



## **Developing Talents: Achieving Meaningful Careers for Young Adults with Asperger's and HFA** (February 21, 2012, Metro Toronto Convention Centre)

***featuring Dr. Temple Grandin***

What would our society look like if businesses, colleges and universities were designed to harness the often remarkable skills and talents of individuals on the autism spectrum?

Dr. Grandin was one of *Times* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2010. She will share her unique journey as a gifted woman with autism who is now a doctor of animal science and internationally-known designer of livestock-handling facilities when she is not writing a best-seller or presenting to sold-out crowds world wide.

In the morning, Dr. Grandin will discuss:

- How her abilities were nurtured from an early age
- Real-life strategies and supports that helped her become an extraordinary success and inspiration to others
- How people on the autism spectrum function in the world
- How to decipher ASD behaviour in neurophysiological terms so that it can be contextualized

In the afternoon, Kate Duffy (who co-wrote *Developing Talents* with Dr. Grandin) will present strategies to help prepare young people with special needs for success in the workplace. With commentary from Dr. Grandin, Kate will focus on methods to identify and cultivate talents and interests that might lead to a career path as well as practical career planning and job search techniques.

You Will Learn:

- How to identify and nurture special talents in young people on the autism spectrum
- How to cultivate work skills at a young age
- The neurophysiological context of behaviour associated with ASD
- How to design a career plan based on an individual's strengths and talents
- The life and social skills training components needed to support job readiness programs

**Meaningful work guarantees a return on the investments that pay for support services in schools and community programs.**

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**Venue** John Bassett Theatre, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Lower Level,  
255 Front Street West  
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### Agenda

8:15 am Check-in opens  
9:00 am Introduction  
Dr. Temple Grandin on succeeding in life  
and at work with HFA  
10:30 - 10:50am Break  
10:50 - 11:30am Dr. Grandin's presentation resumes  
11:30 - 12:15pm Q & A session  
12:15 - 1:30pm Lunch  
1:30 - 2:45pm Kate Duffy presents on successful  
programs/winning strategies  
2:45 - 3:05pm Break  
3:05 - 4:00pm Presentation resumes  
4:00 - 4:25pm Q & A session

**Temple Grandin**, PhD, lectures to professionals and parents internationally on her experiences as a person with HFA. She is a doctor of animal science and professor at Colorado State University and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior. Articles and interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *People*, *Time*, National Public Radio, *20/20*, *The View*, and the BBC. In 2010, her life story was captured in the Emmy award-winning film, *Temple Grandin*.

**Kate Duffy**, MSc, is co-author with Temple Grandin of *Developing Talents: Careers for Individuals with Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism*. She has taught writing and small business classes at Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City for 21 years while raising two sons with sensory integration disorder and Asperger's Syndrome. Kate provides training in student-centered learning strategies. Her business, Developing Talents, helps people on the spectrum find jobs.

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