

Asperger syndrome and autism in the criminal justice system

 **Course duration:** 1 day (introduction), 2 day (advanced)



Suitable for: All criminal justice practitioners and managers

Make sure your team can recognise and work with Asperger's and autism

There is a growing emphasis on supporting and promoting diversity and difference, and a need for greater understanding of the range of difficulties facing service-users with autism and Asperger Syndrome. This training provides practitioners and managers with:

- Extended awareness
- Tools for identification
- Support strategies

Key course elements

The following areas can be tailored to your teams' needs:

One day (Introduction)

- History and background and causes of AS
- Diagnostic issues for adults – misdiagnosis, late diagnosis
- Characteristics of AS – identifying the condition
- Implications as witness, victim or offender
- Co-presented by an adult with AS

Two day (advanced)

- In-depth look at AS theory
- Assessment tools for identifying possible AS
- Applying the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) in CJ
- Strategies for support
- Case studies
- Action planning for support

The trainer/consultant

Sarah Hendrickx has extensive knowledge of Asperger Syndrome from both professional and personal experience. She is currently the Training Manager for the Aspire project – an adult AS mentoring and training scheme based in Brighton and Hove, and a freelance training consultant. She is co-author of 'Asperger Syndrome: A Love Story' (Jessica Kingsley, 2007) and forthcoming books dealing with the links between Autistic Spectrum Disorders and substance misuse.



For more information on Sarah's training course or for a FREE 40 minute consultation with Sarah please visit:

www.backstop.org.uk/pages/training.php

Or call Iman / Janet on 08444 993389 or email training@backstop.org.uk

Testimonials

"Without exception the 26 people who attended felt the day had met the course objectives... I have seldom had such positive evaluations from participants as I did for this day. To quote from a few of the evaluation forms:- "Speaker was brilliant, lovely personality", "The whole experience was enlightening and engaging." These comments are representative of most of the evaluation forms."

Morwenna Cork, Training Officer,
Victim Support Sussex, July 2007

"Sarah's training was pitched at the right level. Sarah listened to the groups needs, and ensured that they received suitable and practical information... she paid attention to how the course was progressing and used appropriate learning styles throughout."

Julie Hassall, Consultant, Working Links, July 2007

Clients

Sarah's recent clients include: BILD (British Institute of Learning Disabilities), Working Links, Centre for Emotional Development, Employer Engagement, University of Brighton