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'BRICKS FOR AUTISM' AT WEST COURT, JESUS COLLEGE



Background

Bricks for Autism runs training courses for professionals who work in the field of autism such as teachers, speech and language therapists, clinical psychologists and occupational therapists, the training days cover both the academic principles and the practical considerations in setting up a group to use LEGO®-Based Therapy. During 2017, it is running six events at Jesus College.

Event

Lizzie Duckworth from Bricks For Autism said:

“The research in LEGO®-Based Therapy was carried out at Cambridge University and so we always choose a Cambridge College for our venue. As many of our delegates travel a long way, parking is a key consideration, as well as good technology to show a powerpoint with videos, a spacious well laid-out room to accommodate our workshops and high quality catering.

“Accommodation on site is hugely helpful as well so the process is seamless for those coming from a distance. Lastly, operating from a beautiful venue like Jesus College leaves a lasting impression on the delegates – feedback tells us that they actually feel they have achieved more just attending a training day.

“For our April event, The Webb Library in West Court met our criteria perfectly. It is light, spacious and has great technology with a large white screen recessed into the bookshelf and two separate entrances and exits allow the staff to take away or bring refreshments without disturbing the class.

“The staff are efficient, obliging and polite and Emma in the Conference Office really understands our requirements and always asks for feedback to make sure we have the room set up in the way that will work best for us.

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Feedback

“The training day went brilliantly. The first and most important thing the team did was to be accessible and Emma sent the names of who would be there on the day and a mobile number to contact them. The team also thought of small touches to make the event smooth running - putting the WiFi password on the tables meant those who had arrived early could log on to their devices rather than feel lost. Emma’s concern to get it right for us has included having a chat after each session to consider what worked well and what could be improved for the next time so we are refining it to arrive at the perfect model. In addition to Emma, all the staff on the day were helpful and friendly, checking we were happy with timings.”

“So far we have been delighted with the service we have received and the facilities on offer at Jesus College. We love The Webb Library because it combines the cultural heritage and architectural beauty of a Cambridge College but it is a light, spacious room equipped with modern technology. All our delegates enjoy walking across West Court for a hot lunch in the Dining Room”.”

