



Tell us your Story

Participant Information Sheet

Introduction

Autism&Uni is a European project that aims to make it easier for students on the autism spectrum to transition from school and college to university. We also want to help students make the most of their university experience when they are there and support them to learn the skills they need to negotiate student life and studies successfully. To learn more about the current situation, we collect stories about people on the autism spectrum who have had some experience of higher education, or the process of applying to a higher education institution.

How can I participate?

We will ask you to recall the student's situation and experiences related to applying to university, or the time at university. We call this a 'story'.

Do I have to take part?

No. Any participation is voluntary and up to the point when you submit your story, you are free to withdraw without any explanation or reason.

What we will do with your information

The stories we collect will help us determine how students on the autism spectrum can best be informed and supported when they embark on higher education study. We may also use some story elements in the resources we develop. We will take great care not to reveal your identity or the student's identity and in order to do that, we may change some of the descriptions you give us before including them in our resources.

In some cases, we may wish to use a story as a complete case study on our website or in project publications. If this applies to your story, we will do this only with your and the student's explicit consent and you will be given the option to make changes and have your names acknowledged with your story.

Contact for further information

If you have any questions about the information we have given you, or about the way your contribution will be used, please contact us before completing the questionnaire.

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Email: autism-uni@leedsmet.ac.uk

Sponsor: Leeds Metropolitan University

Lead researcher: Dr Marc Fabri

About you

Please enter your personal details. We will not publish these without your permission.

Q1 What is your name?

Q2 Please provide your job title or role, and the name of your employer (if applicable)

Q3 Your relationship to the student

Q4 Which city are you based in?

Q5 What is your country of residence?

United Kingdom.....

Finland

The Netherlands

Poland

Spain

Other, please specify below.....

Q6 Please enter your email address

Q7 Please enter your postal address (optional)

About the student

Please enter the student's details. We will not publish these without the student's permission.

Q8 Student name

Q9 Gender

Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10 City of residence

Q11 Country of residence

United Kingdom.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finland	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Netherlands	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify below.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12 Email address

Q13 How was the student's autistic spectrum disorder diagnosed (or identified if no official diagnosis)?

Psychiatrist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychologist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neurologist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
GP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational staff.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-diagnosis.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

About your Story

Q14 What type of story are you telling us?

A success story where the main aim was achieved

A problem story where the main aim was not achieved

It has elements of both problems and success

Q15 **When does your story begin?**

Think back to the beginning of your story and write down the month and the year.

Q16 **When does it end?**

When did your story end? If it has not yet ended then leave this box empty.

Q17 How old was the student at the beginning of the story?

Q18 The context

The person on the autism spectrum is the protagonist of this story. Think back to the beginning of the story - what was the situation back then and what did the student aim to achieve?

(up to 200 words)

Q19 The challenges
What were the challenges the student was facing?
(up to 100 words)

Q20 Feelings
How did you and the student feel at the time, when faced with these challenges?
(up to 200 words)

Q21 Support
Who helped the student when faced with these these challenges, and what did these helpers do?
(up to 100 words)

Q22 The conclusion
What was the outcome of the story, how did it finish?
(up to 100 words)

Q23 **What about now?**
How do you and the student feel about these experiences now? What other support would have been helpful? What would you or the student do differently now?
(up to 200 words)

Q24 Further support
Do the issues you described above still affect you or the student? Please let us know what would help you now. (optional, up to 200 words)

Consent Form

Declaration by you

In order for us to use and learn from your experiences, we require your consent. Please consider the following statements and confirm to what extent we can use your story:

Q25

I consent for this story to be used anonymously for the purpose of developing resources that can help students on the autism spectrum enter and succeed in Higher Education.

Q26

I consent for this story to be used by Autism&Uni on the project website or in publications in order to help and inspire other students.....

Q27

I would like to review this story prior to publication with the option to make changes or withdraw my consent.....

Q28

I would like my name and role to appear with the published version of this story.....

Q29

I would like my city/country to appear with the published version of this story.....

Declaration by the student

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Thank you for taking part in this survey

Please send the completed form back to:

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