



**Autism
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Mainstream Schools



Opportunity to Become an Autism Advocate

Are you committed to inclusive practice?

Would you like to promote a positive attitude towards acceptance and understanding of autism in your educational setting?

Would you like a member of your school staff to be trained to deliver the Autism Education Trust materials in your setting?

Derby City Council Inclusion Services are offering mainstream schools in the Derby City LA area the opportunity to train a member of staff to deliver the Autism Education Trust (AET) training within your setting for free.

This will enable your setting to deliver the training to all staff, including new staff, meaning that your workforce will be up to date with good practice, strategies and support for autistic children. They will also become part of the new supportive Autism Advocates Network in Derby where they will have access to additional CPD and information.

Your nominated Autism Advocate will have:

- At least 5 years' experience of teaching autistic children
- 2 years' experience of delivering training
- The ability to motivate and effect change with colleagues
- A commitment to promotion of the AET ethos, programme and approach.

**Free
CPD**



Developed by leading autism specialists



Up to date with the latest research



Enhances your CPD



Free resources and frameworks linked to Ofsted



Optional certification

Contact us for your chance to become part of an exciting city-wide project





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Autism Advocates Cohort 5: 2025-26

As an Autism Advocate you will receive:

- A full day of training in the Spring term to include the 'AET Making Sense of Autism' Course, training materials and administration information
- Access to high quality AET resources to share with colleagues.
- Access to a supportive network of Autism Advocates across Derby City.
- 3 Network meetings per year to share further training materials and CPD for you to deliver in school.

As a School/ Trust you would agree to:

- Promote a positive attitude towards acceptance and understanding of autism.
- Ensure that the 'AET Making Sense of Autism Course' is delivered to the majority of school staff during the academic year (90 mins minimum, 3 hours maximum).
- Ensure that all training is logged in advance with the Derby City Council STePS admin team so that participant numbers can be recorded, evaluations completed and certificates generated.
- Deliver the training to Derby City schools only within your setting/academy trust and understand that you are not able to trade the training with other settings.
- Participate in the quality assurance support from members of the AET Delivery Group.

We welcome applications from mainstream and Enhanced Resource schools.

**For more information and to
register your interest contact:**

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