

An Auternative: a Society Fit for Autistics



Project Approach:

This project aims to create recommendations for overcoming the barriers faced by autistic people, challenging the prevalent stereotypes and enabling autistic people to take their place in the world. The research is being carried-out by an autistic-led group consisting mainly of autistic people and has an all-autistic advisory committee. We recognise the diversity of needs and views of the autistic community in looking for recommendations to improve the quality of life of autistic people.

Research questions:

How do autistic people use strategies, including logic, reasoning and rules, to understand social situations, other people's reactions and to empower themselves?

What are the barriers, including stereotypes, misconceptions and systemic issues to autistic people using their strengths and appropriate strategies to participate in decision making, the economy and community?

Questionnaire:

We are looking for autistic people with different characteristics to complete our questionnaire to make the responses representative of the whole autistic community. This includes non-verbal autistic people, autistic people with learning difficulties, autistic people with sensory and/or physical disabilities, autistic people from ethnic minorities and autistic people over 70.

Please pass information about the questionnaire to other autistic people you know, particularly people in these groups. You can use the summary information about the questionnaire on the project website to do this. You can obtain an electronic version or hard copy from the contacts below. We also hope to produce an easy read version of the questionnaire.

Questionnaire link:

<https://anauternative.uk/questionnaire>

Project website:

<https://anauternative.uk/>

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