



Bendigo Autism Asperger Group

Wednesday April 19th 2017

9.30am – 1.00pm

757 Mclvor Road, Junortoun (Baptist Church Complex)

FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

Guest presenter:

Jeanette Purkis

autism advocate, author
and public speaker

My Life Story

&

Building Resilience



Come along and hear Jeanette as she shares her personal experiences of growing up with autism and gives us some tips on building resilience in children, teens, adults and those who love, care for and work with those with autism.

Teachers, students, carers, allied health workers, support workers, employers, teenagers and adults with Autism & Asperger's, partners, family and friends and anyone who would like to know more about autism will all benefit from hearing Jeanette.

At any age or any stage – this presentation will be very informative and encouraging!

Jeanette Purkis is an author, public servant and passionate advocate for Autistic people and their families. She is the author of 'Finding a Different Kind of Normal: Misadventures with Asperger Syndrome' – an autobiography, 'The Wonderful World of Work: A Workbook for Asperiteens' - an activity book about employment for teens on the Autism spectrum and one of the three co-authors of 'The Guide to Good Mental Health on the Autism Spectrum'. Jeanette has also contributed to other books, journals, blogs and websites.

Jeanette has a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome and atypical schizophrenia.

Jeanette has been working full-time for the Australian Public Service since 2007. In between writing and paid work, Jeanette frequently gives talks about living well with Autism and mental illness. She gave a presentation on Autism and resilience at the TEDx Canberra conference in 2013 and was a keynote presenter at the 2016 Victorian Autism Conference. Jeanette was also awarded ACT Volunteer of the Year in 2016.

Jeanette facilitates a support group for women on the Autism spectrum and has her own internet radio show entitled Jeanette's Autism Show. Jeanette lives in Canberra with her little black kitty.

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Program:

9.15am – 9.30am – Arrival

9.30am – 9.40am – Welcome and Introductions

9.40am – 11.00am – ***My Life Story*** including time for Q & A

11.00am – 11.30am – Morning Tea including gluten & dairy free options

11.30am – 12.50pm – ***Building Resilience*** including time for Q & A

12.50pm – 1.00pm – Conclusion of Event

This event is FREE for all those who would like to attend.

A formal RSVP is not required, however it would be very helpful if you could let us know numbers for catering purposes as soon as possible. Thank you.

For further information or to register

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