





## ***2017 Autism Spectrum Disorder Symposium Connect: Affecting Change***

 **When?** 29-30 June 2017

 **Where?** North West University: Potchefstroom Campus (Room TBC depending on number of delegates)

 **Cost?** R1950.00 for both days, including lunch and notes

 R1780 groups of 10 or more and A;SA Members

Another chance for all in the autism community to come together to connect, share and learn from experts. We have put together a very eclectic and exciting programme for 2017! Join us for a blend of practical and academic presentations from the field of medicine, psychology, speech-language and occupational therapy, nursing, education, law, parents and persons with autism.

Complete attached registration form and email to [admin@autismsouthafrica.org](mailto:admin@autismsouthafrica.org) by

**15 June 2017**



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### **Registration Form**

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Profession:	
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2017"

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## *Connect: Affecting Change*

### Day 1

7:30 – 8:00	Registration EXHIBITION		
8:00-8:05	MC Announcements		
8:05–8:15	Welcoming: Head IPW - NWU and A;)SA: The story so far...		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Title</b>
8:15-8:45	Mrs. Sandy Usswald	National Director A;)SA Speech-Language therapist	Autism from a National Bird's eye View
8:45-9:30	Dr. David Griessel	Principal Specialist: Paediatrics and Child Health University of the Free State	The new landscape of autism: Feedback from the Autism Europe conference in Edinburgh
9:30-10:15	Dr. Carla Groenewald	Private practice Specialist Child Psychiatrist	The things you read and hear about ASD causes, mechanisms and treatments: Fact or fiction?
10:15-10:45	Tea EXHIBITION		
10:45-11:30	Mr. Rumando Kok	Institute of Psychology and Wellbeing Clinical Psychologist	Paradigm shift from medical to social model: Accommodating strategies to individualise teaching and learning to the uniqueness of each ASD learner
11:30-12:30	Prof. Juan Bornman	Director of CAAC University of Pretoria Speech-Language therapist and Audiologist	How I think, feel and do, compared to how I thought, felt and did: Exploring the attitudes of typically developing adolescents towards their sibling with ASD
12:15-13:00	Mrs. Desirae Pillay	Technical advisor at Inclusive Solutions Parent of a child with ASD and CP	Communication tips for parents and professionals
12:45-13:45	Lunch EXHIBITION Performing artist		
13:45-14:30	Me.Thembeka Mnguni	Parent /Performer	Our story
14:30-15:15	Me Chantal Snyman	Studio 3 Lead trainer	Overview on managing challenging behaviour.
15:15-15:30	Comfort break		
15:30-16:00	Mr. Melt Olckers	Board member A;)SA Adult with ASD	Childhood to adulthood: Dealing with situations that can result due to ASD and creating a positive attitude
16:00-16:30	Mrs. Hanlie Degenaar	Institute of Psychology & Wellbeing Speech-Language therapist	Having fun with People Games and routines
16:30-17:00	Mr Christoph Schulenburg	Parent	Our journey with Alex – lessons we have learnt – challenges we face



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### **Day 2:**

7:30 – 8:00	Registration EXHIBITION		
8:00 – 8:15	Welcoming MC Summary of presentations Day 1		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Title</b>
8:15-9:00	Dr. David Griessel	Principal Specialist: Paediatrics and Child Health University of the Free State	Attention deficit disorder and Autism: Management and the role of medication
9:00-9:45	Dr. Delan Naidoo	Team lead: UJ Disability Unit University of Johannesburg	Care for your family, by caring for yourself
9:45-10:15	Me. Maxine Geddie	SA Guide dog Association	Supporter dog for children with ASD
10:15-10:45	Tea EXHIBITION		
10:45-11:30	Me. Christel van Eeden	Executive Director North West Mental Health Social worker	Getting me and my child with ASD through puberty
11:30-12:30	Unica school Shaheena Boda Roma Beukes	Speech-language therapy and Occupational therapy	Management of severe sensory hypersensitivity and social interaction barriers within a foundation phase classroom: A case
12:15-13:00	Unica School Lemmer Rootman Veronica Fernandes	Educational Psychologists	Management and intervention: Case studies to learn from
12:45-13:45	Lunch EXHIBITION		
13:45-14:30	Prof Chris Venter Mr Rumando Kok	Institute of Psychology & Wellbeing, North-West University	The Listening group technique: Unique method to empower parents with children diagnosed with ASD
14:15-15:00	Dr. Petro Erasmus	Educational Psychologist Mafikeng Campus, North-West University	Autism in the North-West province: Where to start? A systemic perspective on connectedness
15:00-15:15	Service delivery teams	NWU Mafikeng IPW	Projects
15:15-15:30	Comfort break		
15:30-16:00	Thando Makapela	Autism South Africa	Tiisetso - my motivation
16:00-16:30	Marie Schoeman	Chief Education Specialist: Inclusive Education Department of Basic Education	The way forward
16:30	Panel Discussion	Questions from audience – expert panel discussion	Our way forward ...

Program subject to minor change due to accommodate presenter's traveling requirements