

# Neurodiversity and the autism industry: what now for Autistic identity?

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## What is *ARCH*

- **Inform service providers about what Autistic people really experience.**
- **Campaign for better services for Autistic people in the Highlands and beyond.**
- **Challenge stigma and discrimination through education about Autistic strengths.**

*Inform*

*Educate*

*Campaign*

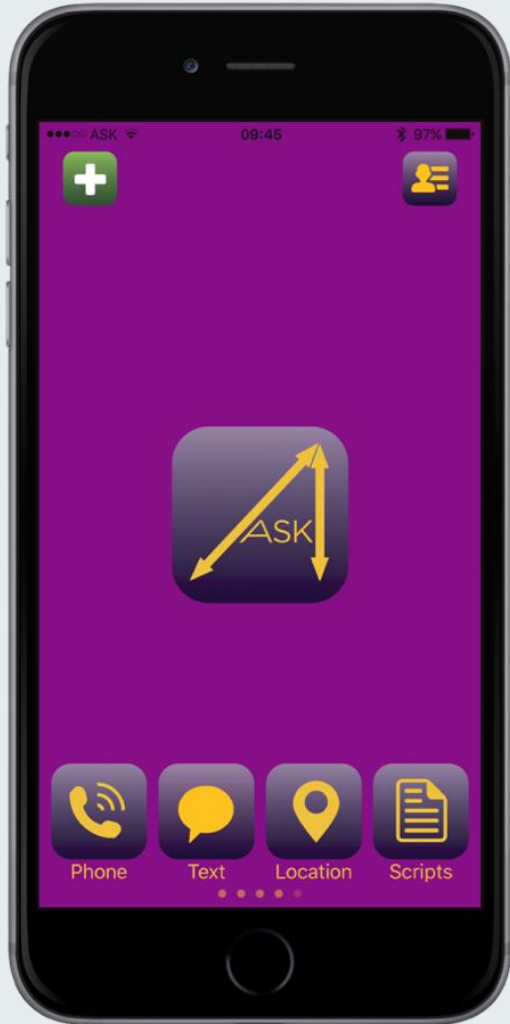
*Challenge*

# ASK-Autistic Space Kit

The ASK has been developed by and for autistic people.

The app is highly customisable to allow flexibility in how it can be used depending upon each individual's needs and preferences. We will continue to use feedback from autistic people to develop improve functionality in future updates.

An iOS App



Go to the Apple App store and search for ASK Autistic Space Kit Currently priced at 0.79p

or use direct link <https://appsto.re/gb/GA7Web.i>

Website:  
[www.autisticspacekit.co.uk](http://www.autisticspacekit.co.uk)

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"Neurodiversity is the diversity of human brains and minds – the infinite variation in neurocognitive functioning within our species."

Nick Walker: [neurocosmopolitanism.com](http://neurocosmopolitanism.com)

It's not a perspective, an approach, a belief, a political position.

Neurodiversity is a biological fact.

The neurodiversity paradigm is a specific perspective on neurodiversity – a perspective or approach that boils down to these fundamental principles:

1.) Neurodiversity is a natural and valuable form of human diversity.

2.) The idea that there is one “normal” or “healthy” type of brain or mind, or one “right” style of neurocognitive functioning, is a culturally constructed fiction, no more valid (and no more conducive to a healthy society or to the overall well-being of humanity) than the idea that there is one “normal” or “right” ethnicity, gender, or culture.

3.) The social dynamics that manifest in regard to neurodiversity are similar to the social dynamics that manifest in regard to other forms of human diversity (e.g., diversity of ethnicity, gender, or culture). These dynamics include the dynamics of social power inequalities, and also the dynamics by which diversity, when embraced, acts as a source of creative potential."

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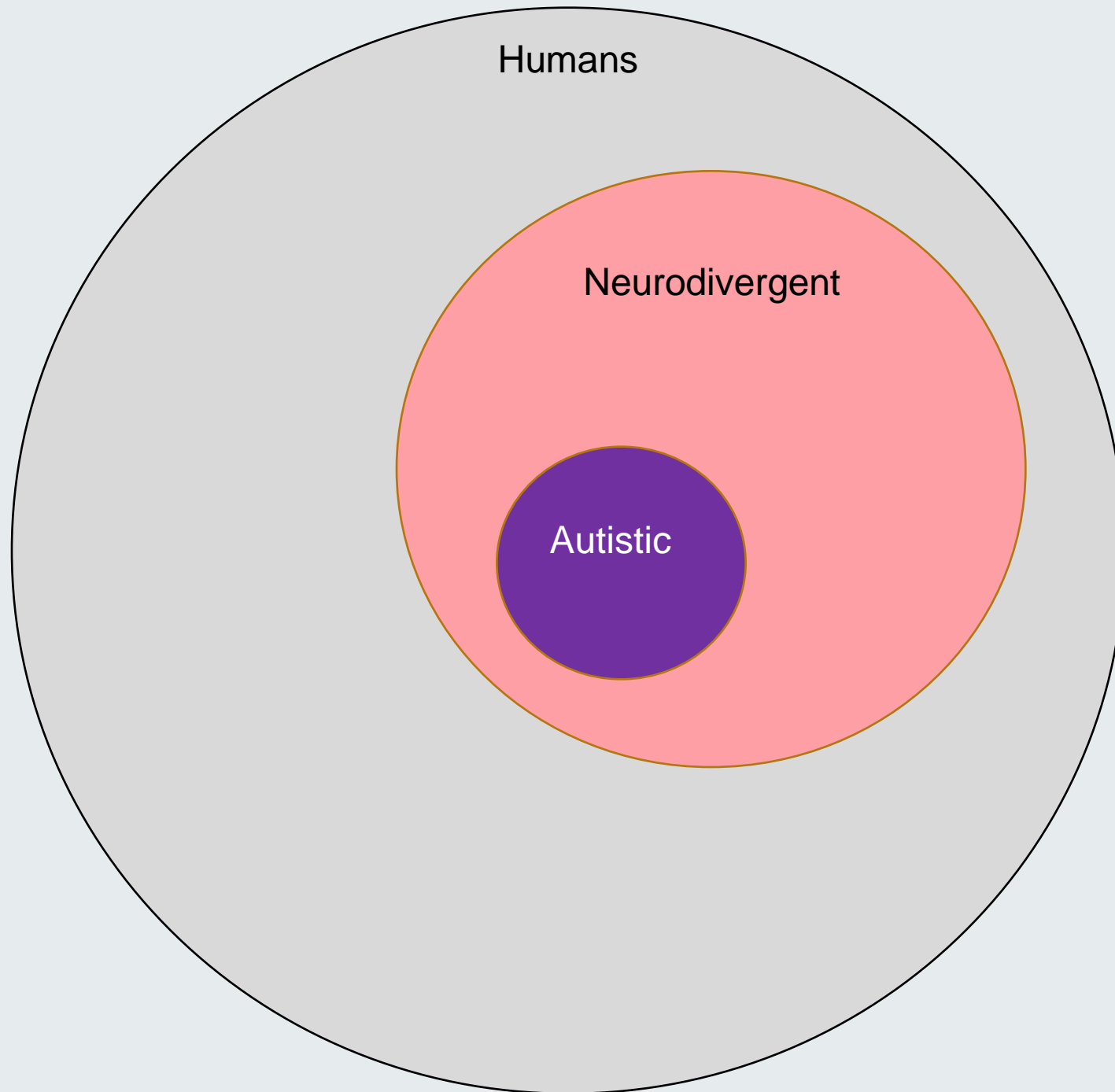
The Neurodiversity Movement is a social justice movement that seeks civil rights, equality, respect, and full societal inclusion for the neurodivergent.

The neurodiversity movement opposes cure-oriented research and activism typical of the scientific community and mainstream autism advocacy organizations. They hope to counter this trend by promoting autism as a positive identity – a normal human variation, rather than a pathology.

Universal Design is the design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability. An environment (or any building, product, or service in that environment) should be designed to meet the needs of all people who wish to use it. This is not a special requirement, for the benefit of only a minority of the population. It is a fundamental condition of good design. If an environment is accessible, usable, convenient and a pleasure to use, everyone benefits. By considering the diverse needs and abilities of all throughout the design process, universal design creates products, services and environments that meet peoples' needs. Simply put, universal design is good design.

( The Centre of Excellence for Universal Design)





Humans

Neurodivergent

Autistic

<https://neurodiversitymanifesto.com/2016/09/22/the-manifesto-draft/>

# Autistic Europe Fringe 2016



Survey responses from 3,470 people were analysed, including 502 autistic adults, 2,207 parents of children and adults on the autism spectrum, 1,109 professionals, and 380 extended family members and friends

Autistic adults like the identity-first terms 'autistic' and 'Aspie', whereas families didn't like 'Aspie'. Professionals also like the term 'autism spectrum disorder (ASD)'.





By 'microsegmentation' we aim to identify those features of ASD that have a functional impact on individuals and an economic impact upon society. Every individual with autism is unique. However, people with similar features, such as severe learning difficulties, or high levels of challenging behaviour, are likely to have many similar needs and to benefit from a similar range of interventions or services.

( <http://www.tommymackay.com/autism-spectrum-disorders/microsegmentation/> )



*Quiet Hands*



*Quiet Mouth*

