



Parents and Carers are invited to attend

## **Supporting and Challenging Young Autistic People in Families and in the Community**

speaker Jim Taylor

On Wednesday 20th March 18:30 to 21:00 at Centre 21

Or Thursday 21st March 13:00 to 15:30 at Centre 21

The talk will be the same at each session

This session will provide parents with practical advice on how best to support young people in the family and in the community. It will demonstrate how parents and families can share ambition and aims for young people leading to greater independence and self-esteem. There will be opportunities to ask questions and to share good practice. Throughout the speaker's 40 years' experience, he has consistently worked directly with parents IN the family home, providing practical advice on a number of common issues and challenges

### Biography

Jim Taylor: knows autism. Jim is an experienced professional in Autism having worked in the field for over 39 years. Currently working independently, he was formerly Director of Education, Scottish Autism. He was responsible for the design and development of New Struan House School, A Centre for Autism, one of the first buildings in the world designed specifically around the learning styles and needs of pupils with Autism. Having been 'Released back into the world of Autism', Jim is currently involved in a number of exciting new projects both in schools and in services for adults with Autism around the UK and Ireland. He continues to work with individuals with an ASD and with their families and relevant professionals. He is the Chair of the National Autistic Society's Accreditation Standards Body, and advises a number of UK-wide Service Providers and Local Education Authorities.

In March 2015, Jim was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Autistic Society. In November of the same year, Jim was presented with the prestigious Excellence in Education Award by the Ohio Centre for Autism in Columbus, Ohio. [www.jimtaylorknowsautism.com](http://www.jimtaylorknowsautism.com)

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