

Staff Training and Development

The Bridge Outreach Service offers the following **free** trainings and workshops for Islington schools. These can be delivered flexibly and adapted to meet specific needs. Speak with or email your Outreach link to book in-person training.

Neuroinclusive Education Network (NEN) Making Sense of Autism (*previously the Autism Education Trust*)

1–1.5 hour overview of autism and school-based supports, with an accompanying CPD certificate.

Also offered virtually to Islington staff:

For primary schools: Thursday 12th November, 3:45 – 5:00pm

For secondary schools: Thursday 19th November, 3:45 – 5:00pm

Email ashleigh.johnson@thebridgetrust.academy to book.

Embedding Neurodiversity Appreciation in School

Workshop on celebrating neurodivergence and agreeing a shared staff language.

Autism and Demand Avoidance

Training on understanding causes of demand avoidance and practical support strategies.

Attention Builders (Bucket)

Engagement Model Assessment

Support with assessment and planning for learners working significantly below curriculum expectations.

Supportive Sensory Environments (and Sensory Circuits)

Whole-school training on creating supportive sensory environments.

Intensive Interaction

Recommended for staff working with children at early levels of engagement.

Also offered virtually to Islington staff on:

Thursday 1st October, 3:45 – 4:45pm

Email ashleigh.johnson@thebridgetrust.academy to book.

Using Visuals Across the School Day

Visual Incident Reflections and Social Stories

Training for both primary and secondary schools on visual ways to support positive behaviour.

Also offered virtually to Islington staff on:

Thursday 5th November, 3:45 – 4:45pm

Email ashleigh.johnson@thebridgetrust.academy to book.

Developing Routines and Independence Across the School Day Recommended for smaller autism provisions with a focus on building in Occupational Therapy and independence targets within meaningful routines.
Widgit or InPrint Training A 30-minute virtual training on using Widgit or Communicate inPrint to create visuals.
Team Workshops and Reflection Workshops led by your BOS link with a smaller staff team to work through a particular challenge or reflect on a lesson or transition point.

For Pupils	
TITLE	DESCRIPTION
For Primary and Secondary:	
Understanding your Diagnosis	Work with young people about what their autism diagnosis (or dual autism and ADHD diagnosis) means for them. <i>Parental consent needed.</i>
Neurodiversity / Autism Peer Acceptance	A one-off lesson or assembly for a class/year group. This can be offered at any time. This can also be delivered as a 3-week whole class programme for a small group. BOS will deliver the first lesson and the teacher is expected to deliver the next two lessons.
Secondary Transition Support (1-2 sessions)	Small group sessions with Year 6 pupils (with an autism diagnosis and previous referral)
Neurodiversity Clubs	Your BOS link can support with your school's set-up and initial running of a Neurodiversity Club.

For Parents	
We offer Parent Coffee Mornings, typically once a term per school. We can focus on the following topics or offer bespoke sessions based on the needs of your families.	
TITLE	
Autism and ADHD	
Discussing a diagnosis with your child	
Using Social Stories and Comic Strip Conversations within the home	
Routines and Visuals within the home	
Neurodivergence and Toileting	