



Please note days, timings and topics may change.

DRAFT Autism West Symposium 2019 – Program

Day 1: Friday 1 st November 2019			
Time	Event	Speaker	Topic
8:15am	Registrations open		
9:00am	Welcome	Louise Sheehy, CEO Autism West	
9:05am	Welcome to country	Richard Walley	
9:10am	Opening	Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs	
9:20am	Plenary	Andrew Whitehouse	The Future of Autism Research in Australia: Meaningful and Proud
10:20am	Morning Tea		
10:50am	Keynote speech	Payam via video link	Educate, Empower and Empathy: The Power of Belief
12:00pm	Breakout sessions	Emma Goodall	Interception and Behavioural Management Tools for Teachers
		Ben Milbourne & Silvana Gaglia	Navigating the NDIS – A Guide for Families
		Jilen Patel & Joanna Granich	Looking through a dental lens: Optimising oral healthcare for autistic people
1:00pm	Lunch		
2:00pm	Breakout sessions	Louise Sheehy & Sarah James	Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop
		Kiah Evans	Caring for the Carers: Successful Role Balancing
		Meredith Hunter & Ursula Stevens	Family Court – Achieving Best Outcome for Your Family
3:00pm	Breakout sessions	Louise Sheehy & Sarah James	Organisational skills for engagement and learning in the Classroom - Workshop
		Tori Haar	Future Leaders Program
		Jaquie Mills	Complex Communication Needs
4:00pm	Plenary	Wenn Lawson	Understanding Object Permanence: A Path to Reducing Anxiety and Changing Lives for the Better
5:00pm	Close		
5:00pm	Networking		

Day 2: Saturday 2nd November 2019

Time	Event	Speaker	Topic
8:00	Registrations/venue open		
8:30	Keynote speech	Judy Singer	Interview with Judy Singer: Neurodiversity – The Birth of an Idea
9:30am	Plenary	Emma Goodall	The Importance of Self-Awareness in Advocacy
10:15am	Breakout sessions	Speakers TBA	Panel Discussion: Parenting – A Dad’s Perspective
		John Shad & Tracey Hughes	Autism units at Samson Primary School and Southern River College – Lessons Learnt and Teaching Approaches
		Youth Advisory Council	Growing Up: Understanding Me and My Autism
11:15am	Morning Tea		
11:45am	Breakout sessions	Theresa Kidd	Supporting Young People with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) at School
		Evelyn McKay	Be My Koorda – Be My Friend: Development and Delivery of Culturally Appropriate Services
		Ana Palacios, Rhona Bolger & Ritu Campbell	Women and Complexity of Diagnosis
12:30pm	Closing remarks	Siobhan & Liam Dow-Hall Charlie & Mikey Paganin	Sibling Presentation
1:15pm	Close		