



Hampshire Special Educational Needs Conference 2026

6 Feb 2026, 08:30-16:00



Looking at behaviour through a communication focused lens

This year the annual SEND conference will focus on the theme of **behaviour being a communication and understanding what is being communicated, as well as making connections**. The conference will be a mixture of keynote speakers and facilitated discussions based on expert input.

The conference aims to explore the different ways in which behaviour is a communication and how to support staff, children, young people, and their families in understanding this.

The fee includes attendance at a full day venue-based event which is a combination of keynotes and facilitated workshops.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand the different ways in which behaviour may communicate need.
- Identify ways in which to support adults understand this communication and appropriate response.
- Develop understanding of approaches that can be implemented to support regulation, build independence and resilience.

Keynote speakers

[Louise Michelle Bombèr](#)

Louise is an experienced therapist, specialist teacher, and DDP certified practitioner. She has worked across a range of settings and has extensive experience across the education and therapeutic field. Louise developed an Attachment Aware model of support for schools and is the author of the popular texts 'Inside I'm Hurting' and 'What About Me?'.

[Charlotte Clarke](#)

Charlotte works for [When the Adults Change](#), the company established by Paul Dix, author of When the Adults Change, Everything Changes. Throughout her career, Charlotte has supported adults and young people experiencing a range of challenges, as well as developing clinical programmes to support those affected by significant events. She collaborates with schools to support in making their communities relational and is passionate about looking beyond the behaviour.

Location: Hilton Utilita Bowl, Southampton

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Cost: Sub £135 / SLA £20 / Full £162

We are excited to have representatives from different organisations to facilitate sessions, and we will also have a roving podcast recorded live through the day.

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