

Course Title **Play with a Purpose**

Using Centre-Based Play Activities to Promote the Social Development of Young Pupils with ASD.

Course Overview

This one-day course is designed to inform the participant about the value of centre-based play as a medium for teaching, and to discuss the ways in which centres can be used to create meaningful learning opportunities for young pupils with autism. Participants will benefit from video examples and hands-on practice in teaching and learning through play and will be taught specific strategies and approaches to developing, maintaining and generalizing social interaction skills throughout the day.

Course Objectives

- Participants will develop an understanding of the concept and purpose of play within an early years context.
- Participants will develop understanding of the types of play, including sensory play, exploratory play and imaginative play.
- Participants will develop an understanding of how the core deficits of children with autism impact upon their ability to play.
- Participants will access information on strategies and approaches that can be used to teach children with ASD to engage in developmentally appropriate play activities.
- Participants will access information on how to create and maintain a playful learning environment for young learners with ASD.

The Course is Suitable for

- A group of 5 – 25 participants
- Teachers
- Classroom Assistants
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Parents and Carers

Course Duration 3 – Hour Course Available

Course Cost Upon request