

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a speech pathologist to attend this course?

No, all are welcome. This course is for those working face to face with the children in homes/schools/ pre-school settings and clinics. Many of the course participants are speech pathologists and early childhood educators and teachers but the course is open to all and reflects our commitment working in partnership with parents and getting practical with multi-disciplinary intervention.

Can I attend one day of the workshop?

No, attendance at both days is required so you can walk away with a good understanding of Attention Autism™ and importantly have had some practice on what the 4 stage programme might look like and feel like for the children you support.

Will there be handouts?

The focus of this workshop is on the hands on experience rather than the handouts. A brief outline will be provided and you can jot down some key notes/inspiration as we go.

I am working with a class of non-verbal children, would this approach work for them?

Yes, absolutely! One of Emer's favourite experiences is to share a good laugh as a group - no words required. Emer is also exploring how AAC (Augmentative Alternative Communication) can be integrated into Attention Autism so watch this space. Attention Autism™ is about presenting visually appealing activities that create shared good times for all children however they communicate.

I am working with a very verbal group of children, would this approach work with them?

Yes, it certainly can. Being a part of a group can take practice for all children, even the chattiest ones. The intervention does not assume that because the child is articulate that they are experiencing success with their peers. This workshop provides ways of challenging and motivating the child to think flexibly and try different solutions.

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I only work with children one on one, is Attention Autism™ still suitable?

Attention Autism™ has been developed by Gina Davies, as a group based intervention. However, a group can mean a child and their sibling, parent, carer, or neighbour. We want the children moving forward and sometimes this means we have to be flexible and get started with what we have.

Can I train other people once I have attended the 2 day workshop?

The Level One 2 day workshop is designed to give you practical strategies that help you set up and follow through intervention with a child or group of children. If you are interested in running Attention Autism training you will need a Licence to do so. See <https://www.ginadavies.co.uk/professional-services/> for more details.