

# Pathological Demand Avoidance Conference

Tuesday 26 November 2019, Jury's Inn, Birmingham

#PDAConf

- 09.30 **Welcome by the Chairs**  
**Dr Laura Cockburn**, Special Education Psychologist and Head of Lorna Wing Centre (Essex),  
**National Autistic Society**  
**Jilly Davis**, (Retired) Assistant Head at the National Autistic Society's (NAS) Robert Ogden School and  
Education Advisor, PDA Society
- 09.40 **Introduction, context and current initiatives**  
**Sally Russell OBE**, Parent
- 09.55 **PDA: An insider's perspective**  
**Harry Thompson**, Author, Public Speaker and PDA Expert by Experience
- 10.20 **Towards an understanding of Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA): clinical, research  
and educational perspectives**  
**Phil Christie**, Consultant Child Psychologist
- 11.10 **Q&A with morning speakers**
- 11.20 **Refreshment break**

Stream A	Chair: <b>Dr Laura Cockburn</b>	Stream B	Chair: <b>Jilly Davis</b>
11.50	<b>An insight into family life with Pathological Demand Avoidance</b> <b>Becky Giles</b> , SENDIASS Officer and Parent	11:50	<b>Further exploring the PDA profile - evidence from clinical cases</b> <b>Dr Judy Eaton</b> , Consultant Clinical Psychologist, <b>Help for Psychology</b>
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>	13:30	<b>School best-practice</b> <b>Natalie Menagh</b> , Headteacher, Alt Bridge School
14.10	<b>Transition time</b>	14:20	<b>Knowledge of Pathological Demand Avoidance amongst health professionals in the UK</b> <b>Lucy Livingston</b> , Ealing Women's Social Group Lead, ASSIST London
15.00	<b>Refreshment break</b>		
15.30	<b>PDA in school - approaches and strategies</b> <b>Ruth Fidler</b> , Education Consultant		
16.20	<b>Panel and Q&amp;A - How do we best support people with a PDA diagnosis or profile?</b> <b>Phil Christie, Ruth Fidler, Dr Judy Eaton</b> and <b>Harry Thompson</b>		
16.50	<b>Closing remarks by the Chairs</b>		
17.00	<b>Conference ends</b>		