**Learning with Autism Early Years Training**

The Learning with Autism programmes are a series of programmes aimed at raising awareness of autism across mainstream educational settings.  **All resources are available at no cost** from the ASD Development Team as it has been funded by the Welsh Government and developed by the Welsh Local Government Association.

The training is supported by on-line resources, which are available for download, these include:

* Autism: A Guide for Early Years Settings
* Children’s Picture Cards
* Child Personal Profile
* Cue Cards
* Teifi and Friends puppets
* Teifi and Friends matching activities
* Teifi and Friends different sized characters

The table below describes the type of training and approximate time commitment.

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| **Type of training** | **What does this involve?** | **Actions** |
| A school self-evaluation tool | This would need to be completed by Head of Early Years Department /SMT in schools and the Leader & SENCo in Early Years Education Provider provisions and in maintained and non-maintained childcare settings prior to the training below taking place.  This could then be reviewed on a regular basis in line with the schools’/settings’ self-evaluation cycle. | Schools and Settings may wish to present evidence that they have completed the LWA self-evaluation and training. CSSIW & Estyn have been consulted on the LWA programme and will recognise good practice in this area. |
| Action Plan | Head of Early Years Department / SMT in schools. Leader & SENCo in Early Years Education Provider provisions and in maintained and non-maintained childcare settings devise an action plan of areas to implement from self-evaluation tool | School/Settings may wish to present evidence of how they have implemented the LWA programme and evidence of how practice has changed/strategies implemented. |
| Training Film for Early Years Staff | Training film (14 minutes) & on-line questionnaire. Allow approximately 1 hour to provide time for group discussion. | Following the training video, teachers will need to access the ASDinfoWales website and complete the questionnaire in order to receive a personalised Autism Aware Certificate. |
| \*Non - learning support staff training e.g. Midday supervisors, school admin staff, governors and volunteers (for mainstream schools only). | PowerPoint presentation & online questionnaire. Allow approximately 1 hour. | Participants will need to view the PowerPoint presentation and complete an online questionnaire in order to receive a personalised Autism Aware Certificate |
| ‘Teifi and Friends’ animated film showing how children in early years’ settings can be kind and accepting towards peers with additional needs | Animated film (8 minutes). | All children will receive a sticker for watching ‘Teifi and Friends’. |
| *\*If School have already completed the LWA programme - Primary Schools, use the non-learning staff training figures as they will not need to complete this again. Please ensure that you make this clear on the application form when applying for your award.* | | |
| ***See Learning with Autism – Early Years Programme Overview for more information*** | | |