



Autism-Europe improves  
the quality of life of autistic people

E-newsletter – July 2023



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## Editorial



Welcome to  
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**2 articles.**

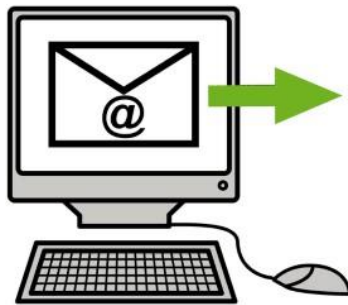
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The article on page 4 is about Ben  
Rowsome at the European Youth  
Event



The article on page 10 is about the  
**European Parliament of Persons  
with Disabilities**



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## AE representative, Ben Rowsome, shares his experience at the European Youth Event 2023






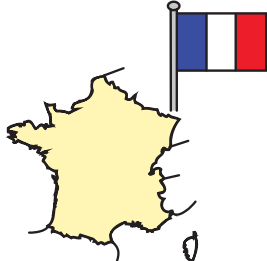
The European Youth Event 2023 took place on 9 and 10 June 2023






The European Youth Event is an event



In the European Youth Event, young people from the European Union can meet and discuss about what they want and need.



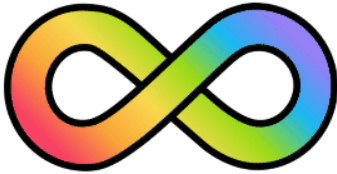
	<p>The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe.</p>
	<p>The European Youth Event took place in the European Parliament.</p>
	<p>The European Parliament is an important political forum.</p>
	<p>The European Parliament is in Strasbourg. Strasbourg is a city in France.</p>

	<p>Ben Rowsome was at the European Youth Event 2023.</p>
	<p>Ben is an autistic student from Ireland.</p>
	<p>Ireland is a country in Europe.</p>
	<p>Ben took part in the European Youth event as member of the Youth Committee of the European Disability Forum.</p>

	<p>The European Disability Forum brings together people with disabilities from all over Europe.</p>
	<p>Ben was at the opening of the European Youth Event 2023.</p>
	<p>Roberta Metsola spoke at the European Youth Event 2023. She is the president of the European Parliament.</p>
	<p>On the first day of the European Youth Event 2023 Ben discussed with others how people with disabilities can check if they have access to their rights</p>

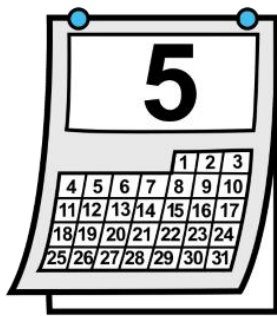
	<p>Rights are things you can or cannot do.</p>
	<p>On the second day of the European Youth Event 2023 Ben led a discussion about how person with disabilities can work.</p>
	<p>Ben learned a lot and had a great time at the European Youth Event 2023.</p>
	<p>Ben did not like everything about the European Youth Event 2023.</p>
	<p>He did not always find the place he wanted to go because there were no signs to show him the way.</p>



	<p>He found it not easy to know where he was because there was many people around him</p>
	<p>He recorded a video to explain how to be more accessible for autistic people</p>
	<p>Ben's own goal is now to make the European Youth Event autism-friendly.</p>



## Autism-Europe joins the European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities 2023



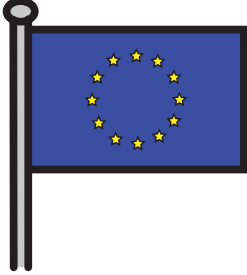



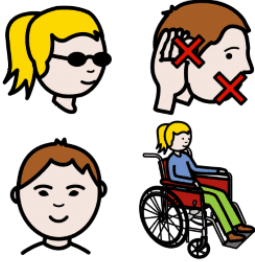

The European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities is an event on 23 May 2023.









The European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities is at the European Parliament.




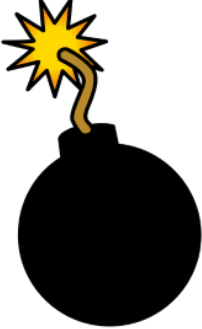

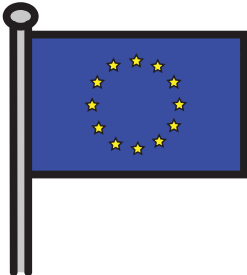
The European parliament is where people discuss and agree on rules for the European Union.

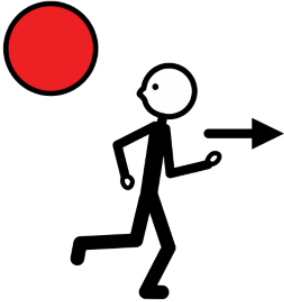
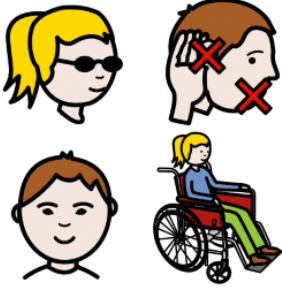



	<p>The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe.</p>
	<p>To agree on rules is important in a democracy.</p>
	<p>Democracy is a system where all people have their say about what they want and need.</p>
	<p>The European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities is an event organised by the European Disability Forum.</p>
	<p>The European Disability Forum brings together people with disabilities from all over Europe.</p>
	<p>Autism-Europe is a member of the European Disability Forum.</p>

	<p>Autism-Europe is an organisation that works to improve the lives of autistic people.</p>
	<p>The European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities is an event where people discuss the rights of persons with disabilities.</p>
	<p>The rights of persons with disabilities are rules that protect and support persons with disabilities.</p>
	<p>700 persons with disabilities were at the European Parliament of people with disabilities to ask for their rights and what they want.</p>
	<p>Autism-Europe was there with its members.</p>
	<p>Autistic people belong to the group of persons with disabilities.</p>


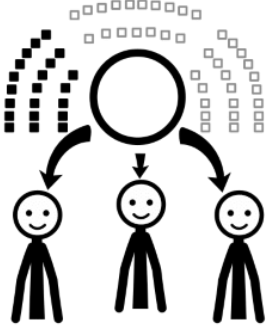



	<p>Pietro Cirrincione is an autistic person.</p>
	<p>Pietro is member of Autism-Europe.</p>
	<p>Pietro fights for the rights of autistic people.</p>
	<p>Pietro comes from Italy.</p>
	<p>Pietro was at the event.</p>
	<p>Pietro spoke at the event about Russia's invasion of Ukraine.</p>


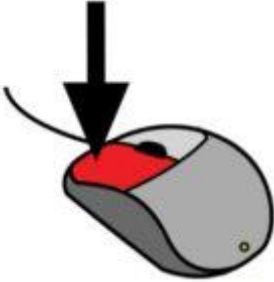

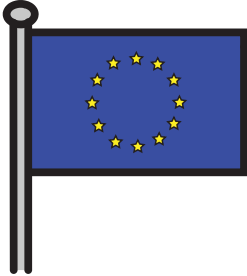

	<p>In 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine.</p>
	<p>An invasion means that a country takes control of another country by force.</p>
	<p>Ukraine and Russia are at war.</p>
	<p>It means that Ukraine's army is fighting against Russia's army.</p>


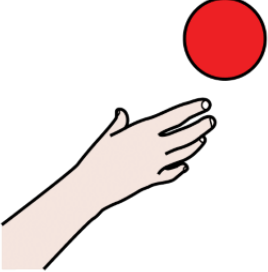



	<p>An army is a group of people that uses violence by order of their country.</p>
	<p>Russia often drops bombs on Ukraine.</p>
	<p>Since 2022, many people in Ukraine died because of this invasion.</p>
	<p>Since 2022, many people saw their houses destroyed by Russia's bombs and decided to run away from Ukraine.</p>
	<p>Some people leave Ukraine because of Russia's invasion and look for shelter in countries in the European Union.</p>


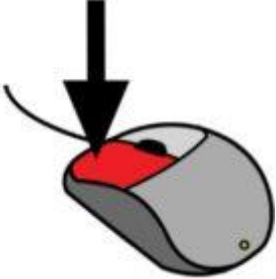
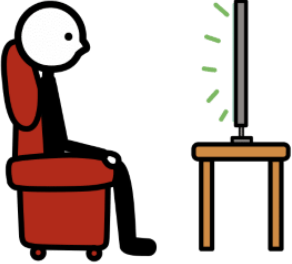
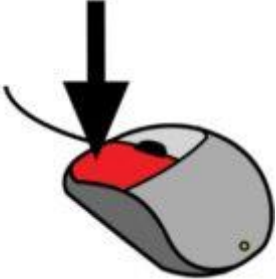
	<p>They are called Ukrainian refugees.</p>
	<p>Some of these Ukrainian refugees are persons with disabilities.</p>
	<p>Pietro Cirrincione at the European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities talked about Ukrainian refugees with disabilities.</p>
	<p>Pietro asked support for Ukrainian refugees with disabilities.</p>
	<p>Many autistic Ukrainian people feel sensory overloaded because of the noise of the bombs.</p>



	<p>Pietro Cirrincione asked the Members of the European Parliament to stop the war.</p>
	<p>The Members of the European Parliament are representatives chosen by people of the European Union.</p>
	<p>Pietro also asks that disabled people are protected when there is a natural disaster.</p>
	<p>A natural disaster is when there is a flood, for example.</p>
	<p>And then people must leave their houses because of the water.</p>

	<p>You can watch the speech of Pietro here.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Click here to watch it</a></p>
	<p>In 2024 there will be elections of Members of the European Parliament in all countries of the European Union.</p>
	<p>These elections are called European elections.</p>
	<p>Elections are when people choose who will represent them.</p>

	<p>The European Disability Forum drafted a manifesto for the European elections in 2024.</p>
	<p>A manifesto is to explain what the European Disability Forum wants for people with disabilities.</p>
	<p>The European Disability Forum wants the European Union to protect persons with disabilities.</p>
	<p>The European Disability Forum explained their manifesto at the European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities.</p>
	<p>The people at the European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities said they agree with the manifesto.</p>

	<p>You can read the manifesto.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Click here to read it.</a></p>
	<p>The European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities event was recorded too.</p>
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