

# Autism Friendly Communities

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# Whistle-stop Tour:

- Context for the Liverpool Autism Champions
- What is an "autism-friendly" community?
- Why bother?
- What resources are required?
- What next?

# Context



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# What is an Autism-Friendly Community?

Leisure

Retail



Health

Public Services

Education

Transport

# So what? Why bother?

- 1 in 100 people are thought to be on the Autism Spectrum that we know of, but.....
- Autism Together Survey (2014) 56% scared to go out
- NAS Survey (2014) 41% felt socially isolated



# So what? Why bother?

- You have to!!!
- People on the Spectrum are an asset
- Reduce wasting resources
- 1 in 100 is not the full story
- Corporate Social Responsibility

# How do you make it happen?

- Clear expectations of what is required from organisations (Autism Charter)
- Costed project plan, milestones
- Structured campaign (a brand helps)
- Consistent trainers
- Follow up
- Energy, lots of it

# What next?

- Establish an agreed set of criteria nationally and internationally
- Develop an assessment model
- Improve engagement with people on the Spectrum
- Raise pressure on Local Authorities





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