Autism-Europe improves the quality of life of autistic people

E-newsletter - December 2020

This information is easy to read!
Welcome to Autism-Europe’s e-newsletter.

This newsletter is in easy-to-read language.

In this newsletter you will find 6 articles.

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You can send us ideas for the next e-newsletter.

If you have ideas, write us an email. Write to communication@autism europe.org
Autism-Europe wants an autism-friendly plan for people with disabilities

There is a plan for people with disabilities in the European Union.

The European Union is a group of 27 countries from Europe that work together to make laws.

The plan is to make sure that people with disabilities in Europe get the same rights as everyone.

Rights are things people can do and cannot do.
Click here for more information about the plan.

This plan will end in 2020 and a new plan will begin in 2021.

The next plan is for the years 2021 until 2030.

Autism Europe wants the 2021-2030 plan to be better for people with autism in the European Union.

The European Union made a first draft of the plan.
We want the European Union to make changes to the plan.

We met online with people from the European Union who are working on the plan.

At the meeting we told them what we want in the plan.

We want people with disabilities to have more chances to learn, work and get support.

The European Union will use the ideas of Autism-Europe and other groups to change the plan.
An event was held for European Day of Persons with Disabilities

Every year on 3 December is International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

On December 1 and 2 2020 there was a meeting online.

The meeting was about how to make the lives of persons with disabilities in Europe better.

Autism-Europe and its members went to the meeting.
Click here for more information about Autism-Europe’s members.

There is a new plan for people with disabilities in Europe.

Autism-Europe worked with the European Union to make the plan.

Click here for more information about the new plan.

People at the meeting talked about the new plan.
The meeting was also about the Coronavirus and how it changes the lives of autistic people.

Click here for more information about the Coronavirus.

Some cities in the European Union won a prize for accessibility.

A city has accessibility when all people can live in it, move around and use everything without problems.

The prize is called Access City Award.
The city of Jönköping in Sweden won the first prize because it made the city and businesses more accessible and people with disabilities helped.

The city of Bremerhaven in Germany won the second prize.

The city of Gdynia in Poland won the third prize.

The city of Poznań in Poland was recognised because it helped autistic people access services during the Coronavirus.
Autism-Europe members have two meetings online

On **November 7th and 8th 2020** Autism-Europe held two important **online events**.

The first event on November 7th was Autism-Europe’s **Annual General Assembly**.

The Annual General Assembly is a **meeting for members** of Autism-Europe.
Members of Autism-Europe are **organisations who work to protect the rights** of people with disabilities.

The Annual General Assembly **happens every year**.

This year the Annual General Assembly **was online** because of the Coronavirus.

Click here to learn about the Coronavirus.

Click here for more information about Autism-Europe’s members.
There were 80 people who attended the Annual General Assembly.

The members at the meeting learned about what Autism-Europe has done since the last meeting.

The members talked about the things Autism-Europe will do in the future.

The members talked about how the Coronavirus is affecting people with autism and their families.

Autism-Europe made a survey for people with autism and their families about the Coronavirus.
Autism-Europe shared the results of the survey with the members.

Autism-Europe welcomed seven new organisations.

The second event on **November 8th** was Autism-Europe’s Council of Administration.

Members of the Council of Administration talked about the rights of people with disabilities.

They also talked about plans for Autism-Europe’s congress in 2022.
They chose to accept **two new administrators** of Autism-Europe.

The **Train-ASD project** was presented at the event.

The Train-ASD **project teaches teachers how to include autistic children in school**.
Autism-Europe wants a better plan for learners with disabilities

There is a new plan about digital learning.

Digital learning is learning that is done on the computer.

The plan is called the Digital Education Action Plan.
The plan wants to **improve digital learning** for students in Europe.

The European Union made the plan for the years **from 2021 until 2027**.

The **European Union** is a group of 27 countries from Europe that work together to make laws.

**Laws** are rules that people must follow.

Autism-Europe wants the plan to talk more about **the needs of learners with disabilities**.
The European Disability Forum wrote what it wants in the next plan for people with disabilities.

The European Disability Forum is an organisation that works to protect the rights of people with disabilities.

Autism-Europe is a founding member of the European Disability Forum.

We agree with what the European Disability Forum wrote about the plan.

We want the European Union to make changes to the plan to make things easier for people with disabilities.
Teachers can learn more about autism with two new trainings

Autism-Europe is part of the ASD-EAST project and the Train-ASD project.

The ASD-EAST and Train-ASD projects teach teachers how to include autistic children in school.

Both projects have created online trainings about autism and teaching.
It is important for teachers to understand autism.

This way they can help autistic students learn.

The online trainings are free for everyone to access.

ASD-EAST created a programme and training materials about autistic learners needs.

This project will help specialist teachers.
Specialist teachers are experts in working with children with special educational needs.

The training programme and materials are available in English, French, Croatian, Macedonian and Polish.

Click here to visit the ASD-EAST website.

You might need someone to help you visit this website.

Train-ASD created an e-learning platform to host the training materials.
The platform is about **communication** and teaching approaches.

It will teach **ways to communicate** with people that have difficulties to speak.

The e-learning platform is available in **English, French, Romanian and Greek.**

Both platforms **let teachers practice their learning.**

[Click here to visit the Train-ASD website.](#)
You might need someone to help you visit this website.
The Council of the European Union wants people with disabilities as trainees

The Council of the European Union is an organisation in Brussels.

Brussels is a city in Belgium.

At the Council of the European Union, chiefs of the European countries come together. They make important choices for all people and countries of the European Union.
The European Union is a group of 27 countries.

The Council of the European Union made the choice to have people with disabilities as trainees.

A trainee is someone who trains for a job.

If you want to be a trainee at the Council of the European Union, you must be finished university or be a student in your third, fourth or fifth year of university.
You must also write an **application**.

An **application** is a letter that says why you want to work somewhere.

**Click here if you want to write an application to become a trainee at the Council of the European Union.**

You might **need someone to help you** with your application.

People who want to become a trainee from February 2021 to June 2021 or September 2021 to January 2022 must write their application **before 28 September 2020**.
If you need reasonable accommodation you can send an email.

Reasonable accommodation means that someone may need to change something at your workplace or give you support to make your work fit your disabilities.

Reasonable accommodation can mean something different for every person with disabilities.

Also you need to send proof of your disability to the same email.
The email address is

reasonable.accommodation@consilium.europa.eu

Click here to learn more about the Coronavirus.

The Coronavirus makes it difficult to be a trainee because the way people work has changed.

People work in different ways now to keep each other safe from the Coronavirus.

The Coronavirus makes it difficult to be a trainee because it is unknown when people can start work as a trainee.
The Coronavirus makes it difficult to be a trainee because people may not be able to travel to Brussels.

The Council of the European Union will tell people who want to become a trainee if they can be a trainee, when they can be a trainee and how they can be a trainee.
We hope you have enjoyed reading this!

On this publication we follow the advice of the organisation Inclusion Europe.

We follow their guidelines to make the easy to read version of our e-newsletter.

This way we make sure the information is as clear as possible.
We use **pictograms** to help make things easier to understand.

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