

AU-SOME CONFERENCE 2024

A day of *sharing*, *inclusivity*, and *acceptance* of the autistic community in Canada.



AUTISM CANADA

For over 45 years Autism Canada has had a national perspective on the issues currently facing those on the Autism Spectrum, their families, and caregivers. Autism Canada's primary mandate is to increase the quality of life and well-being of those on the Autism Spectrum, their families, and caregivers through education, advocacy, and support.

Autism Canada is committed to delivering the highest quality programs and community resources like the national annual Au-Some Conference, our dedicated Family Support team, a first-of-its-kind Search and Rescue for Autism program, and an exceptional catalogue offering autism education to both the public and private sectors. Autism Canada is proud to have served the autism community in Canada since 1976.

AU-SOME CONFERENCE

Autism Canada is proud to present this year's annual Au-Some Conference on October 26, 2024, during Autism Acceptance Month.

The Au-Some Conference is the only Canadian conference in which all of the presentations are created and delivered by neurodivergent individuals, sharing their lived experiences and enriching the lives of everyone in attendance.

It is a day for people to learn about the diversity of the Autism Spectrum and where, together, we will create an inclusive environment for sharing successes and for creating acceptance for those on the spectrum, caregivers and communities.

Now in its 8th year, the Au-Some Conference is a free, national conference presented virtually to allow us to bring it to hundreds of people in every region of Canada.

MEET OUR 2024 PRESENTERS

**Please note that we are still finalizing our lineup of presenters.

We have an exciting lineup of speakers ready to share their personal journeys and practical strategies at our upcoming conference. Delivered via Zoom and accessible on our YouTube channel, the Au-Some Conference promises to be impactful. Last year, we approximately 10,000 digital interactions, and this year, we're aiming to exceed that as we continue to add more inspiring voices to our roster. Stay tuned for what's to come!




Paige Layle


Autistic Influencer and Published Author

Topic - Finding Community Through Late Diagnosis

Paige Layle is a autistic influencer, known for her authentic and engaging advocacy for inclusion. As a published author, her book, *But Everyone Feels This Way: How An Autism Diagnosis Saved My Life*, fosters empathy and understanding.

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As an autism consultant, Paige offers expert guidance to enhance support for the autistic community. She is also a captivating actor and voice actor, known for her powerful performances and quick narration skills due to her hyperlexia.

A charismatic public speaker and a dynamic presence online, Paige uses her YouTube and TikTok platforms to educate, entertain, and connect with followers, dispelling myths and sharing insights on her experiences on the Autism Spectrum.




Daniel Jones

The Aspie World

Topic - Overcoming Autism and ADHD Inertia

Daniel Jones, known online as The Aspie World, is a Welsh YouTuber and an influential voice in the autism community. From an early age, he faced challenges that later led to diagnoses of ADHD, OCD, dyslexia, and autism.

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Daniel began his YouTube channel on July 11, 2013, to fill a void he saw in educational content about autism. His channel, The Aspie World, quickly became the UK's #1 resource for sharing insights into Aspergers, ADHD, OCD, and dyslexia.

In addition to his YouTube success, Daniel is an accomplished author with works like *5 Autism Daily Hacks* and *Become The Force*. He is also the founder of the Level Up Autism coaching program, which supports autistic individuals and their families.

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Rob Gorski

Blogger and Podcaster

Hosting the Au-Some Conference and Participating in a Panel on Parenting Related Topics

Rob is the founder and CEO of The Autism Dad, LLC, a platform devoted to educating, validating, and supporting parents of children with autism and other disabilities. Through his blog and podcast, Rob shares his family's story, offering real-life perspectives that resonate with other parents facing similar challenges. His mission is to educate the public about autism, support families, and foster a community where people feel understood and less isolated.

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Since launching The Autism Dad blog in 2010, Rob has transformed it into a global resource featuring articles, podcasts, interviews, and practical advice for parents. His work has gained recognition from major media outlets like CNN, ABC News, BBC Worldwide, and the Tamron Hall Show, and he has received numerous awards for his contributions to the autism community.



Gemma Gray

Founder and Advocate

Topic - Raising Autistic Girls to Thrive

Gemma Gray is founder of Colouring Outside The Lines, a peer-to-peer network specifically created for parents and carers of autistic girls. Set up when awaiting her own daughter's diagnosis, the group provides immediate support, understanding and advice from over 6,500 global members. The group is autism positive, welcoming of autistic input and run by a volunteer admin team of neurodivergent and neurotypical parents.

Although Gemma's background is in Advertising and Marketing, she is passionate about improving the lives of autistic females and has recently completed her Churchill Fellowship in Canada and the US focusing on innovative social and employment opportunities for autistic women. Gemma is late-diagnosed autistic and lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.