



Active Autism Alliance Community Advisory Group

Applicant Information

Welcome to the Active Autism Alliance

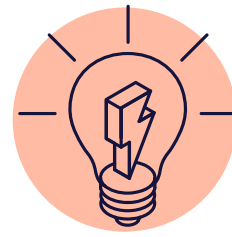
The Active Autism Alliance is a group of organisations working to enhance inclusion for autistic and neurodivergent people across all of sport and physical activity.

We are working together to understand what it takes to enable all autistic and neurodivergent people to have opportunities to start, stay and thrive in sport and physical activity – and empower clubs and organisations to provide this.

To ensure autistic and neurodivergent voices drive the project at each stage, we are developing a Community Advisory Group. This group is central to ensuring the activities and decisions are informed by real experiences, and that the project stays relevant, inclusive, meaningful. Through this, we are working together towards long-term, sustainable improvement for the autistic and neurodivergent community. Read on for more information about the group and how to be involved.



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What does the Active Autism Alliance do?

The Active Autism Alliance, led by Autism Action, exists to break down barriers to inclusion, and to increase participation in sport and physical activity, for autistic and/or neurodivergent people.

Our current work includes two core areas:

- 1) Understand the factors that help or hinder autistic and/or neurodivergent peoples' engagement, enjoyment and experience of sport and physical activity
- 2) Test possible solutions, methods or resources to enable more autistic and/or neurodivergent people to start, stay and thrive in sport and physical activity

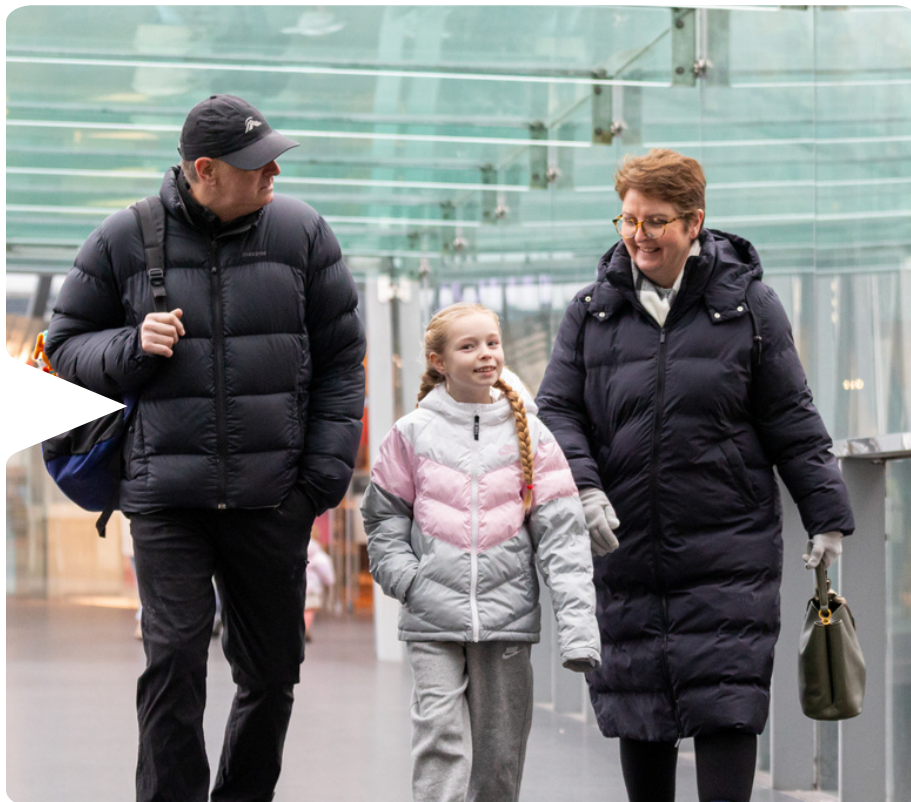


What is the Community Advisory Group?

The Community Advisory Group is new group that will be made up of autistic and/or neurodivergent individuals, and those who support someone who is.

It is a group of people with diverse experiences of sport and physical activity, and who may also have wider professional experience to help inform the project.

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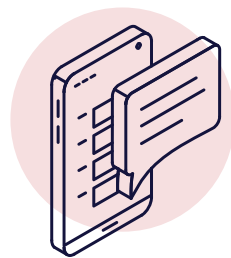


Who can be involved?

Applicants must be aged 18 years or over, and have the following experience:

1. Lived experience of autism and/or neurodivergence (diagnosed, self-identifying or suspected) - you might be:
 - An individual who identifies as autistic and/or neurodivergent, and/or
 - The parent/carer/supporter of someone who is autistic and/or neurodivergent
2. Sport and physical activity experience or involvement (current or previous):
 - As a player/participant, parent or member of the workforce (voluntary or paid)
 - At different levels of sport or physical activity – e.g. grassroots clubs, performance or elite representation, casual involvement (such as organised runs)

We welcome applications from individuals who require support to be involved - from the application process through to having a support person attend meetings with you.

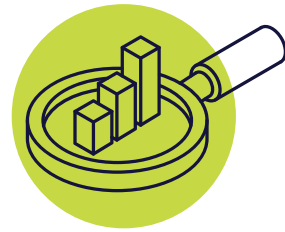


Additional experiences

While not essential, we also welcome applicants with relevant professional experience. Some examples include:

- Engaging underrepresented or marginalised communities, in sport or other sectors
- Designing or delivering initiatives to increase participation, engagement or belonging
- Navigating long-term system change, complex cultures or diverse stakeholder groups

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What does the Community Advisory Group do?

The role of the Community Advisory Group is to:

- Ensure the wants and needs of the autistic and neurodivergent community are central to the project at every stage
- Share their perspectives and co-develop key elements of the project, including pilot initiatives and guidance
- Support the project to reach the wider autistic and neurodivergent community



What does involvement look like?

Members will be involved in monthly meetings, and have the option to be involved in further activities.

The Community Advisory Group will co-develop, provide feedback on, or lead key elements of the project through working groups.

Some examples of work members may be involved in includes:

- Helping analyse responses from community surveys to understand trends and key themes
- Co-developing focus group plans and supporting delivery
- Supporting the creation of programmes and resources
- Being involved in delivery of new sessions or initiatives
- Seeking feedback from the autistic and/or neurodivergent community regarding sessions, initiatives and resources, and integrate feedback to improve these

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What is the commitment?

Involvement in the Community Advisory Group will run from September 2026 until April 2028 - a total of 20 months. The minimum commitment is to attend one meeting per month, plus the relevant preparation and follow-up required.

All meetings will be one hour, held virtually. For each meeting, there is an expectation of an additional two hours, either spent before or after. This time might be to prepare for the meeting, or complete actions. Meetings may be during the day or early evenings, and will be organised to match availability.

Beyond the minimum requirement of meetings, there will be additional opportunities the group members may choose to be involved in. These may include completing community surveys, attending focus groups, and representing the project at various events.



What do members receive for being involved?

Compensation is available for fulfilling the monthly meeting commitment, and any additional opportunities throughout the project. Remuneration will be £25 per hour, which will either be a gift voucher or bank transfer (members can choose their preference). The maximum time for any engagement would be made clear at the time of agreement. Further detail on remuneration will be available to shortlisted applicants.

Please note - this is a freelance Advisory Group role, and not a form of employment.





I'm interested - what next?



Or visit:

bit.ly/AutismActionAdvisoryGroupEOI

The first step is to complete the Expression of Interest form using the QR code or link on the bottom left.

This form should take around 15 minutes. It is designed for us to get to know a bit about you, how your experience relates to the project, and why you want to be involved.

After this stage, a shortlisted group of people will be invited to submit an application. After this, for the final stage, a small group will be invited to a virtual interview. Further information about the next stages of the application process are available on the Expression of Interest form.

What happens if I want to be involved in another way, or if I'm not selected but want to be involved?

The Community Advisory Group is an important part of the project, but it is not the only way to be involved in this work. We are excited to be building a network of individuals who care deeply about autism and neurodivergence inclusion in sport and physical activity.

This network will receive updates, and have the chance to engage throughout the project. This might be through surveys, focus groups, or sharing feedback.

You can register for updates here: bit.ly/AutismActionSportUpdates



If you have any questions,
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