

We are delighted to present some details for our Symposium 2019 to you! Autism South Africa and the Institute of Psychology & Wellbeing have joined forces again to offer a full and exciting programme for you!

Join us for a programme with a blend of self-advocates and families who will offer insight into their journey with autism. There will be talks from academic professionals, and for those looking for more hands-on experience, practical workshops. Speakers are from the fields of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, education, and social work.

There will also be exhibitors exhibiting products and services that are dedicated to the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum

Here is a sneak preview into the presenters and workshops that will be on offer this year:

**Dr. Gregory Lamb – Pediatric Neurologist:** The pathogenesis of autism. How the different pathways and brain regions contribute to the autistic phenotype.

**Dr. John-Joe Dawson – Clinical Psychologist (Centre for Autism Research in South Africa):** Parent education and training: What we know and what we don't?

**Dr. Carla Groenewald – Autism and digestion: is there a common link?**

**Emile Gouws – Autistic Self-Advocate and PhD Candidate:** Regulate and Manage Meltdowns

**Sumaya Babamia – PhD Candidate, Speech-language therapist:** I think therefore I can? Philosophical inquiry as a provocation to do education for autistic children differently

**Dr. Ensa Johnson – Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication:** Pain communication and children with autism spectrum disorder: a review of the literature

**Prof. Shakila Dada – Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication:** AAC for children with Autism: comparing the effect of AAC input on the understanding of language

**Cornè Strydom – Timian South Africa:** 'In this place, and with these people, I feel safe': Timian training and development's core principles and standards

**Sandy Kloppe – Director of Autism and Speech Pathologist:** The involvement of individuals on the autism spectrum in AAC research

## **2 Hour Workshops on 6 and 7 June**

- Let's learn to use the toilet!
- Optimizing Autism
- Managing behavior that challenge
- ASD and literacy: What do we know and how do we adapt?
- Let's make friends: A guide for parents and teenagers
- Listening circles for Autistic adults and parents with children with Autism
- Let's eat: A guide to managing feeding difficulties
- Makaton: Unlocking communication and language