

TOPICS OFFERED BY AVA-RUTH BAKER for talks / workshops

I'm also open to talking on other autism-related topics not listed here! Please direct requests for talks or training to avaruth.baker@xtra.co.nz

Through autistic eyes: Making your practice autistic-friendly - paper for Royal NZ College of GPs Conference for General Practice September 2012 *Through patients' eyes*; Auckland, NZ. After Sept 2012, Ava Ruth can bring an in-depth version of this to individual practices on request.

Understanding and working with ASD: professional and insider perspectives (for support workers, caregivers etc - general overview; can be extended to include focus on communication and / or emotion management (anxiety, meltdowns etc) - can be presented by myself, or together with other members of ASK Trust www.asknz.net)

Identifying autism, why & how: professional and insiders' tips (version for GPs and other professionals; or for ASD individuals and their families) = updated version of keynote presentation to ACI Symposium, Israel July 2008: *Identifying autism: Why does it matter? (Abstract: Does an autism label limit or liberate? This may depend on what model is used, what resources are accessed, and societal attitudes. This presentation considers a range of 'outsider' and 'insider' models, and outcomes that range from misunderstanding and misdiagnosis, to meaningful solutions and fulfilling life journeys.)*

A consumer guide to ASD diagnosis: Common pitfalls, & tips for 'owning' your own diagnostic and post-diagnosis journey: (for ASD individuals and their families updated versions of presentation given to Autscope, UK, 2011)

Recognising and meeting ASD children in schools: insider and professional tips (updated version of keynote presentation to Kolisko Conference, Cambridge 2010)

Anxiety, stress & ASD: Insider and professional perspectives (2 versions -

- For autistic individuals and their families / support persons (updated versions of presentation given to Autscope, UK, 2009)
- For professionals (topic being developed)

The post-diagnosis journey: stages & strategies including disclosure issues (two versions - one for those on the spectrum; one for those supporting them; topic being developed)

Mental health issues and ASD in adulthood: professional and insider perspectives (versions being developed for mental health professionals and / or ASD individuals and their families - , including *dual diagnosis & misdiagnosis*)

Invisible at the end of the spectrum: Shadows, residues, 'BAP', and the female Asperger's experience (updated version of presentation to Inaugural World Autism Congress, Melbourne) – this could be presented in full, or part, depending on audience, time and interest. See original paper on website www.avaruthbaker.com.

ASD & careers requiring empathy: Are They Compatible? (updated version of paper presented to World Autism Congress, Cape Town, 2006 - see original paper on website www.avaruthbaker.com)

Life and community on the spectrum : Insiders' insights into autism spectrum differences (updated version of presentation to Autism NZ conference, 2000)