

AEIOU Autism Conference

Featuring Professor Tony Attwood
& Doctor Michelle Garnett

AEIOU Foundation will host a thought provoking Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) workshop series on 20 April 2011 to coincide with Autism Awareness Month. The seminar will feature world-renowned clinical psychologist Professor Tony Attwood and Doctor Michelle Garnett, Founder and Director of 'Minds & Hearts: A Specialist Clinic for Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.

The seminar series is designed to share new insight into developing education and integration strategies for children with autism in their schools, in social environments and at home. It is designed as a professional development tool for Allied Health professionals, educators, childcare workers and parents and carers.



Professor Tony Attwood

Tony is a clinical psychologist who has specialised in autism spectrum disorders since he qualified as a clinical psychologist in England in 1975. He works in private practice in Brisbane, but is also adjunct professor at Griffith University, Queensland. His book *Asperger's Syndrome - A Guide for Parents and Professionals* has sold over 300,000 copies and has been translated into twenty languages. He has worked with over 6,000 individuals of all ages with

Asperger's syndrome. Tony presents workshops and runs training courses for parents, professionals and individuals with Asperger's syndrome all over the world and is a prolific author of scientific papers and books on the subject. His new book *The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome* was published in October 2006.

Doctor Michelle Garnett

MPsych (Clin) PhD MAPS MCPP

Michelle is a clinical psychologist and founder and Director of *Minds & Hearts: A Specialist Clinic for Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.* The clinic was born through her passion for understanding autism spectrum disorders (ASD), and her strong desire to be part of positive change for people who have ASD and their families. Michelle thoroughly enjoys working in this area as a diagnostician, therapist, consultant, mentor, clinical supervisor, workshop presenter, and researcher. She has specialised in autism spectrum disorders for the past 18 years, developing expertise in all subtypes of autism across all ages. Michelle created the first screening instrument for Asperger's Syndrome, the Australian Scale for Asperger's Syndrome (ASAS) in 1993. She obtained a PhD for her research into ASD, diagnosis and families in 2007 from the University of Queensland, Australia. She provides training in ASD for postgraduate clinical students for four Australian Universities. Michelle has been an invited speaker at many national and international conferences and workshop events, across Australia, New Zealand, the UK and Europe.

Topics

COGNITIVE ABILITIES: A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING AND LEARNING PROFILE

The unusual profile of cognitive abilities associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder is described with an emphasis on the profile of intellectual abilities, problems with executive function, attention and weak central coherence. Strategies are described to improve attention, organisational skills and academic achievement.

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE BEING BULLIED AND TEASED

Parents and teachers hope that integration with peers will be enjoyable and successful. Some children will welcome the opportunity to play or socialize with the child or adolescent with Autism Spectrum Disorder. However, some children will consider the child an easy target for bullying and teasing. Children with an ASD are more prone to bullying and teasing in comparison to typical children. The presentation explains why children with an ASD are more likely to be a target and strategies to reduce incidents of bullying and teasing.

Date Friday 20 April 2012

Time 9:00am-4:30pm

Venue Southbank Institute of Technology,
66 Ernest Street South Brisbane Q 4101

Tickets \$190* per person

Registration Closes Friday 6 April 2012

BOOK NOW at www.aeiou.org.au or contact 07 3320 7575. If you require accommodation to attend the conference you can contact Rydges South Bank Hotel on 07 3364 0800.

*Registration for this event will be confirmed upon payment. Confirmation & tickets will only be issued once payment is made. Tickets will need to be presented at registration on Friday 20 April to be eligible to attend. All invoice payments will need to be finalised by Friday 6 April to secure your place.