

Autism Innovation Fund – Projects (Third Sector)

Project Name	Organisation and Location	Funding £k	Description
Advice and information			
Red2Green	In the Spectrum Cambridge	12.9	30 young people will participate in creating the content for 10 short information films about autism and Asperger syndrome to improve awareness and help people get support.
Leeds Autism AIM	Leeds Advocacy	20	A new service providing advocacy, information and mentoring for autistic adults to enable them to better access mainstream services.
Enabling Autism	Taunton & District Citizens Advice Bureau	34	A facilitation service to improve access to advice and information services for people with autism and their families, and bridging the gap between specialist and mainstream services.
ALAG Peer Support Planning and Brokerage Project	Asperger London Area Group (ALAG)	17	To train 6 peer support brokers with Asperger syndrome to help others plan the support they need and to provide advice and information.
Fulfilling Futures, life after school	Telford and Wrekin Council for Voluntary Service	19.7	Develop a transition outreach service with local partners, offering targeted preventive social welfare support around life after school to young people with autism.
Living with Autism	Living Autism UK wide	36.5	To produce practical information and strategies to address daily difficulties by people with autism, working through a consortium of local and national charity groups.
Connecting with Autism Community	Autism West Midlands	50	Updating and upgrading the existing social network for autism Connect so it can provide more information and advice across England. This website will act as a digital platform for the national self assessment data.
Gaining and growing skills for independence			
College without walls	New Ideas Advocacy Project Warwickshire	14.7	Courses on helping people with autism to be life resilient and manage their own money.

NAS HelpTech for students with autism	NAS UK wide	66	To use cloud based services to allow real time users and mentors to track and understand situations, issues and anxiety levels for each day using smartphones and tablets.
Luv2MeetU Inclusion for People with Autism	Luv2MeetU Bradford	13	A review of up to 40 social and active based events that take place each month so that a good practice model is established to best help people with autism develop confidence in social situations.
Enterprise for Autism	NORSACA Nottinghamshire	40	Pilot to support adults with autism who do not meet the eligibility criteria for statutory support and help with vocational and independence skills.
Good Food for the Soul	Asperger Syndrome Access to Provision Harrow	3	Two 3 hour sessions per month for 10 clients per session over 6 months teaching basic nutrition, budgeting, menu planning and the effects of poor diet on health.
Independence Support	Black & Minority Ethnic Carers Support Service London	25	Delivering culturally appropriate, ethnically sensitive and flexible support to meet the needs of people with autism towards increasing life skills and being independent.
Understanding Autism	Bury College	50	Accredited training for staff, more tailored classes for people with autism and awareness work.
Autism Angels	Learning to Listen and Autism Angels Wetherby	15	Increasing the reach of a service using horses as therapy.
Create and sell, Autism Manchester Initiative	Alice Darlington Funding to be held by Trafford Housing	10.8	User-led by a person who has autism, with professional support, to offer creative session and business start up advice at easily accessible community centres in Greater Manchester on a rotating basis.
Connect Up	Balance Stockport and Kingston	33.2	Creating a hub whereby individuals with autism will be supported via a 3D virtual world with the aim of reducing isolation and promoting emotional wellbeing.
Post diagnostic psycho-educational	Care & Support Partnership Community Interest Company trading as	12	Widening post diagnostic support, developing supportive tools and providing clear outcomes to local commissioners.

courses and therapeutic support for people with autism	SEQOL in Swindon		
Early intervention and crisis prevention			
Autism Peer Advocacy	Autism Plus Sheffield	25.5	Supporting people with autism through a programme of peer advocacy to give them skills to support their peers.
Early Intervention – addressing sexually harmful behaviour in young people and adults with autism	Circles South East Didcot	27	Providing training to professionals/families of individuals with autism in Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire who display sexually harmful behaviour.
Somerset Adult Autism Respite Service	NAS	85	Provide an alternative respite service for adults with autism in Somerset, based around 2 yrs.
The Spectrum Hub	Rainbow Autism CIC Worcestershire	40	Social work led support for crisis prevention.
Employment			
Employment and Autism – Unlocking Untapped Potential	Derbyshire Autism Services Group	23	A focus on employers adapting their recruiting process/procedures in order to make them more autism friendly.

Autism Centre for Employment	University of Portsmouth	65	Providing up to 40 adults with the confidence and employment skills to access the job market and take part in a work placement scheme, changing employer attitudes and designing a tool to identify individual employment skills.
Increasing positive employment outcomes for young people with autism	Daisy Chain Project Teesside	48.2	Providing a wide range of employment opportunities and work experience and volunteering for up to 30 people with autism in the charity's superstore.
Employment Opportunities	Caretrade Charitable Trust London	53	To help 16 young people with autism gain paid employment or an apprenticeship.
Specialist work and well-being project	Specialist Foundation UK	45	Providing work opportunities, assessment and work experience to lead to employment for up to 20 people.
Linkage STAR Employability project	Linkage Community Trust Lincoln	15	Deliver an employability support service to help 12 adults with autism into work opportunities

Autism Innovation Fund – Projects (Local Authorities)

Project Name	Organisation and Location	Funding £k	Description
Advice and information			
Reaching Communities	South Gloucestershire Council	8.3	Extending the reach of an existing advice and information service by taking it into the semi rural community, including through the use of mobile libraries.
Gaining and growing skills for independence			
Slough Autism Connect	Slough Borough Council	11	Fund the travel training for travel trainers element of the proposal.
Autism Training Works	Nottinghamshire County Council	22.1	Creating a social enterprise to enable people with autism to gain skills around training and presenting, creating employment opportunities and enabling autism awareness training to reach a wider audience.
Developing arts skills and related work experience opportunities for young people with autism.	Croydon Council	16.5	Building on pilot work to have a more focused programme for young people with autism between the years of 16-19 and providing programmes such as work experience.
Spectrum : personal development courses	East Sussex County Council	12.5	A series of 12, 6 week skill building programmes that enable young people with autism to explore, discuss, prepare for and practice life skills.
Early intervention and crisis prevention			
Autism Peer and Mentor Support Network	Lancashire County Council	30	Development of a peer and mentor support network within central Lancashire and to be part of the wider Connect 4 Life Agenda.
Focus on Autism - York	City of York Council	25	Establishing an Autism Friends programme.

Knowsley Autism Innovation Programme	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	16	Gaining and growing skills for independence, along with an intensive music programme for 6 people with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, with the opportunity to gain an arts award qualification.
Employment			
Employment Works for Autism	Surrey County Council	36.8	Focus on social skills and work experience for 12 people in a real workplace along with job coaching and support.
Autism Employment Challenge	The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead	37.6	Securing 10 employers as Autism Employment Champions and 10 young people with autism securing apprenticeships.
Building an interactive online learning and peer support community to support access to employment	London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	23.7	To enable people with autism to gain skills and confidence to access employment opportunities.
The improvement of the local authority supported employment service in St Helens	St Helens Council	7	Providing supported employment to assist people with autism to secure work placements through job coaching.

Autism Innovation Fund –Projects (NHS)

Project Name	Organisation and Location	Funding £k	Description
Advice and information			
People with autism spectrum disorder in criminal justice and mental health systems in south London	South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust	36	Aims to improve recognition of autism in the criminal justice system including developing guidelines.
Gaining and growing skills for independence			
Pan Dorset Sensory Integration Therapy	Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust	56	Increase the Trust's ability to recognise and treat all service users with Sensory Processing Disorder and autism, through the development of an integrated care pathway, sensory therapy room and increased provision of Sensory Integration Therapy.

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