

Helping Communication Development in Autism

Objectives

- To have as lively and as interactive a session as anyone can have on a Friday afternoon
- To explore the different ways children use language
- To explore the issues of where to direct your support for communication development
- To discuss relevant communication supports for individuals with ASD

Why Do We 'Talk' To Each Other ??

To say what we want or need

To question & learn about the world

To tell people what to do



To tell jokes, stories and engage in "What if....." scenarios

To connect with others & develop relationships

To give and receive knowledge and factual info

To express our own identity through opinions, feelings

(Halliday's 7 Functions of Language, 1975)

What's Our Aim?

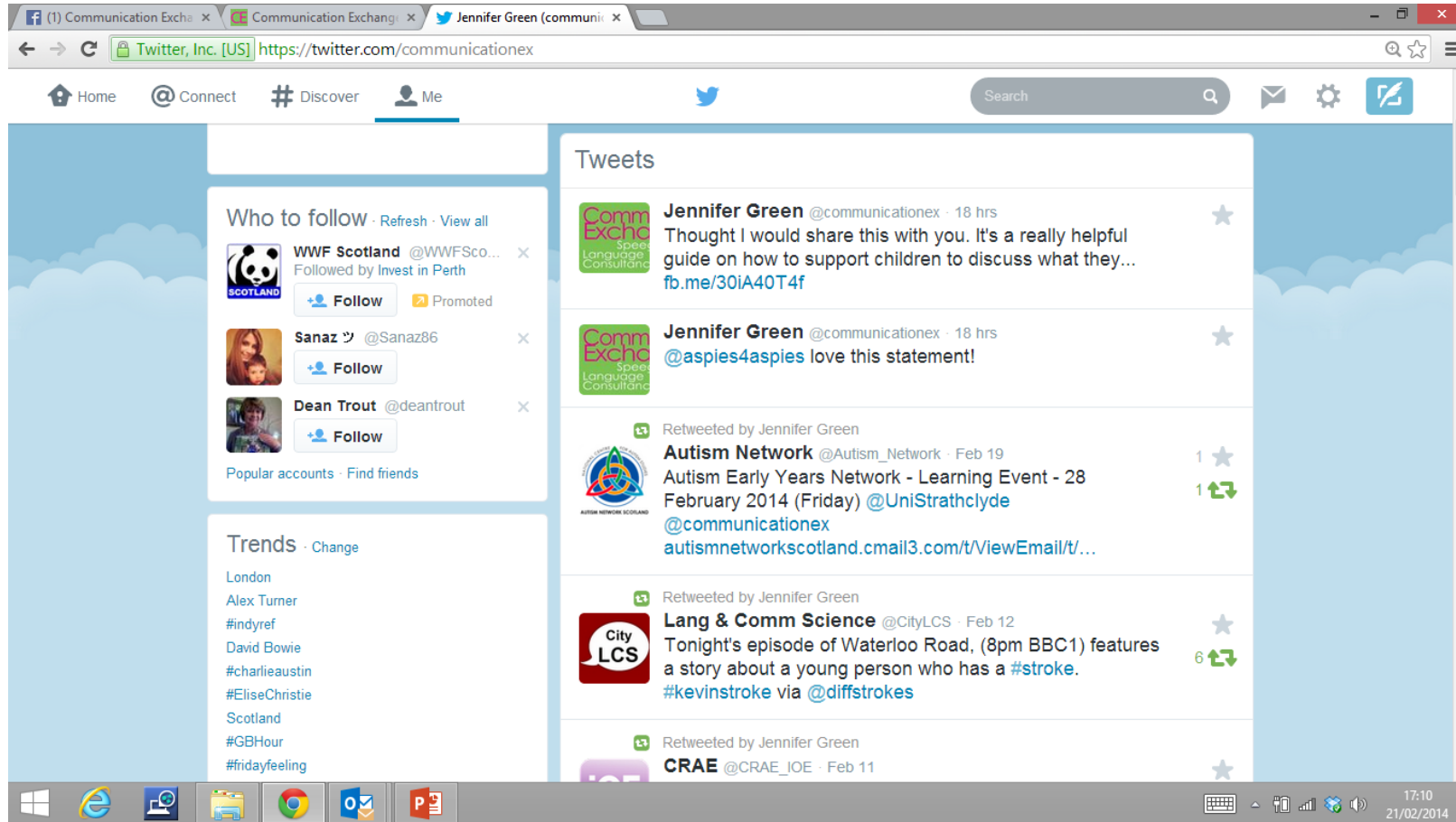
Communication is more than speech, words or sentences. It's greater than listening and following directions or answering questions. It's more than 'having' or 'not having verbal language'.

Communication is about interaction, engaging, participating in a 2-way process, regardless of method.

What should our aim be for young people with ASD?

For me, it's about supporting young people with ASD to develop a social use of language, whether it is at a verbal or non-verbal level

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