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Let's Play and Way to Play workshop **Playing joyously with autistic children**

The Lloyd Suite
Edgbaston Park Hotel & Conference Centre
53 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, B15 2RS
www.edgbastonparkhotel.com

4th March 2026, 9.15 am – 4 pm

9.15 - 9.45 am	Registration and tea/coffee
9.45 am	Welcome to the day <i>Sarah Armstrong. CEO Ewing Foundation</i>
10.00 -11.15 am	Way to Play - The philosophy of the approach <i>Neil Stuart, EarlySteps Educator, Autism New Zealand</i>
11.15 -11.30 am	Coffee break
11.30 am - 1.00 pm	Way to Play- Examples and strategies <i>Neil Stuart, EarlySteps Educator, Autism New Zealand</i>
1.00 -1.45 pm	Lunch
1.45 - 2.15 pm	Research evidence - Alison Taylor, former SENDI lecturer, Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln
2.15 - 2.30 pm	Coffee break
2.30 - 3.45 pm	Way to Play - Coaching parents <i>Neil Stuart, EarlySteps Educator, Autism New Zealand</i>
3.45 - 4 pm	Final questions and what next?



Speakers

Neil Stuart has over 30 years' experience in the field of autism. He has developed a number of nationally delivered, Ministry of Education-funded Autism Education programmes. He developed the Way to Play approach along with his colleagues. Neil has involved parent groups, and autistic adults to help in the development of his education programmes. Neil has presented talks nationally and internationally, including the Australia and Pacific Autism Conference. He is committed to providing a playful, joyous approach with autistic children, which promotes high quality and engaging experiences.

Alison Taylor has taught on the BA (Hons) SENDI Degree Programme, having previously held positions within educational and advisory settings. Alison recently presented to the 13th Autism-Europe International Congress (2022) and the Advance HE Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference (2023). Alison has had a keen interest in Autism NZ's Way to Play programme since 2020 and invites Neil to speak in Lincoln whenever he visits these shores! Alison is committed to changing practice through collaboration, for improved wellbeing and inclusion.

Exhibitors

Auditory Verbal UK: Our vision is that all deaf children have the same opportunities in life as their hearing peers. <https://www.avuk.org/>

Autism New Zealand: Support starts here. <https://autismnz.org.nz/>

Glue Ear together: Parents and professionals together for children with glue ear
<https://glueeartogether.org.uk/>

Ewing Foundation: <https://ewing-foundation.org.uk/>

Nan in a Van literacy intervention <https://www.deafchoicesuk.com/nan-in-a-van>

SEND-Together Counselling Services: At SEND-Together counselling services we offer person-centred counselling for children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and their families. <https://www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/send-together-counselling-services>

Toy like Me/ See It Be It: An arts and play based not-for-profit charity: starting playful conversations about disability to boost self-esteem and grow open minds.
<https://www.toylikeme.org/>

We hope you have a great day!