**SMIRA SELECTIVE MUTISM CONFERENCE 2018**

The Conference will be held at our usual venue of St James the Greater Church Hall, St James Terrace, London Road, Leicester, LE2 1NA, on Saturday 3rd March, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The venue is just a short walk from Leicester Railway Station and close to De Montfort Hall and Victoria Park, where parking is available at reasonable cost.

Our main speaker this year will be Anna Biavati-Smith, who is a Speech & Language Therapist and member of the RCSLT’s Clinical Excellence Network for Selective Mutism. Her presentation will be centred on techniques to help lower anxiety. Also presenting will be parent and Primary School Teacher Claire Neal. Time for discussion and socialising with other parents and professionals will be built into the agenda, which will be available nearer the time.

We regret that we are unable this year to offer any childcare facilities. However, well-behaved children are welcome to sit with their parents in the meeting room, but must be booked in and paid for as for adults, as they will be taking up an adult space.

A buffet lunch and refreshments will be served during the day and includes vegetarian options, although anyone with special dietary requirements is welcome to bring their own packed lunch. If you need to stay overnight in the Leicester area, our recommended hotels for this venue are the Premier Inn, Leicester City Centre, and the Ibis Hotel, St Georges Way, Leicester. Both are close to the Railway Station and early booking is recommended. We will be happy to supply details of other accommodation on request.

SMIRA does subsidise these meetings to some extent but we ask that you pay an amount of £24 per head by way of donation, which will enable us to claim Gift Aid where appropriate. Card payments can be made via the donate button [www.selectivemutism.org.uk/donate](http://www.selectivemutism.org.uk/donate) or contact us via email or website (details at top) for bank transfer details or other payment methods.

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Please contact us if you require any further information.