26 APRIL 2024 9AM-4PM

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE VICARAGE ST, LUTON LU1 3JU

## LUTON LIVING WELL AUTISTIC CONFERENCE



WHEN A FLOWER DOESN'T BLOOM, YOU FIX THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH IT GROWS,

NOT THE FLOWER.

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£35 per person

Listen & Learn from the voices of Luton's Children & Young People

Speak with local organisations & services at the stalls



Karen Forrest

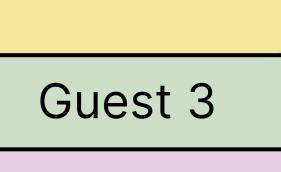


Pete Wharmby

Light Lunch & Refreshments Provided

Parents, Carers & Professionals Welcome

To purchase tickets contact: SENS.training1@luton.gov.uk









## Pete Wharmby

Hello, my name is Pete Wharmby. I was diagnosed as autistic at the age of 34 in 2017 – a moment which has had a hugely profound impact on my life, and helped me accept myself for who I am.

I am an autistic speaker, writer, tutor and parent, who is working to improve autism acceptance in society by sharing insights and experiences of autism to the widest possible audience.

I have written two books on the autistic experience – 2022's *What I Want to Talk About*, published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers, and 2023's *Untypical*, published by HarperCollins.

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## Karen Forrest

Karen is an advanced clinical practitioner, occupational therapist, advanced sensory integration practitioner and certified ecosensory therapist. She has worked with people with autism for many years and specialises in working with those who find themselves in the most restrictive of settings across the country. In doing this work, Karen has become acutely aware of the significance of early challenges in relation to meeting sensory needs in the education system, along with the huge benefits it can also offer. In this presentation, Karen, is delighted to be able to share some of her insights with a local audience. Her aim is to introduce the subject of sensory integration for those it might be new to, share new ideas of relevance and answer your questions.

## Guest Speaker 3 To be revealed soon....



