

Exclusive inclusion, what divides our communities?



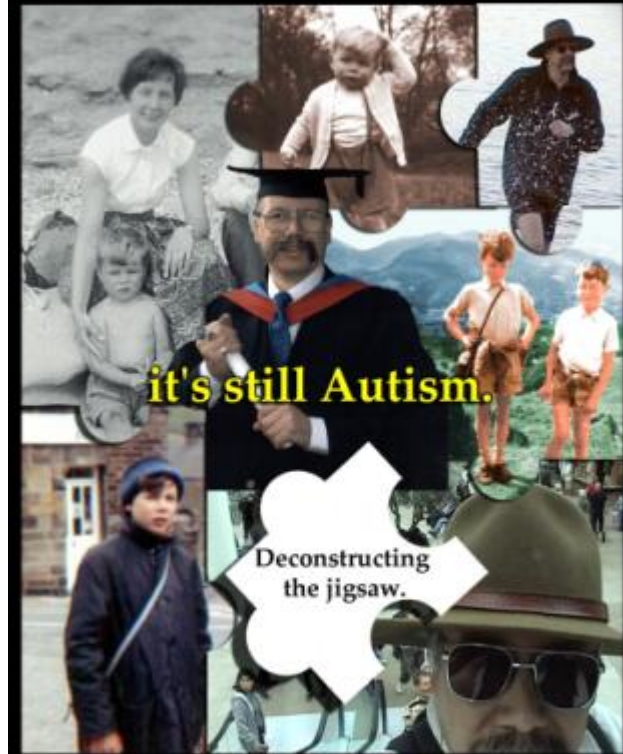
Which silo are you in?

“Disability culture lacks the same basic precepts of a common culture, such as shared language, historical ‘lineage’ cohesion, political solidarity, means of acculturation, generational transmission, and pride in separation” ⁽¹⁾

Do we as Autistic people even have a common culture?

(1) Peters, S (2000) Is There a Disability Culture? A Syncretisation of Three Possible World Views, *Disability & Society*, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp. 583–601

Which ever way you look at it,



it's still Autism.

Deconstructing
the jigsaw.

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Shining City Visions.

If we define ourselves positively by the rejection of other groups that we are not, what does that say about our attitude to those other oppressed groups?

Paraphrase from a now deleted blog by Joelle Smith, autistic and trans advocate

Ways we divide ourselves

- Those who prefer identity first language, vs those who practice received wisdom of people first, or
- Self diagnosed vs clinically diagnosed
- Those who identify in struggle with other disabled groups, vs those who feel demeaned by being associated with them
- Those who favour on line forms of activity and presence, vs those who are involved in more traditional forms of live advocacy
- Those who want to be part of a wider community valuing regular social norms and feel they should be assisted in doing this vs Those who radically reject mainstream culture for a variety of sub cultural norms,

what other ways does the autistic community divide itself

- Are other kinds of divisions in society such as social Class, ethnicity, gender, level of education more influential than being autistic or does autism effect the way we react to the other divisions.