

# LAMBETH AUTISM ADVISORY SERVICE (LAAS) NEWSLETTER WINTER 2024

It's been a busy term for the LAAS team with other events happening as well as our usual school visits, training and parent/ carer workshops. We were very excited to host the first ever Professionals Conference at Lambeth Town Hall on 21.10.24.

We had excellent presentations from two autistic guest speakers, Joely Williams & Michael Barton, who shared their stories and experiences and we also heard insights from autistic young people living in Lambeth.



Many thanks also to representatives from the National Autistic Society Lambeth Branch, Indoamerican Refugee and Migrant Organisation (IRMO) and Autism Voice for joining us on the day to share information about their services for parents/ carers and families.

## HOLIDAY RESOURCES

We hope you will all have a fun and restful break over the Christmas holidays. We also recognise that this can be a challenging time due to the lack of structure, social expectations and many different sensory experiences. There are a number of helpful resources available (click for hyperlinks):

[National Autistic Society Christmas Resources](#)

[Autism Central - Christmas](#)

[Ambitious About Autism - Christmas](#)

[How to Survive Christmas – A Guide for Autistic Adults and Parents of Autistic Children](#)

On 04.11.24 Saffron & Edyta delivered the AET Good Autism Practice module to staff across all three schools in the BJS Federation. Here you can see the leadership team reviewing the Practical Support Packs provided during the training.



Thank you to Kathryn Congdon for coordinating the day and to Stockwell Primary School for hosting.

## SPRING '25 TRAINING DATES

### PROFESSIONALS

<b>16.01.25</b> 9.30am-1pm	AET - Good Autism Practice	Van Gogh Primary
<b>30.01.25</b> 9.30am-1pm	AET - Autism and Inclusion (Session 1)	St Leonard's Primary
<b>06.02.25</b> 10am-12pm	LAAS Autism & Co-occurring Conditions	Lansdowne School
<b>13.02.25</b> 10am-12pm	AET - Progression Framework	Lansdowne School
<b>27.02.25</b> 9.30-11am	AET - Making Sense of Autism	St Andrew's Primary
<b>13.03.25</b> 9.30am-1pm	AET - Autism and Inclusion (Session 2)	St Leonard's Primary
<b>27.03.25</b> 10am-12pm	AET module - Understanding Anxiety	Lansdowne School

For Autism Education Trust AET training please book via the [AET website](#).  
 If you have any questions please contact [SGallup1@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:SGallup1@lambeth.gov.uk)  
 For LAAS training please contact [NGardner@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:NGardner@lambeth.gov.uk) to book a place.

### PARENTS/ CARERS

<b>07.01.25</b> 10am-12pm	Understanding Behaviour	St Leonard's Primary
<b>04.03.25</b> 10am-12pm	Sensory Differences	Hitherfield Primary
<b>29.04.25</b> 10am-12pm	Anxiety & Mental Wellbeing	St Leonard's Primary

***Please do also speak to your Advisory Teacher if you would like to book any specific training or parent/ carer sessions for your setting.***