

Learning through Play

It is essential to have an understanding of the challenges autism poses for successful social interactions. A lack of play skills can intensify children's social isolation and emphasize their differences from other children. Play supports children in the learning of many new competencies such as; thinking, language, emotional, problem solving and creative skills and helps them to practice these new skills in a safe and supportive environment. Teaching children with autism to play provides them with a sense of achievement, increases their pleasure and motivation but most of all gives them an opportunity to express themselves.

One of the greatest frustrations for parents and carers is identifying practical ways to help their child. Learning through play is a one day course that helps individuals identify ways in which they can engage their child in play and promote successful social activities. It is important to remember that all children learn through play, autistic children simply have different ways of playing.

Level

Individuals are not required to have had any previous knowledge in this area. The course is intended for those with little or no prior training in autism.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding play: What is it and why do children do it.
- Types of play: Sensory, explorative and imaginative play
- Play and children with Autism
- Teaching children with Autism to play
- Strategies and approaches to play
- Creating a playful learning environment

Costs

Upon request.