

Autism Inclusion Matters

What is AIM?

AIM is a group on the Isle of Wight for **adults** (over 18) who have **Autism** or **Aspergers**, also known as an **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** or **Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)**. It is not a group for parents or carers, or professionals.

AIM is a **user lead group**. This means that with support, people who have ASD will decide what happens in the group and help to run the groups.

How can I be involved?

We now have funding for a **social group**. This used to be called 'The ATeam' This social group is aimed at helping people who have ASD who may feel lonely, or find it difficult to meet people and make friends.

The group will choose where to meet together and what activities to do. We will support members to find people who have shared interests, and build friendships. We hope to have a range of activities that are chosen by members.

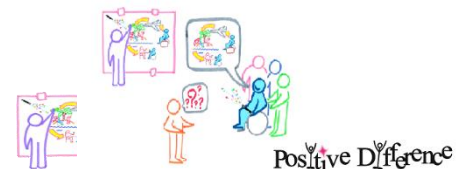
We hope that this group will become run by its members and we encourage anyone who wants to help in any way to run the group to let us know.

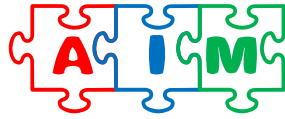
We also have an **advocacy group**, to listen to what adults with ASD have to say about life on the Isle of Wight, and to make changes.

We are creating new ways of doing this to involve more people, to listen to more people and to make sure that services and businesses listen to what you have to say and act on it.

AIM is supported by a partnership between Way Forward, Positive Difference and People Matter IW. These organisations work together to support the group.

If you would like to be involved, or have more information about any of our groups or activities please complete the contact form.





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Please fill in this form to help us make the AIM group a good place for people to meet. The information will be kept safe and private and only used for the group, to share information about the group and to share other information about ASD on the Isle of Wight that you might find useful.

Contacting You				
Name				
Date of birth				
What do you like to be called?				
What is your address?	Number and Street Town Postcode Telephone number			
What is your email Address?				
How would you like us to keep you up to date with information	Email	Post	Telephone	Other
Is there someone else you would like us to give information to or contact instead of contacting you? If so please give their contact details in this box				
What format would you like any letters or meeting notes	Easy read	Full	Other	
Please give us some more information to help us plan our groups. We cannot meet everyone's needs but will try to make sure that some activities are at times and places that suit all members.				
When are you able to meet?	Day time	evening	Weekend only	
Are you able to travel to activities?	Yes	Yes but I will need help planning my route	No I cannot travel independently and have no one to help me	
Would you be willing to give someone else a lift?	Yes	No	Not sure	

Do you have any cultural or religious needs that we need to be aware of?	
Do you have any strong fears or phobias that we need to be aware of?	
Do you have any other disability or access needs that we need to be aware of?	
I understand that this information will be used to plan the activities for the AIM group and to send me information related to this. If I no longer wish to receive this information I can let AIM know at any time. My information will be kept securely in accordance with the data protection act and will not be shared with any one without my consent. <input type="checkbox"/>	
I understand that any social activities organised may have a cost which I will need to pay. This will be made clear to me. <input type="checkbox"/>	
I understand that when I take part in any social groups or activities I do so at my own risk, having thought about my health and whether they are suitable for me. The AIM Partnership will not be providing any medical or physical support, or personal care <input type="checkbox"/>	
Signature	Date

Please tick any subjects that are of interest to you. We will not be organising all of these, but will look at the interests of all of the group members to help plan activities and match people who have shared interests. Please feel free to add any ideas or other interests to the list. We would love to hear more ideas!

Art – class	Pub quiz	Stamps	Meal out	Local history	Computer games
Art – discussions or talk	Water sports	Classic cars	Photography	Bike riding	Buses
Art – galleries	Surfing	Trains	Pub or café	Theatre	Crafting
Beach activities	Baking / cookery	Knitting or sewing	Sports	Walking	Dinosaurs/ fossils
Gardening or horticulture	Cinema	Geology	Comics / animation	Bingo	Dr Who

Please return this form to the AIM Administrator

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For any queries contact us at Way Forward on: 01983 523000 and ask to speak to the AIM coordinator.

