Positive About Autism™ is a training company providing workshops on autism. Our training is active, visual and fun and reflects our positive style and positive philosophy.

Apps And Autism

Working alongside Tobii Dynavox we've delivered the first workshops in a series looking at developing communication strategies and the use of AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) in supporting communication for people on the Autism Spectrum. The workshops are for anyone working/caring for people on the Autism Spectrum including Parents, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Speech and Language Therapists, Speech and Language Therapy Assistants.

The workshops provide -

Knowledge of the range of AAC available for autism and how they might be useful

An opportunity to problem solve with the largest AAC company in the world

A free 6 month subscription to Tobii Dynavox's online symbol software 'Boardmaker Online'

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What's your Sensory Policy?

Getting the physical and sensory environment right is key to creating any learning and living environment

for people with autism. One organisation that knows this is John Billam Resource Centre in Harrow. The centre has set itself high standards and has been working tirelessly to improve the service to all it's users, and especially those who have autism. Positive About Autism™ has been helping the centre's "Sensory Champions" design a robust process that:-

- investigates and records information about an individuals sensory needs
- captures what is important for practitioners to remember when working with an individual with autism
- sets out a positive programme of effective sensory input and support

"It's been great helping the team at John Billam make the link between autism theory and everyday practice. Great outcomes start with great people, and the team are putting their autism knowledge to good use".

Chris Barson



Newsletter

Why not get regular news from across the autism spectrum? Sign up to receive our free monthly e-newsletter. It's full of positive news about autism, training events, research and helpful advice.

Our friends at **Hirstwood Training** are definitely the experts when it comes to sensory play and



environments. Once again we will be contributing to their **Big Autism Play Day** - 10th March and 17th March 2017 [Link](#)

ADOS2 TRAINING

Our team of ADOS2 trainers are passionate about improving the skills and confidence of professionals and practitioners involved in the assessment and diagnosis of autism. The ADOS is the most widely used observational assessment in the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, for both clinical and research purposes. Our next open course will be in Birmingham, 5th - 8th June 2017. More [details](#).



We have sent our 1000th Tweet! If you want to keep up with the latest news on autism from around the world follow [@AutismEvents](#)



Experts with Experience make the difference to training

The phrase “nothing about us without us” was first used by disability campaigners in South Africa some years ago. When it comes to training and staff development it’s vital that practitioners and professionals get to hear from the very people their services are there for. Positive About Autism™ has helped people on the autism spectrum in Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire find their voice and give them opportunities to contribute to local authority autism awareness training. The feedback from delegates has been great and it’s been fantastic to see the “Experts with Experience” grow in confidence and put their story across so effectively.

TEAM: Effectiveness | Autism | Management

Welcome to our new training offer - modular training for supervisors, managers and leaders who want to improve service provision for autism. Modules include:-

- Leadership development
- Managing and mediating
- Change, progress and improved efficiency

If your organisation would like to start the conversation [email](#) today.