

SAVE THE DATE -

'Keeping Language in Mind'

**By Dr Val Brooks, Consultant Speech &
Language Therapist**

Date: 4th March
Location: Exeter
Timings: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Cost: £40 + VAT

Developmental Language Disorders (DLD) have been called *"the most common disability you will never have heard of"* (Prof Courtenay Norbury). DLD is 10 times more common than autism and affects around 2 pupils in every class of 30. However, it can be difficult to identify and often goes unrecognised especially in children and young people who are at risk of school exclusion, are in care, are presenting with mental health difficulties, are vulnerable to exploitation, or known to youth offending and drug and alcohol services.

This presentation will explore the impact of DLD and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on children and young people's development and behaviour. It will look at the implications for emotional well-being, education and social relationships.

This presentation aims to raise awareness about DLD and is suitable for all those working with vulnerable children and young people including teachers, teaching assistants, therapists, residential home support workers – please do contact us for group bookings and group discount.

This talk will be delivered by Dr Val Brooks, Consultant Speech & Language Therapist, Psychology Associates. Dr Val Brooks specialises in Complex Developmental Language Disorders, language/communication difficulties and Attachment, and working with children and young people who are Looked After or Adopted and have language/communication difficulties. Val worked for many years in the NHS including as a Consultant Speech and Language Therapist for children and young people presenting with complex language disorders in mainstream schools. For 8 years she was the Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist for Devon Youth Offending Service. She continues her work with children and young people at risk of social and academic exclusion and offending. In 2017 she received a 'Giving Voice' award from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) in recognition of her work with young offenders. Val's clinical interests are in the relationship between language development and Attachment and Social, Emotional Mental Health. Val has expertise in differential diagnosis of language/communication impairments and Attachment disorders.



"Val Brooks' knowledge and delivery is so informative and thought provoking."

"Val is very inspiring and a great teacher to learn from."

To book your place please email Kaley Gibbs, Service Development Assistant;
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provided by the agency is excellent"*

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