

AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism and the Individual

Difficulties with Social Interaction:

Lower Functioning Autism:

People with lower functioning autism can find social interaction difficult and stressful

- *They may display a complete lack of interest in others.*
- *Many people or children at the low functioning range of the autism spectrum can have very little interest in social interaction as they find it difficult and stressful.*
- *The introduction of new faces and voices can be very difficult for a person with autism as their normal routine has been disturbed and this can lead to anxiety and outbursts.*
- *Many people with autism do not seek social interaction and are often content in their own space and routines.*
- *People with autism may appear aloof, distant or not paying attention.*
- *Many people and children with autism may appear to be alone and withdrawn from others.*
- *They may display different social behaviours because they may find it difficult to express feelings, needs or emotions.*
- *The pressure of social situations may lead to outbursts, meltdowns and withdrawal from these situations.*
- *Some people with autism may display challenging social behaviours because of the difficulties that they experience.*

