

I want to remind you/let you know about a training the Centre is facilitating focusing on young autistic adults, aged 14 years and above, who are starting to consider their options as they approach the end of Post Primary education.

The training, '16+ Options: Education & Employment' will be in St. Joseph's College, Coalisland on Saturday 16th of February 2019. The aim of this training is to provide the young autistic adult and their parent/carer and educators opportunity to find out what pathways are available as the young adult reviews and considers options.

Mr Adam Harris, founder of AsIAM is the keynote speaker at this training. Adam, a young autistic adult, will give insight into his personal experience and will discuss the challenges and options he faced when he approached the end of Post Primary School and how he over-came them. The young autistic adults attending will have opportunity to chat with Adam in a small break-away group.

Speakers and stalls at the afternoon session will include the Education Authority Transition Service, University of Ulster, Cedar Foundation Education & Employment, South West College and the National Autistic Service Transition team. In addition, other NI based organisations that support autistic students transition to further education and employment will also be present to answer delegates questions.

To ensure all families know about this training, could I ask you to forward this email along with the flyer to your staff, students and parents/carers or indeed to any individual or organisation that you think would benefit from attending. Whilst the training is aimed at students aged 14yrs and older, if you feel a younger student would benefit from hearing Adam's story and experiences, please pass this information to them and advise them to register and come along. Please feel free to forward the flyer to any organisation/group or individual who you think may benefit from hearing Adam's journey.

The training event is free of charge, but parents, carers and educators do need to book a place online at <https://www.middletonautism.com/training-packages/joint/post-16-options-education-and-employment-179-16-02-2019>

The young person also needs to register. If they have their own email address they can do so on <https://www.middletonautism.com/training->

[packages/joint/post-16-options-education-and-employment-179-16-02-2019](#) If they don't have their own email address, please contact the Centre and we will manually register them.

The event starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm (registration between 9.30-10am).

If you have a query about this training event, please contact the Centre for Autism on 0044 28 37515750 or email admin@middletownautism.com

Regards,