



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORT AND YOUTH
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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS

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“Social competence with proposed treatments for autism: Addressing the social communication aspect of autism in schools and presentation of SENSE Theatre®, recognized by the National Institute of Health”

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Workshop I

NIC

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (11:30-13:30)

- 11:30 Welcome remarks
- 11:35 ***Evidence-Based Interventions for school and home – how to identify them, and review of key strategies for teachers***
- 12:00 ***Using Peers, Play and Performance: SENSE Theatre®***
- 12:45 ***Trends in research: Critical overlooked areas related to autism – females, adolescence/puberty and mental health***
- 13:15 Q & A
- 13:30 Workshop Ends after Closing Remarks

Participants: ***Special Needs teachers, mainstream class teachers of the Nicosia District and liaison officers of Primary and Secondary Education.***

The workshop will take place at the Pedagogical Institute (Latsia) Π212 + Π213 (Upper floor).

Workshop II

NIC

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (14:30-16:00)

- 14:30 Welcome remarks
- 14:35 ***Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder – Definitions, levels of functioning, prevalence, services in U.S. and Cyprus (new study)***
- 15:00 ***Evidence-Based Interventions for school and home – how to identify them, and review of key strategies for teachers***
- 15:30 ***Using Peers, Play and Performance: SENSE Theatre®***

15:45 Q & A (*Please note that in consideration of clinical risks for individual counseling, Dr. Corbett will not be addressing specific cases*)

16:00 Workshop Ends after Closing Remarks

Participants: **Parents and Special Needs Assistants.**

The workshop will take place at the Pedagogical Institute (Latsia) Π212 + Π213 (Upper floor).

Workshop III

LCA

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (08:30-10:30)

08:30 Welcome remarks

08:35 ***Evidence-Based Interventions for school and home – how to identify them, and review of key strategies for teachers***

09:00 ***Using Peers, Play and Performance: SENSE Theatre®***

09:45 ***Trends in research: Critical overlooked areas related to autism – females, adolescence/puberty and mental health***

10:15 Q & A

10:30 Workshop Ends after Closing Remarks

Participants: **Special Needs teachers, mainstream class teachers of the Larnaca and Famagusta Districts and liaison officers of Primary and Secondary Education.**

The workshop will take place at Aradippou High School “Tassos Mitsopoulos”.

Workshop IV

LIM

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (11:30-13:30)

11:45 Welcome remarks

11:50 ***Evidence-Based Interventions for school and home – how to identify them, and review of key strategies for teachers***

12:20 ***Using Peers, Play and Performance: SENSE Theatre®***

12:50 ***Trends in research: Critical overlooked areas related to autism – females, adolescence/puberty and mental health***

13:20 Q & A

13:30 Workshop Ends after Closing Remarks

Participants: **Special Needs teachers, mainstream class teachers of the Limassol and Paphos Districts and liaison officers of Primary and Secondary Education.**

The workshop will take place at the Pedagogical Institute (Limassol) ΑΔ4+ΑΔ5 (1st floor).

Workshop V

NIC

Thursday, September 12, 2024 (12:00-14:00)

12:00 Welcome remarks

12:05 ***Autism Spectrum Disorder – Definitions, levels of functioning, prevalence, services in U.S. and Cyprus (new study)***

- 12:40 ***Evidence-Based Interventions for school and home – how to identify them, and review of key strategies for teachers (training packet)***
- 13:15 ***Using Peers, Play and Performance: SENSE Theatre®***
- 13:45 Q & A
- 14:00 Workshop Ends after Closing Remarks

Participants: **Inspectors** from the Departments of Primary, Secondary and Vocational and Technical Education, Officers of the Special Needs Unit of Primary and Secondary Education.

The workshop will take place at the Events Hall of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth.