

## ORIENTATION HANDOUT

### Organisers

- Autscape is organised and run on a completely voluntary basis, mainly by autistic people. We have many of the same needs and difficulties you do. We may not be able to do everything we would like to.
- Coordinators: Elaine, Debbie, Kalen, Peter
- Other team members: James, Jeremy, Joseph, Larry, Trish, Yo
- Identifying us: blue high vis jackets and/or blue interaction badges
- Coordinators are available most of the time, but other team members may be off duty at times. Please respect their needs and their off-duty time.

### House rules

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on campus.
- Only water may be consumed in presentation and activity areas.
- Alcohol may be consumed (but not sold) in the evenings and in the lounge area (Style common room) only.
- Electrical devices: ordinary low-power equipment only (<500W). Inspect for damage/modifications before use.
- Leave all equipment (including Autscape's sensory toys) in the room in which you found it.
- Close the doors behind you and do not give the door code out to anyone. *Don't open fire doors.*
- Aerosol sprays are not permitted. (They may trigger the fire alarm!)
- Please don't walk on the headmaster's lawn.

### Information Centre

Here you will find, among other things:

- **Schedules:** lists of leisure activities already planned and that **you** can add to.
- **Action needed:** a box for notes to organisers about things that need attention.
- **Sales:** Autscape merchandise and tuck shop.
- **An organiser:** most of the day, an organiser will be at the desk to answer queries.
- Across the hall is the drop-in centre where there are games and activities, things participants have for sale, trade or to give away, and information about various initiatives.

### Respect for personal space and sensory issues

- Respect Autscape's initiation badges.

Red	Do not start any interaction.
Yellow	Initiate only if I have already said you can.
Green	I find it hard to initiate. Please talk to me.

- Badges apply to organisers and children, too.
- Be aware that others in the room may be distracted or distressed by toys with lights.
- Please don't touch anyone or their possessions without permission, including children. Those who are willing to be **asked** for touch (e.g. hugs) will be wearing an **orange star**.
- Please refrain from using highly scented products such as perfumes and aftershaves (lightly scented soap and deodorant is fine) and remove smoking smells before rejoining groups.
- **Photography:** Ask everyone in the room before using a camera flash. Be very careful not to catch any part of anyone wearing a **black circle** in any video or photo.
- Bedrooms are a haven. Never enter someone else's bedroom unless you're specifically invited.

### Presentations

- **Flap, don't clap:** please show your appreciation for presentations and performances without clapping, such as by flapping or wriggling fingers.
- An organiser or volunteer may raise their hand to quiet a group. Please also raise yours and stop talking. This will cause silence to spread.
- Please keep questions and comments brief, and try not to interrupt. There will be time later for more detailed discussion.

### Friday and departure

- Please pack and vacate your room by 9:30am. You can leave your luggage in discussion room 1.
- There will be a pre-AGM meeting at 9:30 where you can air your views about Autscape, followed by the AGM at 10:00.
- There will be transport to Settle and Giggleswick stations. Exact times to be confirmed. You can use these only if you booked them in advance.
- We would like all participants to vacate the venue by 3.30pm. There are pubs nearby you could move to.