Mick Grimley:

Hello and welcome to the wrap up for week 3 for the Autism MOOC. This week we looked at special interests and we looked at the ‘what if’ skill.

So Emma tell us a little about the what if skill and how participants went.

Emma Donaldson:

Oh the what if skill was done really well by participants this week. What if followed on from define which we did last week and ‘what if’ looks at all the consequences and our participants this week looked at the positive and negative consequences in the scenarios and I was really impressed.

Mick Grimley:

And I was actually really quite interested in the special interests and how people responded to special interests. It was great to see people seeing special interest as a positive and something that they could leverage for other purposes if they needed to.

Emma Donaldson:

And that was seen particularly well in scenario A so we used the person first approach with Jeremy when he was walking past the wave pool and I really liked the way participants were able to see how both the positive and negative of how to solve this certain problem that was going on, it was really good.
Mick Grimley:

Yeah and I was looking at the scenario B and Peta in the supermarket and participants generated a lot of what ifs, which is exactly what we wanted them to do and in particular, what I was interested in is there were a number of parents who had been through that situation and solved that situation. So what we are going to try to do this week is try to put some of those scenarios that people gave of how they solved the supermarket issue in to our extra resources.

Emma Donaldson:

Speaking of the extra resources, we have got an extra three videos that we will have on show this week which will be great for participants to look at as well.

Mick Grimley:

Great, well that is it for week 3, look forward to week 4, we will see you next week!