



## spring edition

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## eddie gallagher

Eddie Gallagher is a psychologist, social worker and family therapist with over 35 years experience working with families. He was a specialist with the disabled 30 years ago, and an interest in counselling people with intellectual disability has led to an interest in Aspergers. Another of his special interests is young people who abuse their parents. Over the past 20 years he has kept records of 350 families where a young person is abusive (mostly physically violent) towards one or both parents. This is possibly the largest sample of its type in the world. Some of his findings are surprising. Most of these young people do not have any form of disability or mental illness but a small number have Aspergers and more have ADHD. Violence in Aspies appears to be a neglected, almost taboo, subject.



Eddie will discuss why some Aspies are violent or controlling of others (though most are not) and will make some other points about labels and lifestyles. You can read more about Eddie and his work at [www.eddiegallagher.com.au](http://www.eddiegallagher.com.au)

**DATE:** **Wednesday 19th October 2011**

**TIME:** 7.30 - 9.30 pm followed by a light supper.

**VENUE:** The Nerve Centre, 54 Railway Road, Blackburn

**COST:** Members: \$10 Non-members: \$15

**BOOK:** Please REGISTER BY TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER 2011  
Tickets are limited and MUST BE PURCHASED  
PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

Go to our ASSN Events page for all event details, and the trybooking link to book and pay online, [www.assnvc.org.au/upcoming-assn-events/](http://www.assnvc.org.au/upcoming-assn-events/) OR use the tear-off slip (download the flyer from our website) and pay by cheque.

[Join ASSN](#) at time of booking and pay member price.

## join us today

### Become an ASSN member.

Benefits of your ASSN Vic membership include free access to:

#### Support

- Telephone support line
- Regular support meetings for parents, carers and partners of those with Asperger Syndrome
- Regular support groups for those with AS, including girls, boys, teenagers and adults
- Share your experience with other members
- Make friends and join social groups of others with common interests contribute to the work done by the ASSN committee

#### Information resources

- Receive our quarterly comprehensive newsletter packed with updates, events and information
- Use our extensive website with our members-only pages
- Receive our highly sought-after Information Kit with over 70 pages of articles relevant to those living with AS
- Discounts to our regular ASSN Vic seminars by key speakers about AS topics

#### Resource library

- Borrow books, CDs & DVDs for free from our library at the Nerve Centre
- Our full library catalogue is listed on our website. We also have a mail-out service available at Auspost rates.

#### How to join

- You can either join online at [www.assnvc.org.au/membership](http://www.assnvc.org.au/membership) and pay via PayPal, or complete the newsletter form on the last page and post it with a cheque. The costs of membership are only \$30 per annum for a new membership, and \$20 pa for renewal thereafter.



Please note that ASSN Vic is a volunteer-run association. We rely primarily on your membership fees, limited fundraising and our volunteers to provide support. Your membership is vitally important to help keep our association vibrant and active to assist individuals with AS and their families.