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## Stammering Pride and Prejudice Book Launch

Friday 27 September 2019, 10.00am to 4.30pm  
City Lit, Keeley Street, London WC2B 4BA

### Conference Programme

- 9.30am Registration
- 10.00am Welcome by Mark Malcomson – Principal of City Lit
- 10.10am Tribute to Mike Oliver by Sam Simpson
- 10.20am Laying the foundations by Patrick Campbell and Sam Simpson

In the opening talk, Patrick and Sam will explore the concepts of prejudice and pride. Specifically, they will highlight the prejudice towards stammering in our society, culture, and clinical language. They will discuss the effects of our understanding stammering as a medical pathology versus a unique and valid way of speaking that is denigrated by society. Finally, they will explore how the new, empowering discourse around stammering pride offers a liberating counternarrative to stammering prejudice.

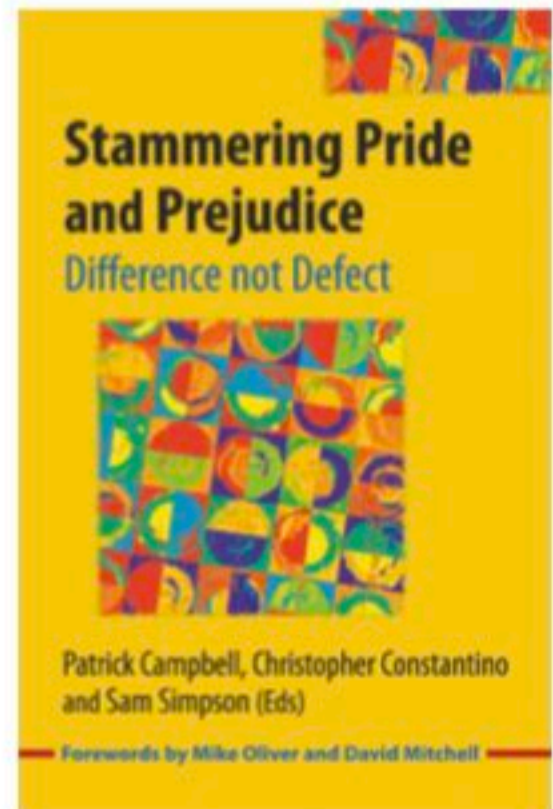
- 10.40am **Stammering Pride & Prejudice: Genesis and vision**  
Ed Balls and Mark Malcomson in conversation with  
Patrick Campbell, Chris Constantino and Sam  
Simpson



- 11.10am **Panel A: Changing attitudes & tackling barriers with Iain Wilkie and Walter Scott**  
hosted by Rachel Everard

In their individual talks and shared discussion, Iain and Walter will share how their activism has made workplaces and cultures more accepting of stammering. Iain and Walter have extensive experience removing environmental and attitudinal barriers to stammering in the workplace. Iain's knowledge comes through his work co-founding the EY Stammering Network, the Employers Stammering Network and, more recently, 50 Million Voices. Walter's understanding comes through his work co-founding the Defence Stammering Network.

- 11.50am **Peer/Group discussion – what has struck a chord with you/resonated for you this morning? What has surprised or challenged you? What question(s) would you like to ask the speakers?**
- 12.00pm **Plenary session: Q&A with the morning presenters**
- 12.20pm **Lunch (55mins)**



**1.15pm Keynote address: What do we gain from stammering? Chris Constantino**



For almost a century, stammerers have known that when they allow themselves to stammer their speech is easier and less effortful. Nonetheless, as long as society devalues stammering, and disability in general, stammerers will continue to struggle with their speech. This talk will discuss the importance of developing new narratives to help us make fresh meaning of our stammered experiences. Chris will talk about what he gains from his stammering and how others can explore what they gain from theirs.

Chris lives in Tallahassee, Florida with his wife Megan. He is a speech-language pathologist and assistant professor at Florida State University. He teaches classes on counselling and stuttering and researches how the lived experience of stuttering interacts with culture and society.

**1.45pm Facilitated group discussion and Q&A with Chris Constantino**

**2.15pm Panel B: A conversation on reconciling different messages around stammering in childhood and adolescence with Dori Holte, Katy Bailey, Patrick Campbell and Corinne Moffatt-Santos hosted by Carolyn Cheasman**

In this panel discussion, participants discuss what the ideas explored throughout the day mean for speech language therapy with children and adolescents. If we take seriously that stammering need not, and maybe should not, be 'cured' then how are we to approach therapy with children and young adults? Panellists will discuss the messages we hope children take from these new discourses and what it might mean for a generation of stammering children to grow up without stigma.

**2.45pm Break (15mins)**

**3.00pm A celebration of stammering: readings, reflections and more!  
Kristel Kubart, Emma Alpern, Josh Walker, Nina G, Wendy Ronaldson, Elizabeth Wislar and Nisar Bostan**

The dominant attitude towards stammering in society is to approach it as a defect that should be minimised or eliminated through therapy. In this session, we will challenge this status quo and look at the positives stammering can bring to us and society. We will explore stammering gain through art, humour, personal reflections and stories of liberation that challenge society's and our own negative preconceptions of dysfluent speech.

**4.10pm Personal reflections and open mic facilitated by Cathinka Guldberg**

**4.30pm Conference closes – please join us afterwards for book signing over a glass of wine kindly sponsored by J&R Press**

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