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ADHD – DYSLEXIA – AUTISM Awareness Conference

Removing the Barriers to Achievement



Saturday, 20 October, 2018

08:45 – 17:30

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1050 Brussels, Belgium

Programme

- 08:45 **Dr. Ed. Joanne Norris: Welcome Address**
- 09:00 **Rhi Lloyd-Williams, Author, Poet, Educator**
Spectrum Thinking
- 09:45 **David Fawcett, Artist & Speaker**
On Becoming a Successful Dyslexic
- 10:15 Questions
- 10:30 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 **Emeritus Prof. Angela Fawcett, Ph.D., Swansea University, Researcher, Special Envoy: Dyslexia International**
Procedural Learning, Delayed Neural Commitment & Comorbidities in Dyslexia
- 12:15 Questions
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Dr. Sandra Kooij, M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist, Researcher, PsychQ**
Circadian Rhythm (Sleep) Disturbances and ADHD
- 15:00 Questions
- 15:15 Refreshment Break
- 15:30 **Dr. Kwan Bruhl, Ph.D., Clinical & Cognitive Psychologist**
Understanding and Accommodating Students with ADHD and/or ASC at home and at School (Executive Functions – Strategies to Improve Learning – Homework Management etc.)
- 16:30 Questions
- 16:45 Networking
- 17:30 End of Conference

Presenters

Rhi Lloyd-Williams, Poet, Playwright, Essayist, Educator and Public Speaker

Having been diagnosed with Autism in 2015, Rhi turned her infatuation with words into a way to communicate her experiences of Autism to the world. Her first play, **"The Duck"** about a late-diagnosed autistic woman took to the stage this year. She loves translating how her Autism processes the world; sharing the patterns and connections that it creates in language, something she does successfully in her blog **AutistRhi.com**. She has worked with teenagers with ADHD and ASC in a mainstream school setting, and loved the challenge of finding ways that fit with the individual, rather than trying to force individuals to fit a mold. She lives in the wilderness of West Wales with her husband and five children.

David Fawcett, Artist, Public Speaker and Retired Regional Sales Manager at Honeywell

David struggled with literacy in primary school, but with support from his parents gained a place at technical college. Despite all his efforts, he was the boy who scored 'only fair' for his academic work. On leaving school his careers master dispatched him to the steelworks, although he really wanted to work with people. Building on his hard-earned technical skills, David became a technician at the University of Sheffield. With the encouragement of his wife Angela, he was appointed to a technical sales position at Honeywell controls. Combining his technical and people skills to excellent effect, he rose to Regional sales manager, and received many awards for his work. The stress of coping in this demanding environment as a recently diagnosed dyslexic led him to seek early retirement at the age of 58. Acting as carer for Angela's mother in her final years proved to be the most demanding job he had ever faced! Retirement gave him the opportunity to develop his skills as an artist to good effect, as well as travelling internationally to conferences on dyslexia. In 2012 David presented his first talk on his dyslexia journey, and he has since contributed at international conferences in the UK, New Zealand and Asia. His personal insights into the strengths and challenges of dyslexia have been very well received internationally.

Emeritus Prof. Angela Fawcett, Ph.D., Univ. of Swansea University, Researcher,

Recognising dyslexia in her 5-year-old son, Angela Fawcett became a full-time student at the age of 40 to study for her first degree in psychology. Setting out to change the world for children with dyslexia, she completed her PhD in 1990 and has been a researcher ever since. Working at the University of Sheffield with her colleague Rod Nicolson, she proposed three of the major theories on dyslexia, as well as creating a battery of screening tests for ages 3 to 80+, publishing numerous academic articles and books, and presenting at conferences worldwide, and editor in chief of the journal *Dyslexia*. In 2007 Angela became the Director and Chair for the Centre of Child Research at Swansea University. She has developed an interest in wider aspects of neurodiversity, based on the comorbidities she encountered in the children and adults that she worked

with. Angela is vice president of the British Dyslexia Association, Fellow of the British Psychological Society and the International Academy for Research in Learning disabilities, Academic advisor to the Dyslexia Association of Singapore and the Dyslexia Association of Indonesia, and Special Envoy to the world for Dyslexia International. Her passion for translating theory into practice has inspired her work for over 30 years and she is an internationally recognised researcher emphasising strengths as well as weaknesses.

Dr. Sandra Kooij, M.D., Ph.D., Adult Psychiatrist, Researcher, Public Speaker, Chair European Network for Adult ADHD, Author, Innovator in the Field of Adult ADHD

Sandra Kooij is an adult psychiatrist who started in 1995 with research, and the development of Diagnostic Assessment and Treatment of Adult ADHD in the Netherlands. In 2006, she received her PhD on a thesis entitled *ADHD in Adults: Clinical Studies on Assessment and Treatment*. She developed the Diagnostic Interview for ADHD in adults (DIVA 2.0), which is now available online in 20 languages and can be downloaded for free. There is also a DIVA 2.0 APP. She is Founder and Chair of the **European Network for Adult ADHD**, which comprises 66 members from 24 countries. In 2014, she launched an international online crowdfunding project for research on ADHD, based on patients' preferences (ADHDFund), which already has had its first successes. Since 2002 she has been Head of the **Dutch Expertise Center Adult ADHD** and involved in research, treating patients, educating professionals, informing the public, publishing books, articles, websites and a new ADHD APP, **Super Brains**.

Dr. Kwan Bruhl, Ph.D., Clinical & Cognitive Psychologist, Author, Specialised in Autism, ADHD and comorbidities, especially as they affect children at school and in the home

"There is support available for children who find mainstream schooling difficult, and parents shouldn't shy away from seeking an assessment" says Dr Kwan Bruhl, a Clinical and Cognitive Psychologist from Ghana who received her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Lyon - specializing in the cognitive mechanisms associated with written language processing. Prior to that, she had earned a double MA in Clinical Psychology and Cognitive Psychology. After several years working with children and adults in Lyon, she was invited to join a multidisciplinary team at Community Help Service in Brussels in 2014. Since then, she has opened her own private practice as well.

Her current clinical work is based on CBT in psychotherapy but also focused on education – working with children, schools and parents on enhancing learning through concrete cognitive strategies. She is also specialized in specific learning and attention difficulties as well as Autistic Spectrum Conditions where in collaboration with schools and parents, she develops concrete teaching and learning methods to support children in these areas. She has participated in workshops, seminars and conferences on learning differences in various international schools in Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg.