

**The Scottish Autism Service Network**

***‘Promoting Good Practice for Autism  
Spectrum Disorders Across Scotland’  
Conference***

**at**

**The National Centre for Autism Studies  
University of Strathclyde**



# Aims

- To work **inclusively** and in partnership with any relevant organisation
- To positively influence and develop **practice**
- To directly **influence knowledge base** across **multiple professional** disciplines
- To positively **influence** the quality of emotional and practical **support** available to parents and persons with ASD through these mechanisms
- Establishing and supporting a range of **collaborations** in the field of ASD
- Collating and imparting information on **existing good practice** and **resources**
- Enable **partnerships** between relevant organisations for training, research and practice



# Focus of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

- Routing to good information and filling gaps
- Developing Networks in geographical, sector specific & special interest areas (eg, sexuality, bullying, transitions, social workers)
- Linking to existing good practice documents and creating good practice guidance
- Website development (research section, forums, news, books & resources etc)



**Why are we here today?**



**...to focus on *Good Practice***



## So, what is good practice?

- *Good Practice* is a positive action that:
  - is successful
  - is innovative
  - can be shared or transferred
  - is sustainable



- Provides **positive results** for a specific objective
- That something different has been implemented and provides **new or different solutions** to existing ones in the territory or sector
- Solutions can be completely **new or transferred** from other contexts
- Implementing **processes** (measures, contents, methods, approaches, tools)
- Adaptation or **improvement** on current conditions
- Should be visible, **communicable**, shareable and able to be integrated and applicable to systems and structures
- Should be **sustainable** and self-supporting
- Should have a **need** and/or be able to produce improvements for those concerned

Adapted from [equalset.org](http://equalset.org)



**What can we achieve from  
today?**



**...to Network and share  
information to develop good  
practice**



# So, what is a *Network*?

- **Verb:** ‘to interact with others to exchange information and develop contacts.’
- **Noun:** ‘a group of people who interact together’

Source [www.askoxford.com](http://www.askoxford.com)

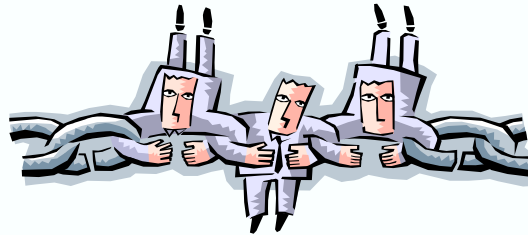


# Definitions of a *Network*

- Connected for information interchange
- Linked together
- Connection between two or more individuals or groups which allows them to share information and resources
- An organisation facilitating communication and dissemination
- Ties things together
- A system or group of interconnected elements



# Your opportunity today...

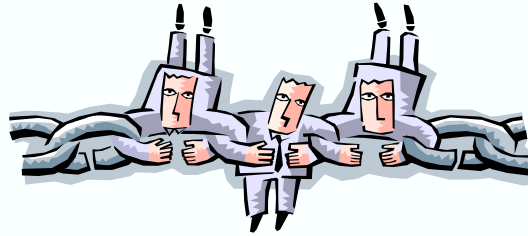


...making links and gaining inspiration for *Good Practice*

**Workshops**

**Forums to help develop future networking events**





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**Enjoy your day!**



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