



Leading Learning Forward TSA and Humber Teaching School in licensed association with ELKLAN® are pleased to offer this NEW and UPDATED course:

## Communication Support for Verbal Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

### For:

SEN Co-ordinators, Teachers,  
Teaching & Therapy Assistants

### Dates in 2016:

Wednesday 4 May 2016 to  
Wednesday 6 July 2016

### Times (5 sessions x 4 hours):

9.00 am to 1.00 pm

### Event Reference:

LLF.16.ASD

### Event Fee (per person):

**£350** for applications received  
at least 14 days before the start  
date (*£400 thereafter*)

### Apply to:

#### LLF TSA Events Office

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ELKLAN® have developed a range of successful, accredited courses for practitioners supporting learners with speech, language and communication needs. These are highly practical training events designed to equip practitioners with approaches and strategies to maximise speech, language and communication skills of ALL learners.

### Structure

The programme consists of **five** fortnightly teaching sessions, lasting four hours, run by ELKLAN® trained specialist tutors. The programme will include the use of interactive teaching methods, practical activities, videos and group discussion to engage learners, promote information exchange and mutual support.

### Registration, Learning & Support

Delegates will be registered with ELKLAN® and given access to an e-portfolio. During the programme, they will complete e-portfolio tasks to apply and evaluate the specific strategies and approaches covered in each teaching session within their own work context. Written and verbal feedback will be given.

### Accreditation

A six credit award at either level 3 or level 2 in *Supporting Verbal Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*. Both are on the Qualifications and Curriculum Framework (QCF) in England.

### Who is the course for?

This course has been written for staff who support children and young people of any age who have social communication difficulties including those with ASD.

It is necessary for learners to have previously attended one of the ELKLAN® core courses as knowledge of speech and language difficulties are assumed and vital strategies to develop.

If in doubt of your eligibility to attend, please contact Grace Windle, via the TSA Office, who will be pleased to advise you.

*Course content information overleaf*



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This national training programme reflects the changes in diagnostic criteria and includes a whole session on managing pupils with sensory conditions in the classroom. It provides a great overview into good communication practice with those with ASD and has plenty of 'hands on' activities which help to apply the learning and makes the course very interactive.

Delivered by an experienced **ELKLAN®** trained tutor, this course has helped many staff maximise their pupil's communication potential whether they have a diagnosis of autism or not. The course is evidence based.

### Course Content

- **What is Autism?**

Understand the main aspects of ASD; know the range of ASD difficulties; understand how each main aspect of ASD affects the child at school.

- **Using Structure with Children with ASD**

Understand physical and visual structure and why they are important; understand some of the barriers; explore ways of adding physical and visual structure to the environment.

- **Developing Communication**

Use specific strategies to improve the child's understanding; learn how to support the development of abstract emotions.

- **Developing Interaction**

Understand how a lack of theory of the mind affects the child with ASD; know how to use comic strip conversations as an effective tool to promote social interaction.

- **Behaviour is Communication**

Explore the possibility that the child may be communicating through their behaviour; understand the sensory difficulties children with ASD can have.