I can learn.
I can work.

An annex to Autism-Europe’s campaign toolkit to raise awareness of autism.

This information is Easy to Read

Autism Europe
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It helps you take part in the campaign of Autism-Europe.

Autism-Europe stands for people with autism in Europe.

We talk with lawmakers in Europe.

Law makers are people that make laws.
Laws are rules people must follow.

We make sure lawmakers know the needs of people with autism.

For this, Autism-Europe has a campaign every year.

The message of our campaign in 2020 and 2021 is I can learn. I can work.
The campaign is for World Autism Awareness Day.

2020 was the first year of the campaign.

An easy to read paper was created for the campaign in 2020.

Click here to read the guide.
This paper is an annex of that guide.

An annex is an extra part of a document that has more information.

You should read the easy to read guide first so you can understand this annex.

Here we explain 4 different aspects about the campaign.
From page 7, we explain the actions of the campaign in 2020.

From page 10, we explain the changes of the campaign in 2021.

From page 16, we explain how you can help with the campaign.

And from page 18, how you can spread your own message about autism.
The campaign in 2020

Autism-Europe organised different actions for the campaign in 2020.

Autism-Europe created a guide to help people understand the campaign.

Autism-Europe created images about the campaign for people to share online.

Autism-Europe asked autistic people to write down their story about working.
The best story won a prize and was talked about by Autism-Europe.

Autism-Europe released a video about how autistic people can learn and work.

Click [here](#) to watch the campaign video.

Autism-Europe contacted many people about the campaign.
Autistic people and their families supported the campaign.

Teachers and employers supported the campaign.

Law makers supported the campaign.
The campaign in 2021 is a bit different.

The campaign has changed because of the Coronavirus.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Coronavirus.

The campaign will talk about how the Coronavirus has affected autistic people.
The campaign will talk about what autistic people need to live better during the Coronavirus.

The campaign has also changed because of 2 new plans from European law makers.

The first is a new plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We call it The European Disability Rights strategy.
The goal is to improve the lives of people with disabilities in the European Union.

The plan will be ongoing from 2021 until 2030.

The European Union is a group of 27 countries from Europe.

Click [here](#) to learn more about this plan.
The second plan puts forward actions for the European pillar of social rights.

We call it the Action Plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights.

The European Pillar of Social Rights is a text that explains what rules will help everyone get the same opportunities.

Click here to learn more about this action plan.
The two plans will inform the goals of the 2021 campaign.

The autistic community can use these plans to advance their rights.
The campaign has 3 goals in 2021.

The first goal is to raise awareness about the challenges autistic people face because of the Coronavirus.

The campaign will share the mental health challenges of autistic people.

Mental health is how people think, feel and behave.
The campaign will share information about laws on reasonable accommodation during the Coronavirus.

Reasonable accommodation means making changes to a job or situation so that persons with disabilities can participate.

The second goal is to spread the message that autistic people can learn and work during the Coronavirus.

The campaign will share what autistic people need to learn and work better from home.
The third goal is to share information about the new plans explained above.

The campaign will explain how the plans support autistic people at school and work.
How can you be part of our campaign?

You can help us share the campaign message.

Find a tool that stand for what you can do best.

You can take a picture or make video with this tool.

You can explain what you do to support inclusion of people with autism into society.
You can put this photo on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

You can help us find it by writing #AutismDay2021 next to the picture.

You can just print the paper with the campaign logo.

Click here for the campaign logo.
You can take a picture of yourself with the campaign logo.

This way you show your support of our campaign.

It shows you want people with autism included into society.

You must not do all of these things.
You can choose whichever thing you like.

If you do not use Facebook, Twitter or Instagram it is not a problem.

You can send us your pictures in an email.

The email address is communication@autism europe.org

You can participate in our online event about the campaign.
You can attend the event on Tuesday 30 March.

Click [here](#) to register for the event.

You can send us a video of yourself talking about your experiences.

You can talk about your experiences at school, work or the Coronavirus in any language.
Your video will be played at the online event.

Click here to learn more about the video.

You may need someone to help you record your video.

You can send us your video in an email.

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Thank you
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