



UNIVERSITY  
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AUSTRALIA

## AUTISM TEACHING and RESEARCH WORKSHOP SERIES

### Supporting females and adults on the autism spectrum

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION | FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DATE:** Saturday, 30th June, 2018 | 9.00 – 4.00 pm

**LOCATION:** University of Wollongong | Building 20.4

This workshop will focus on the needs and experiences of adults and girls on the autism spectrum. We will first look at recent research on the specific issues that adults on the autism spectrum experience once they leave school. We will also examine the factors that have enabled some adults to achieve success and discuss strategies that can support adults on the spectrum to achieve personal and professional goals. In the second half of the workshop, we will discuss the unique profile of strengths and needs demonstrated by females on the autism spectrum, and will utilise activities to enable participants to develop and utilise strategies to support the special needs of girls and women in social and educational settings.



# SUPPORTING FEMALES AND ADULTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Participants will gain knowledge and skills in autism practice including:

- Identifying particular issues and needs of adults on the autism spectrum.
- Factors that enable adults to achieve success
- Strategies to support adults in employment and social settings
- Identifying the unique profile of females on the autism spectrum
- Use of strategies to specifically support females in education and social settings.

## ENQUIRIES

For further information please contact the University of Wollongong via [uow-professional-learning@uow.edu.au](mailto:uow-professional-learning@uow.edu.au) or contact Dr. Amanda Webster on [awebster@uow.edu.au](mailto:awebster@uow.edu.au) or 02 4221 3268.

## SPEAKERS: DR. AMANDA WEBSTER

Dr Webster has worked for over 28 years with individuals on the autism spectrum and their families in school, home and community settings as a teacher, school leader and certified behaviour analyst. Dr. Webster is currently the Coordinator for the Autism postgraduate programs at UOW. She is a researcher on the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Autism and has recently authored a book on empowering parents of children on the autism spectrum. She is passionate about supporting the self-determination and self-efficacy of individuals on the autism spectrum through teaching and learning.

## REBECCA VINE FOGGO

Rebecca is a Ph.D. student at the University of Wollongong who is focusing on the social experiences and perceptions of adolescent females on the autism spectrum. To gather these perspectives, Rebecca established an innovative internet forum, accessible only to females on the autism spectrum. This method facilitated a private network of girls and young women, who shared their experiences and opinions on topics such as experiences with peers, motivation for social interaction, and social problem solving.

## NICHOLE CONOLLY

Nichole hails from Brisbane and is a student in the Graduate Certificate of Autism at UOW and has worked as a performer and trainer in the circus for the past six years. She has previously been a speaker at the 2017 Asia Pacific Autism Conference and 2015 National Asperger's Conference. As both a woman on the spectrum and aspiring educator, Nichole has the unique opportunity of being able to explore and teach about ASD from both sides of the table. Her aim is to utilise this opportunity to empathise with and assist others in becoming their best possible selves.

## REGISTRATION FOR 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE | UOW B20.04

Register online at: [One Stop](#)

- Registrations Open: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- Registrations Close: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## COST (CREDIT CARD ONLY PAYMENT)

- Professional \$150.00
- Parents/Concessions \$100.00
- UOW Student \$25.00

**NB:** we are unable to accept cash payments/ no walk ins



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Parents, professionals educators or anyone who has an interest in supporting individuals on the autism spectrum

## ACCREDITATION

6 QTC Accredited Hours at Highly Accomplished Level



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