



AUTSCAPE 2019

Making Connections

Orientation

Monday 12 August 2019



Outline

1. Introduction

2. Practicalities:

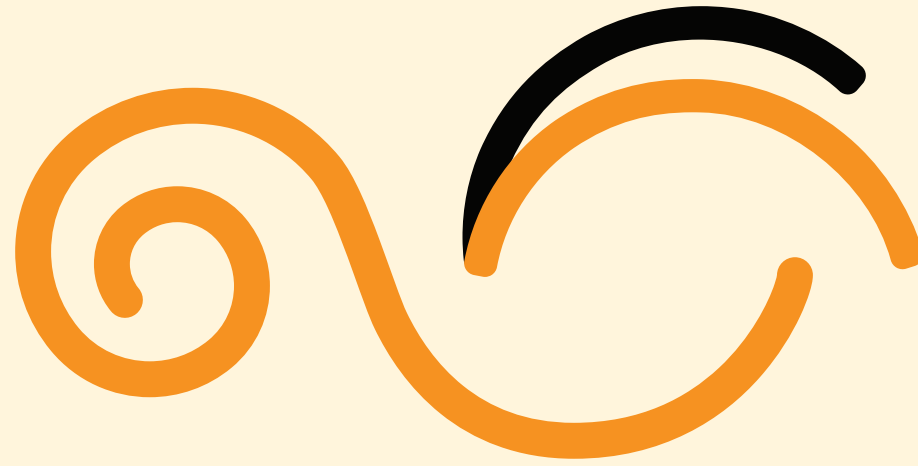
- organisers, venue rules, departure

3. Expectations:

- how to get along at Autscape

4. Experience:

- How to get the most out of Autscape



Introduction



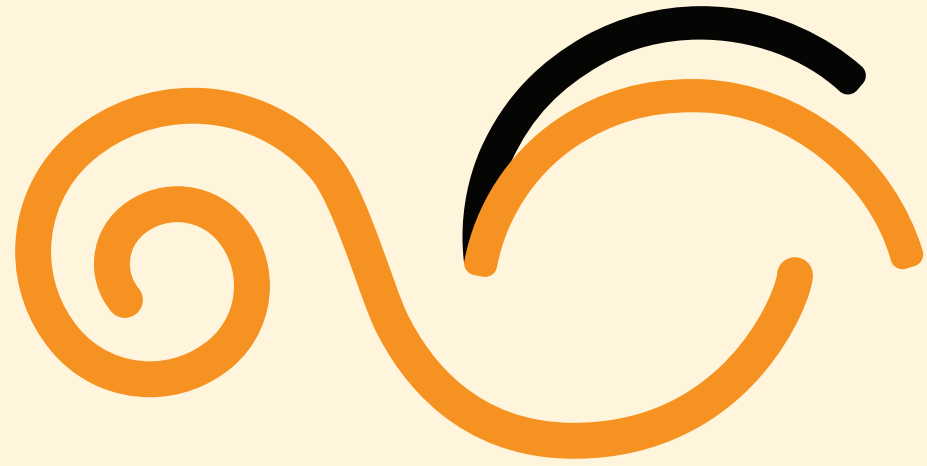
Organisers

- Who are we?
 - Debbie, Elaine, James, Kalen, Martijn, Seth
- Identifying us
 - Blue high vis vest, hat, sash... Blue initiation badge
 - Team members can be found at the information desk from 9am to 8pm except for meal times. If they have to leave, there will be a note saying when they will be back.



Changes

- Sensory room now in **Aspen**
- Participants' area now in **Boardroom**
- New things
 - Food rules
 - Guide dog
 - Restrictions on entering
 - Overflow room



Environment



Environment

- House rules
- Departure
- Spaces
 - Information area
 - Participants' area
- Taking care of yourself
- Sensory issues



House Rules

- Smoke only in designated areas.
- Only water in conference rooms. No hot food.
- Your key card works on exterior doors.
 - Find your fire exit
- Children must be supervised.
- Do not interact with guide dog without permission



Departure

- Vacate your room by 9:30am.
 - Luggage can go in **Barclay Hall**
- Leaving site:
 - Thursday after lunch by **3:30pm** latest
 - Friday **by 11:00am**
- Panel 11:00; feedback 11:45
- Taxis to station, roughly £6, ask Elaine at info desk to order



Information desk

- Sign up sheets for home groups
- Schedule
 - www.autscape.org/2019/programme
- Autscape merchandise



Participants' area

- Moved from Mulberry (too dark) to Boardroom (too light!)
- Action needed box for notes to organisers about things that need attention
- Things participants want to give away or sell
- Participants' projects and research info



Taking care of yourself

- Take care of your health and hygiene
- Orient yourself
- Organise your time and manage your activity level
 - Avoid overload
 - Prioritise
 - Rest
- Make choices of food and activities.
- Take care of your health and hygiene
- Say 'no' and ask for help





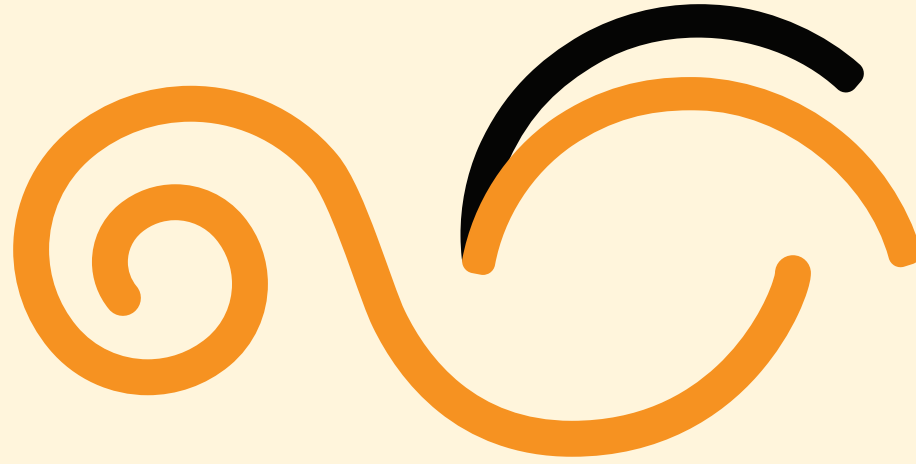
Catering

- Times
 - Breakfast starts at 8:15
 - Lunch starts at 12:30
 - Evening meal (dinner/tea) starts at 18:00
- Service continues for 45 minutes
- Home groups are during the first half hour of lunch and dinner



Sensory issues

- **Smells:** Avoid scented products such as perfume and aftershave. Be considerate about strong odours.
- **Touch:** Ask before touching anyone, including children. Leave space when queuing.
- **Sound:** Be quiet in corridors. Make sure sound doesn't 'leak' from headphones.
- **Light:** Get permission before using a flash. Keep toys with lights where others can avoid seeing.



Autistic community



Autistic Community

- Diversity
- Respecting others
- Interacting
 - Avoiding interaction



Diversity

- Overflow room
- Children
- Respecting others
- Tolerance



Respecting others

- Space and property
 - Ask before touching a person or their stuff.
 - Extend this respect to all, including carers, organisers and children.
- Being tolerant
 - Everyone else is autistic too.
 - Don't complain about people not getting hints - don't hint!
 - All have equal right to be here, whatever their opinions, occupation, neurology, age, gender, etc.



Badges

Red	Do not initiate any interaction.
Yellow	Initiate only if I've said you can.
Green	Please interact with me.

- We have symbols for photos/video (camera), hugs (teddy), and interviews/research (book with microphone and pen)
- All symbols are now **opt-in**
 - No badge: don't ask!
 - Badge: may be asked, but they can still say 'no.'
 - You can ask if it would be ok to try again later. Please respect the answer.



Social spaces & activities

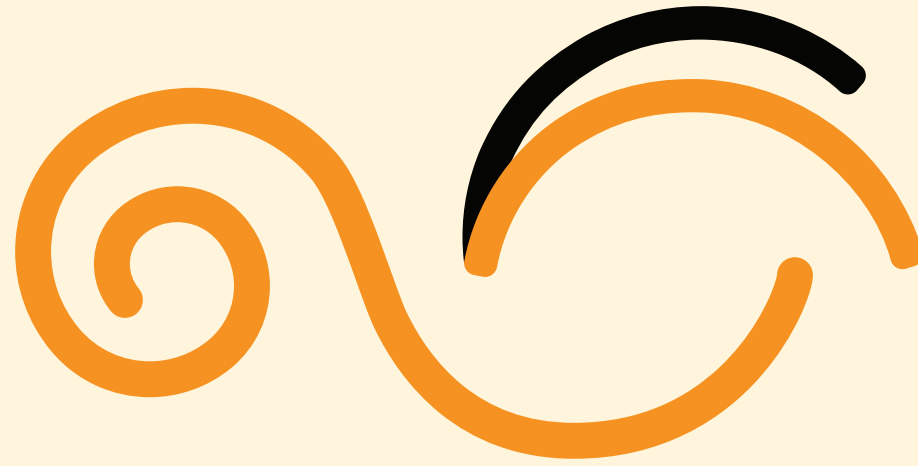
- Drop-in/hangout
 - Social activities like games in Garden Lounge
 - ‘Making’ activities in Participants’ Area (Boardroom)
- Home groups



Escapes

- Sensory room: Aspen (change!)
 - Between information area and reception
- In the dining hall:
 - ‘No interaction’ table
 - Quiet dining room
- Bedrooms
 - Please don’t seek out people in their rooms.
 - Never enter anyone else’s room unless invited.





Programme



Experience

- Participant-led activities
- Lectures and workshops

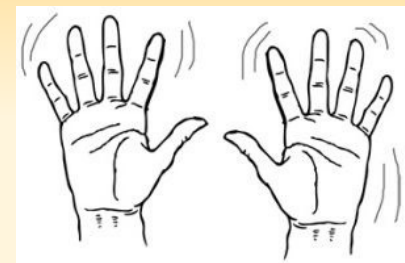


Participant-led

- Ever-changing



Presentations



- Flap, don't clap:
 - Show your appreciation for presentations and performances without clapping. Suggested alternatives: flap, wiggle fingers.
- Contributing
 - Keep questions and comments brief.
- Written questions will be collected
- Overflow room



What now?

- 18:00 Home groups (break out rooms)
 - If you haven't signed up, meet outside Yew Tree Hall
- 18:00 Dinner (Barclay Restaurant)
- 21:30 Sparklies in the dark (Barclay Hall)