

future meetings

We meet every second Wednesday of the month in the District Court Room, Civic Centre, Andrew Street, East Kilbride (beside the Ballurup Hall) from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. Mums & Dads, Grannies & Grandpas, Aunties & Uncles, Carers and Professionals are all welcome.

We work to have guest speakers at our meetings, but the meetings without speakers are very lively too!

Here are the dates up to December 2006. Speakers will be confirmed in future editions of [trialogue](#) and on the email mailing list. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for future speakers.

June 14	No July Meeting	August 9	September 13
October 11	November 8	December 13	

donations

We recently had a very generous donation of £500 from a local youngster of 90 who had previously worked with children with autism. Thank you and Happy Birthday to you!

The work of South Lanarkshire NAS requires the generosity of donations and our own fundraising efforts. If you would like to make a donation or have ideas for fundraising, please contact us!

contact details

We greatly appreciate the assistance of members on the projects the group has undertaken. However, if you would be interested in assisting with the running of the South Lanarkshire branch in any way, please make contact.

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please keep me up to date with your email address!!!!

It is much cheaper and easier to email [trialogue](#). Therefore, if you have an email address and would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please send an email to mail@trialogue.org.uk and I'll add you to the list. Also, you will receive news updates/info as I get it. No "spam" guaranteed! Many thanks.

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web changes to triaologue

Following the change to this newsletter last year, we have decided to change the name of the SLNAS website to [trialogue](#).

The name [trialogue](#) was chosen as it links to Lorna Wing's triad of impairments in ASD. It also links in with the branch's aims to support families affected by autism, campaign to and liaise with the local authority agencies and service providers, while being part of the UK's leading voice for those with autism, The National Autistic Society.

Our shiny new web site can be found at www.trialogue.org.uk and our email address is now mail@trialogue.org.uk Our new cyber home allows us to further develop the site, so if you have any comments on the new site, or information you would like to be posted there, please email us.

make schools make sense

Later in the year, NAS Scotland will be undertaking a campaign for better education provision for our children. We are aiming to compliment this project in South Lanarkshire and would like to ask for your help.

We are looking for your *positive* experiences of nurseries, primary and secondary schools in South Lanarkshire. The idea is that we build a portfolio of "best practice" to take to the Education Department to show the good things they are doing for our kids. This can then be promoted to all establishments to benefit all of us.

It may be a small issue such as you really like the daily diary or that you are excited that your child got the school placement you were hoping for. Rest assured that your comments will be used with full anonymity! Please send your stories via email/snail mail. Contact details are on the back page. We will, of course, keep you up to date as the campaign shapes up.



advocacy for education service

The Advocacy for Education Service aims to assist parents who have children with an ASD to get the most appropriate educational provision for their child.

For many parents, understanding their entitlements and the processes involved in getting their child's additional support needs met is confusing and complex.

A new legislative framework has been established to help families and education authorities resolve disagreements through mediation, independent adjudication and Additional Support Needs Tribunals.

The Advocacy for Education Service telephone service is provided by volunteers and will provide advice and advocacy on additional support needs provision for families whose children have an ASD and will help guide them through this difficult process.

The telephone service will begin in mid May on the following number:

0845 070 4002

September 2006 will see an addition to this service by Volunteer Caseworkers who will assist parents to lodge their appeal and prepare their case.

new NAS chairman visits glasgow



On Thursday 11th May, the new Chairman of the NAS, Colin Barrow CBE visited the Glasgow office. A small group from across Scotland was invited to an informal reception.

Ross went along in the capacity of his new role as Regional Councillor for Scotland. The NAS Council act as representatives for the membership the Board of Trustees of the national charity and is responsible for electing the Trustees.

Colin (far right) gave a small talk on his vision for the charity which includes increasing the campaigning role of the NAS as well as raising awareness of the charity as experts in the autism field.

The event was hosted by Carol Evans (left), National Director for Scotland who outlined the work of NAS Scotland including the new "Learning for Life" appeal in aid of the extension of Daldorch House School. Donations to this appeal may be made by phone on **0870 233 4040**.

magnificent 7 jacqui jackson event

Ten members went along to this event in the Strathclyde Hilton on March 8th. Thanks to those who made a donation towards the cost of the tickets!



The event was linked to the "Magnificent 7" documentary and also updated the attendees on the progress of son Luke (author of "Freeks Geeks and Asperger Syndrome").

One member commented, "It was an interesting night. We were updated on Luke's progress and despite being excellent at college studying photography and other subjects his mum feels he will probably flunk his exams as he is not sleeping well and is sleeping in late or too tired to attend for classes."

free with this edition !

In conjunction with our friends in the Publications Department, please find enclosed a copy of the new 2006 Publications Catalogue which is a veritable collection of resources on autism and Asperger syndrome. Please also find an information leaflet on the Parent to Parent helpline.

volunteering

The Advocacy for Education Service and the Parent to Parent helpline are both looking for folks to volunteer their services. Many people who volunteer may be parents of children with an ASD, but whatever your background full training and support are available.

For the Advocacy for Education Service, please contact Carla Manini Rowden on 0141 221 8090 or email advocacyscotland@nas.org.uk.

For Befriending or Parent to Parent line please contact Claire Rintoul, Head of Volunteering on 0115 911 3369 or email ClaireRintoul@nas.org.uk.

There are more details on the NAS web site at www.autism.org.uk/volunteer