

Autism Across Life Pathways Seminar 2026



Curtin Singapore



23 & 24 November 2026



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Building inclusive futures for neurodiverse Singaporean individuals through evidence-based approaches to inclusion, wellbeing and lifelong opportunities.

Why attend?

Learn from leading international experts

Discover evidence-based practices and innovations

Network across sectors and build strategic partnerships

Strengthen pathways from school to higher education and employment

Two days, one shared goal. Creating a more inclusive Singapore for autistic individuals across life.

Featured keynote speakers



Prof Sven Bölte

Center of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (KIND), Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

From Science to Schools: Evidence-Based Approaches to Supporting Autistic Students



Prof Sonya Girdler

Curtin Autism Research Group (CARG), Curtin University, Western Australia

Participation, Wellbeing and Inclusion: Supporting Autistic Students to Thrive in School

Day 1

Research, Policy & Practice Forum

Monday 23 November 2026 9:00am – 5:30 pm

Supporting Social Development, Participation and Lifelong Pathways for Autistic Individuals

Cardio drumming - ASD students

Welcome Address - Professor Alex Stojcevski, Curtin Singapore President and PVC

Programme Overview - Professor Tele Tan, Director, Curtin University Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance (AASQA)

Opening Remarks - Ms Denise Phua, President, Autism Resource Centre, Singapore

MINDS Overview Presentation - MINDS Senior Manager, Research

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Prof Sven Bölte - *From Science to Practice: Evidence-Based Approaches to Supporting Autistic Students*

Prof Sonya Girdler - *Participation, Wellbeing and Inclusion: Supporting Autistic Students Across School, Higher Education and Employment*

Industry and Future Workforce Keynote - Dr Benjamin Mah, Tech Talent Assembly - Tech4Good

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1: ARC Singapore Featured Session
Social Skills Development and Transition Pathways: Lessons from Singapore's School-to-Employment Ecosystem

Session 2: MINDS Featured Session
Social Inclusion Index Research Project
Practical Demonstration: Infusing affective learning in sports and games.

CASE STUDIES

- Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)
- ACS Academy
- St Andrew's Autism School
- Lyn Beazley Academy
- Caring SG

Certificate presentations for participants

Day 2

Kontakt Training Workshop – Full Day Professional Training

Tuesday 24 November 2026 9:00am – 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Dr Bahareh Afsharnejad — Curtin Autism Research Group

Welcome and Workshop Overview
Introduction to KONTAKT and objectives of the training workshop

Session 1: Foundations of the KONTAKT Program

- Evidence base of KONTAKT
- Social communication interventions for autistic youth
- Outcomes from international implementation

Session 2: Structure and Delivery of KONTAKT

- Program structure and curriculum
- Facilitator roles
- Managing group dynamics
- Session planning

Session 3: Practical Implementation Workshop

- Role-play exercises
- Facilitator practice sessions
- Addressing common challenges in school settings

Session 4: Implementation in School Contexts

- Integrating KONTAKT into school programs
- Teacher and allied health training models
- Monitoring outcomes and evaluation

Collaboration and Future Directions

- Professional training and teacher capability development
- Scaling evidence-based social skills programmes
- Opportunities for implementing KONTAKT in regional contexts
- Joint industry-IHL training models
- Research and practice partnerships

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