So, here we are. Autscape starts in earnest tomorrow. Organisers would usually be busily setting up the venue at this point, and in a way that’s what we’re doing with calendars and links. Please bear with us when things are not entirely smooth. This is our first time too.

Handouts from presenters are being uploaded to the Autscape site (see sidebar). You may want to print out Laura Sommer’s beforehand if you like to write by hand.

**Home groups**

**What are they for?**

Home groups have been created to help people feel comfortable at Autscape and get the best out of the experience by providing a small group of up to 10 people that they can get to know a bit better. It’s not a guarantee you will connect with someone, but it may improve your chances.

**Where and when do they meet?**

Home groups will meet once each day during Autscape. They are scheduled at 12:00, but as they are hosted independently by facilitators, we are able to offer groups at various times throughout the day until 11pm.

**How can I sign up?**

You can sign up for a home groups here: [https://teamup.com/kspticzh2hit268q](https://teamup.com/kspticzh2hit268q) or in the general Autscape calendar. The password has been sent by email, or you can ask for it on Discord. Click on the first day (27 July) of the group you would like to join. Click ‘sign up’ and put in your details (a pseudonym is fine). Remember your group so you can find it.

If all the groups are full or you’re having any other difficulty signing up, there will be a meeting on Zoom at 12pm to help sort everyone else out.

**Staying connected**

In a physical Autscape, home groups help you to meet people you might want to socialise with at other times. We have recreated this a bit by making rooms in Discord that are exclusive to each group. It is completely up to you whether you would like to use it, but they are available.