

I, Me and When I am Out with You: The Social Construction of Asperger's Syndrome

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Intended Audience: Self-Advocates, Direct Support Workers, Carers, Families, Service Providers, Community Members

Session Description

This paper is based on PhD research by Evans (2008) titled, Asperger's Syndrome: An Enabling Model For Individuals Living in Regional Communities. The research explored how people who experience Asperger's construct their sense of reality. This includes how they locate themselves in time and within their landscape (Self-1). The attributes and beliefs they hold which creates a composite picture of themselves (Self -2); and how they portray different roles as they present themselves to people in diverse social settings (Self-3).

The research findings led to the formation of a new enabling model. The features of this model are designed so people who experience Asperger's Syndrome may choose to build a stronger foundation in life.