



ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL INCLUSION IN SUPPORTING AUTISTIC PEOPLE TO LEAD FULFILLING AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES

Dr Stephen Shore will convey techniques, strategies, practical tips and advice as he shares his inspirational autobiography.

Keynote Presenter Profile

Dr Stephen Shore is an internationally renowned educator, consultant, and author on lifespan issues in the area of education, relationships, employment, and self-advocacy. Currently the Professor of Special Education at Adelphi University in America, he is known for his groundbreaking work in the autism field. Stephen is also a powerful autistic advocate for the wider community.

Diagnosed with "Atypical Development and strong autistic tendencies" and "too sick" for outpatient treatment, Dr. Shore was recommended for institutionalisation. With minimal speech until 4, with the support from his parents, teachers, wife, and others, Stephen is now a full-time professor at Adelphi University and adjunct at NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

In addition to working with students and speaking about life on the autism spectrum, he has published a range of books including his most recent book, *College for Students with Disabilities*, combining personal stories and research for promoting success in higher education.

Stephen currently holds a number of Board positions including for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR), President Emeritus of the Asperger/Autism Network, and advisory board member of the Autism

Society. Dr. Shore also serves on the advisory boards for Asperger's Association of New England, and other autism related organisations.

Who should attend?

Educators, clinicians, professionals, parents, family members, individuals and anyone who supports a person on the spectrum will benefit from attending this conference. Participants will leave the conference with practical strategies at hand to support individuals in making fulfilling and productive lives the rule rather than the exception.

Event Details

This conference will be presented over 2 days, as a virtual online conference, with key note speaker Dr Stephen Shore live streaming from the USA.

Dates: 26 February & 5 March 2021

Time: 9am-1.30pm

Location: Online via a start-of-the-art virtual conferencing platform.

Price

Early bird non-members rate:
\$330 (including GST) *ends 5 Feb 2021

Standard non member rate:
\$374 (including GST) *ends 25 Feb 2021



VIRTUAL
EVENT



FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY & FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2021

Register online at www.autismsa.org.au and follow the links to the Autism Conference Series or email conferences@autismsa.org.au



Autism Conference Series: Achieving Meaningful Inclusion VIRTUAL EVENT PROGRAM

Day 1 <i>Friday 26th February 2021</i>				Day 2 <i>Friday 5th March 2021</i>			
9-9.05am	Acknowledgment of Country			9-9.05am	Acknowledgment of Country		
9.05-9.15am	Conference Opening with Autism SA's CEO - Jenny Karavolos			9.05-9.15am	Day 2 Conference Opening with Autism SA's CEO - Jenny Karavolos		
9.15-10.45am	Session 1: Dr Stephen Shore Four A's of Autism: Awareness to Acceptance to Appreciation to Action as a pathway to fulfilling and productive lives			9.15-10.45am	Session 3: Dr Stephen Shore Senses and Sensibilities: An inside view on recognising and supporting individuals with sensory issues		
10.45-11am	BREAK			10.45-11am	BREAK		
11am-12pm	Session 2: Dr Stephen Shore Special Ways and Techniques (SWAT) for achieving meaningful inclusion			11am-12pm	Session 4: Dr Stephen Shore Self-advocacy and disclosure for people on the autism spectrum		
12-12.45pm	BREAK			12-12.45pm	BREAK		
Break Out Sessions 12.45-1.30pm				Break Out Sessions (live repeats from previous week) 12.45-1.30pm			
Session A Details to come	Session B Details to come	Session C Details to come	Session D Panel Discussion	Session A Details to come	Session B Details to come	Session C Details to come	Session D Panel Discussion

DAY 1 Program

Four A's of Autism: Awareness to Acceptance to Appreciation to Action as a pathway to fulfilling and productive lives
An autobiographical structure, combining experiences of others on the autism spectrum, in making fulfilling and productive lives for individuals with autism the rule rather than the exception, will be used to charge participants to reframe their thinking away from disorder and deficit towards seeking abilities based on individual strengths.

Special Ways and Techniques (SWAT) for achieving meaningful inclusion
Through the development and use of educational accommodations as extensions of good teaching practice, participants will learn easy to implement, practical solutions for including individuals with autism.

DAY 2 Program

Senses and Sensibilities: An inside view on recognising and supporting individuals with sensory issues
The variation in perception of sensory stimuli for many with autism often causes great discomfort and the information received may not even be usable. The aim of this presentation is to enable individuals, and those close to them, to avoid and minimise the effect of sensory overload through easy to implement solutions.

Self-advocacy and disclosure for people on the autism spectrum
Beginning with a definition of self-advocacy and a process for considering disclosure, participants will learn the importance of gaining self-awareness, communication skills, and procedures to effectively educate people with autism on obtaining accommodations and greater mutual understanding. Material from this workshop can be used to enable people with autism to reach their potential in employment, education, relationships, interdependent living, and in the community.

Break Out Sessions

In addition to our main speaker, the incredible Dr. Stephen Shore, there will be a range of Break Out Sessions at the conclusion of each day, presented by individuals with lived experience, people on the autism spectrum/autistics, and professionals. These sessions will provide participants with even more insight, inspiration, tips and strategies to walk away with at the conclusion of this spectacular conference.

Additional break out rooms and experiences include:
Networking spaces, a relaxation station, autistic spaces and a virtual exhibition.



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