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World Autism
Acceptance Month



- In this special edition of Spreading the News



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Success Stories



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1. Autistic People ... Success Stories

All Autistic People face their own individual challenges everyday ...

- At school
- At college
- At work ...



With support, understanding,
and Reasonable Adjustments ...



All Autistic People can make
their own way in the world



Let's celebrate some of the
Success Stories of Autistic People



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2. Success Stories ... in the UK



- Christopher Packham CBE...
Naturalist, nature photographer,
television presenter and author



- Stephen Wiltshire MBE ...
Contemporary artist known for
his intricate architectural
illustrations



- Melanie Sykes ...
TV Presenter, author of ...
Autism & All The Things I've
Left Unsaid



- Lucy Bronze MBE ...
Footballer, Chelsea and England



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3. Success Stories ... from around the world



- Satoshi Tajiri...
Not a household name ... but
you will know his invention
Pokémon



- Daryl Hannah ...
American Actor, star of films –
Kill Bill, Blade Runner, Wall Street
and many more



- Greta Thunberg ...
Swedish environmental activist



- Eminem ...
American singer song writer



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4. Success Stories ... from the past

Although we do not have definite evidence of their Autism

There is general agreement that many famous artists, poets, musicians and scientists were Autistic ... including



- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791)

Composer –symphonic, chamber, operatic, and choral music.



- Emily Dickinson (1830 – 1886)
Poet



- Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)
Poet/ writer of two famous Christmas Carols ...
“In the Bleak Midwinter”
“Love Came down at Christmas”



- Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955)
Scientist



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5. Success Stories ... people we know



- June 2024 - Jodie won Best of the Best at the National Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards for her work with ...



Employment is for Everyone



- Amy Telford -
Author - Autistic Female in
a Neurotypical World
Available at ...

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[Autistic Female In A Neurotypical World:
Poetry Through My Autistic Journey eBook :](#)
[Telford, Amy : Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store](#)

Price: £ 6.99 Kindle edition
£10 Paperback edition



- David Gill –
Lived Experience Adviser in
the National Learning Disabilities
and Autism team at NHS England



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- Graeme Woodcock – Following his hip operation Graeme wrote his own story to tell people about the Learning Disability Nursing Team at the hospital who helped him back to health

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Read Graeme's story at ...

www.speakup.org.uk

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- Jonno Evans - Life Act - Rotherham Open Arts Renaissance CIC
“It's really important that people learn about disability issues and we're the best people to teach this”



But that's not all ...



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- A total of **13** Autistic Expert trainers are currently employed at Speakup and by the Oliver McGowan project ...



- To delivering knowledge and skills training to Health and Care professionals in South Yorkshire, and 3rd Year Medical Students at Sheffield University



- The aim of the training is to promote better and safer health and care services for Autistic People and People with a Learning Disability



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Lets hear what Fraser, one of the Expert trainers on the Oliver McGowan project, has to say ...



- “Seeing so many professionals on a weekly basis learn from a person of lived experience ...
... gives me hope for the future for those of us with Autism, Learning Disabilities and so many others who are neurodiverse”



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Celebrating the good things Autistic People are doing ...



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