

Supporting the Enigma that is Autism - Peter Byrne, Gheel Autism Services

This presentation will describe the many enigmas associated with people on the Autistic Spectrum. It will commence with the current view of Autism as being a processing difference and the difficulties that this can pose for the person with Autism. Next, some of the enigmas of Autism will be addressed, to include IQ, sensory issues and stress factors. The importance of predictability and literalness of thinking and language will also be highlighted. The presentation will conclude with a view of how special interests in Autism may provide motivation to enhance learning opportunities, supported by case examples.