

Intensive Interaction **Dr Dave Hewett Ph.D**

Times	Registration 9.00am – 9.30am	Course 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venues	Autism NI	
Trainer	Dr Dave Hewett	
Date	19 th October 2009	
Cost	Parents/Carers £40	Professionals £110
	Member of Autism NI (parents and carers)	£25

Level 3 Course Specialist Knowledge

Introduction

An approach to working with people who are still at an early developmental stage, perhaps not having developed use of language and presenting as difficult to reach or difficult to be with.

Target Audience

All individuals dealing with people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

Objectives

- To teach course members the principles of 'Intensive Interaction'. Staff will be helped to understand how to interact with people at early stages of learning by use of mutual enjoyment, face, voice, body language, proximity, physical contact, turn taking, use of pause, intentionality, burst-pause, imitation and modified reflecting etc.
- To help course members understand the way in which communication and relating abilities develop naturally during infancy.
- To assist staff to recognize that these techniques are part of a natural behaviour repertoire and that they are very powerful in assisting the development of people at early stages of learning, particularly those who are pre-verbal.
- To help staff understand how development of communication abilities, relationship and the sense of emotional well-being which goes with those developments, will make it less likely that individuals will produce challenging behaviour.
- To discuss and clarify a range of issues connected with working with people with very severe learning disabilities.