

## News and events

### Seminar Series

The Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders will be hosting a series of seminars at the University of Birmingham beginning in October. These seminars will be given by leading researchers and clinicians who work with individuals with certain neurodevelopmental disorders. The focus will be on recent research in the areas of neurodevelopmental disorders and intellectual disability.

The initial timetable for the seminars for the winter term and the beginning of the spring term is detailed below. The seminars will take place in buildings in the red zone of the Edgbaston campus of the University of Birmingham. For directions to the campus and maps please see: <http://www.about.bham.ac.uk/maps/edgbaston.shtml> (<http://www.about.bham.ac.uk/maps/edgbaston.shtml>).

Please contact Dawn Adams for a list of upcoming seminars ([d.m.adams@bham.ac.uk](mailto:d.m.adams@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:d.m.adams@bham.ac.uk>))

### Events - Conferences

The **Learning disability and Autism Research Network - West Midlands (LeARN-WM)**, will be holding a conference '**Promoting Well-Being in Children with Autism**' ([/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/LeARN-WM-Conference.aspx](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/LeARN-WM-Conference.aspx)), on Wednesday 12th March, 2014. This one day conference is for both parents and professionals, and focuses on the implications of recent research for both of these groups. Registration opens on 13th December 2013.

### Latest News

We are enormously proud of Mary Heald, PhD student now a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at our Centre, who has been awarded the Pat Howlin Prize for her research into Angelman syndrome at the international conference of the Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Congratulations Mary, well deserved.

### Other News

#### **[LeARN-WM Partnership \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/Learn-WM-News.aspx\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/Learn-WM-News.aspx)**

The Learning Disability and Autism Research Network - West Midlands (LeARN-WM) is a new partnership between parents of children with learning disability or autism and the Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Birmingham and the Centre for Educational Development, Appraisal and Research (CEDAR) at Warwick University.

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#### **[Life and Environmental Sciences \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193)**

#### **[£80,000 award to fund 'Challenging behaviour and Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Tuberous Sclerosis' \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/15Oct12-award-tuberous-sclerosis-association.aspx\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/15Oct12-award-tuberous-sclerosis-association.aspx)**

Lucy Wilde, from the Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders in the School of Psychology, has been awarded one of the first postdoctoral research training fellowships from the UK support group charity the Tuberous Sclerosis Association.

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#### **[Life and Environmental Sciences \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193)** **[Research \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/195\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/195)**

#### **[Paper in the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry indicates that forthcoming changes to diagnostic criteria for Autism could lead to exclusions for many individuals with genetic syndromes \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/18May12-autism-diagnosis.aspx\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/18May12-autism-diagnosis.aspx)**

It is often reported that the presentation of ASD characteristics in these genetic syndromes differs (in very subtle ways) to that observed in individuals with ASD. According to current diagnostic guidelines this might be classified as 'atypical autism'. Forthcoming changes to these guidelines may result in many individuals with genetic syndromes who currently meet diagnostic criteria for 'atypical autism' to be excluded, with inevitable consequences for access to appropriate resources and intervention.

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#### **[PhD student Leah Bull awarded the Pat Howlin prize \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/17Nov11-leah-bull.aspx\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/17Nov11-leah-bull.aspx)**

School of Psychology PhD student Leah Bull was awarded the Pat Howlin prize at this year's Society for the Study of Behavioural Phenotypes Scientific Symposium held in Brisbane.

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#### **[Research conducted by Caroline Richards and Chris Oliver into self-injurious behaviour featured on a Channel 4 News \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/20Dec11-self-injurious-behaviour.aspx\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/20Dec11-self-injurious-behaviour.aspx)**

Dr Caroline Richards' PhD research investigating the risk markers and causes of self-injurious behaviour in autism spectrum disorder was highlighted in a recent Channel 4 News article.

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#### **[Life and Environmental Sciences \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/193)** **[Research \(/schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/195\)](http://schools/psychology/centres/cerebra/news-events/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/195)**

