



Autism-Europe

Autism in Pink Project

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Who we are



Our role

- Raising public awareness about Autism
- Influencing European decision makers on policy issues related to Autism
- Advocating for the rights of people with Autism and their families

Standing up for the rights of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

- Right to diagnosis
- Right to appropriate services & adapted care
- Right to education
- Right to life-long training and employment
- Right to inclusion (de-institutionalisation, etc)
- Implementation of the non-discrimination principle

Some achievements

- **Council of Europe Recommendation on the education and social inclusion of children and young people with ASD (2009)**
- **Landmark court case win** in the European Court of Human Rights for the right to education for people with Autism in France (2004)
- **Charter of Rights of Persons with ASD** (adopted as a written declaration by the European Parliament in 1997)
- Increased awareness of Autism throughout Europe

Publications to support self-advocates and inform policy-makers



The Right to Healthcare and
Habitat for Persons with ASD
A model for parents, advocates and
all other stakeholders

HEALTHCARE FOR THE RIGHT
TO COMMUNICATE
FOR PERSONS WITH
AUTISM AND OTHER DISABILITIES

Awareness raising

International congresses

Every three years on state-of-the-art research on the diagnosis, treatment, care, social inclusion and education for persons with Autism, etc

The next one will be Edinburgh in 2016!

Promotion of best practices

Encourage evidence-based scientific research

Exchange of best practices among health professionals, educators, researchers & carers

User oriented , rights-based service delivery

2014 Campaign on Employment

**AUTISM AND WORK.
TOGETHER WE CAN.**

 World Autism Awareness Day | April 2



In 2014, Autism-Europe's campaign is focusing on the issue of education and employment.

- Awareness raising campaign (press-materials)
- Collections of best practices for employment of people with autism across Europe
- Conference with decision-makers and business representatives

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What are these needs?

- **Education** – People with autism need access to lifelong education, adapted to their needs, including post-school education and training;
- **Jobs** – Studies show that between 76 and 90 per cent* of adults with autism are currently unemployed;
- **Unique skills** – People with autism can have unique skills that may be harnessed to produce a high quality of work, making them a valuable asset to their employers;
- **Investment** – Education, training and employment initiatives for adults with autism are investments that require both public and private investment;
- **Social inclusion** – Adults with autism often suffer from social exclusion. Education and employment can enable them to take more active roles in their community

Cooperation with European & international organisations

European Disability Forum (EDF) - Umbrella organisation representing all types of disabilities

Platform of Social NGOs (alongside EDF and the European Women's lobby)

European Coalition for Community Living (ECCL)

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