



AUTSCAPE 2015

Exploring Autistic Space

ORIENTATION HANDOUT

On site team of organisers

- Stephen (coordinator), Alastair, Chen, Debbie, Elaine, Liz, Katja, Martijn, Richard, Trish and Yo.
- Identifying us: organisers on duty wear a blue initiation badge and a blue armband, sash or hat.
- Organisers are volunteers who are also paying participants and may be autistic too. 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.
- You may bring your own alcohol. Consumption in the evenings and in the lounge area (Dutton) only.
- 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.
- Meal times are: 8:30, 12:30 and 17:30. Try not to be very late as food is served during a limited time.

Respect for personal space and sensory issues

- Respect Autscape's colour code system for initiation badges and room noise levels.

	Initiation badge	Room sign
Red	Do not start any interaction.	No noise or interaction in this room.
Yellow	Initiate only if I have already said you can.	Moderate noise, e.g. talking.
Green	I find it hard to initiate. Please talk to me.	Noisy. Movies or music likely.

- 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 scented products 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. Suggested alternatives: flap, wiggle fingers.
- Show respect for presenters by not using devices except to take notes or follow the presentation.
- Please keep questions and comments brief. There may be time later for more detailed discussion.
- Pre-AGM discussion followed by **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Saturday, 16:30 in the Theatre.

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 other sales and trades will be in this area.
- **An organiser:** at times an organiser will be manning the desk to answer queries from participants.

Monday

- Please pack and vacate your room by 9:30am. You can leave your luggage in the discussion room.
- Transports: *strictly* 13:00 (1pm) for Settle train station, 14:00 (2pm) for Giggleswick train station, 15:00 (3pm) for Settle train station. You can use these if you booked them in advance.