

## SEND Romania Conference

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Facilitators: Michael Mednick, Roxana VasiloIU and Jody Laronde**



**About Michael** - Michael Mednick is Specialist Leader in Education (SLE), an experienced and qualified teacher of children with complex needs, deaf, visually impairment and deafblind. Michael has worked extensively with SEND children, as well as those who have acute medical needs and with profound and severe learning difficulties in all phases of education. He has taught in mainstream primary and secondary schools and special schools. Previously Head of Newham's Service for the Visually Impaired for 18 years, he is now SEND Manager of Vicarage Primary School. Under his leadership, Vicarage School has become a Centre of Excellence for SEND & Inclusion. He is also author of [\*Supporting Children with Multiple Disabilities\*](#) and [\*The Mednick Visual Dyslexia Screening Assessment Toolkit\*](#)



**About Jody** – Jody Laronde is an Specialist Speech and Language Therapist for Autism. She has a BSc in Psychology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy. Jody has worked in both the NHS and Education Services, across Early years clinics and school settings to support parents, families and young people with Autism. She currently works at the Language, Communication and Interaction service (LCIS) in Newham. Her role includes supporting mainstream schools to implement targeted and specialist interventions for students with Autism, as well as delivering a wide range of specialist trainings to school staff across Newham. She is committed to using a SCERTS approach in supporting children and young people with Autism.



**About Roxana** – Roxana VasiloIU is an experienced mainstream High Level Educational Assistant and qualified Specialist Teacher for Dyslexia. She has taught children within primary schools aged 3 to 11 years and currently works at Vicarage School managing and supporting SEND children. She is leads on specialist interventions for SEND. Roxana is part of the SEND Management Team at Vicarage School.