AUTSCAPE 2026

Autism and neurodiversity in society

Handbook

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Please talk to an Autscape organiser, not the venue staff.

Urgent issues

How to find an organiser:

- They will be wearing a **purple or blue** high vis vest or badge.
- At the **information desk** in Mulberry from 9am to 8pm except meal times.

You can also phone or text us on: **07999 822410**

Non-urgent issues

If your issue is not urgent, you can use any of the above, or:

- send us an email at info@autscape.org,
- put a note in the 'action needed' box at the information desk.

Asking for help

We will:

Be identifiable (wearing purple or blue high vis vests) and available (at the info desk).

Provide ways to reach us without talking.

You can:

Rehearse some scripts you may need.

Write a note and hand it to an organiser or put in in the action needed box.

Ring, text or send an email.

Take a breather. Rest, relax, and gather yourself for the next activity.

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Introduction

Welcome to the 22nd annual in-person Autscape event! This booklet contains most of what you need to know about the physical environment, social interaction, and the programme of activities at Autscape. Even if you've been before, it is worth a quick look to find out about this year's event and any changes.

We consider autistic people's needs and preferences in every aspect of planning and running each event, but that doesn't mean it will be a perfect fit for you. We cannot always anticipate or accommodate every need of every autistic person. One autistic person's needs might clash with another's. In such cases, we will do our best to work out a compromise, but a little goodwill on your part may also be needed. See the orange boxes for more about how to deal with some common challenges.

Autscape is run on a voluntary basis with no paid staff. We may not be able to do everything we would like to make the ideal Autscape. We've done our best within the limits of our knowledge, energy and resources, and the limitations of the venue and its staff.

Everything at Autscape is completely optional. You are not obliged to attend anything, speak to anyone (unless you are a parent or carer), or participate in any way. If you are interested in doing things, there is plenty going on throughout the day – serious, fun, structured and unstructured. You are free to enjoy Autscape in whatever way works for you, whether that is by attending every presentation, ignoring the main programme to have more time to socialise, or going for walks and enjoying the sensory room.

Challenges

Even though Autscape is autistic space, there are still some things many people find challenging.

We will:

Identify common challenges in boxes like this one.

Explain what we will do to try to make it easier.

You can:

Try some of the tips to make it easier for yourself.

Help ensure it goes well for everyone.

Taking care of yourself

Expectations

There is no formal or professional support structure in place at Autscape. All participants are considered competent and autonomous. That means we believe you can make your own decisions and manage your needs in the way that best suits you. Sometimes that might mean bringing someone to support you. You are expected to:

- Take care of your health, hygiene and stress levels
- Respect others' space and property
- Follow rules about things like smoking and noise
- Organise your time and manage your activity level
- Orient yourself
- Say 'no'
- Supervise anyone you are responsible for (e.g. a child)
- Ask for help when needed

> All participants are considered competent and autonomous.

See the inside of the front cover for details of how to get help.

It is particularly important to alert us to issues as soon as possible for the best chance to do something about it.

Routines

We will:

Structure the days to help with routines such as getting up, eating and taking breaks.

Ensure meals are cooked for you and served at specific times, so you should get enough nutritious food.

You can:

Use a medication box with compartments for each day which you can fill ahead of time.

Put reminders on your phone for meals and activities you want to go to.

When planning how much time you will need to get ready, leave extra time for dealing with an unfamiliar environment.

Sometimes you and another participant may agree to help each other with small tasks, as long as you recognise that in the end, you are still responsible for yourself.

Rules and procedures

House rules

For the comfort, safety and health of everyone, Autscape has a few 'house rules.' All of these have reasons behind them, and organisers will explain them to you if you ask. The venue also has a few rules of its own. We may not always understand these rules, but we need to follow them to keep the goodwill of venue staff and make sure we are welcome to come back another year.

- Smoke only in designated areas, well away from all windows and doors. Smoke can make some people ill.
- Please leave all equipment (including Autscape's sensory toys and games) in the room in which you found it.
- No food or open drinks in the meeting rooms. Cups with lids are acceptable. Even if you are coordinated enough to avoid knocking over your drink, someone else might not be, so please be very careful about where you put it down.
- Do not bring your own food. This venue's rules are that no food of your own may be brought into the venue. You can buy snack foods from the venue's shop. You will not be able to reheat your own food or bring in takeaways or similar.

Departure

You must vacate your room **by 9:30am** on your day of departure. *Your key will stop working* at that time and housekeeping need to get in to prepare for the next group. We will have a designated space for you to leave your luggage. Please leave the venue **by 2pm**.

We know it can be very difficult to leave the relative comfort of autistic space, but it causes organisers a lot of stress trying to get reluctant people to leave when we are having to get ourselves organised and out as well. It's not possible for everyone to be the last one out.

We don't have any Autscape organised transport this year, but we can help you get a taxi if you need one.

Facilities

Information area

A combined information and exhibition space is located in **Mulberry Room** outside Kinton Hall. This is where you can find:

Information desk

The information desk will have an organiser whenever possible from 9am to 8pm, except 1:00-1:30 and 6:30-7:30 for meals. Here you can ask questions, ask for help, or find the lost and found. You can find badge supplies or swap for something you find more comfortable. You can also:

- Sign up for activities, such as the entertainment evening and lightning talks
- Schedule an activity you want to lead
- Find out what is happening

Participants' exhibits

Here you can learn about various initiatives, projects or research, as well as buy things other participants are selling. Spaces must be booked and paid for in advance. If there are extra spaces, you may be able to book one at the information desk. We will also have a give-away table for free items.

Merchandise

You can buy Autscape merchandise and sensory toys in the boardroom near the main entrance.

Leisure facilities

Games and toys

- In the lounges we will have have games, puzzles and simple craft supplies. You can pop in any time or schedule an activity to do with others. If you want more table space, you may want to book **Barclay Hall** when it is available.
- **The Clubhouse** has a games room (pool table and darts), a play room with toys and computer games and a cinema room. This is in use by childcare during the day, but available to anyone in the evening.

Sports and fitness

There is a variety of indoor and outdoor areas for sports and fitness.

- Croquet and other lawn games are available. Ask at main reception if you would like to borrow equipment.
- There is an **indoor gym** (age 18+ only), with running, cycling and cross training machines.
- **Table tennis** is available in **The Clubhouse**.

Sensory room

We have a sensory room set up in **Oak Room**, near main reception, for participants to explore and enjoy the equipment at their leisure. It is open throughout the day.

Please treat all equipment with due care! There are instructions for the projector at the **information desk**. If in doubt, ask an organiser to give you a hand. Please make sure the projector is on a low speed or off before you leave the room.

Social space

You can find out more about socialising at Autscape in the Community section on page 15. Social spaces include two **lounge areas**, one on the ground floor and another on the first floor. This includes a bar, which will be open each evening (card payments only). There are additional seating areas throughout the venue.

Finding your way

We will:

Provide you with a map.

Signpost to the main rooms and facilities.

Offer to show you to your room and give a tour of the site.

You can:

Wander around the facilities to familiarise yourself with the location of everything.

Head to activities with plenty of time for getting lost and found again.

Locate essential facilities such as toilets, fire escapes, and dining hall.

Keep your schedule and map with you.

Be prepared to ask for help or direction, with gestures if necessary (e.g., point to the name of what you're looking for on the map).

Bedrooms

Bedrooms are a haven. You can go to your room whenever you like. Never follow anyone to their room unless you're specifically invited, and don't ask for others' room numbers.

All bedrooms are en suite, so if you have any difficulty with shared toilets in public areas you can use the one in your room.

Bedrooms are cleaned daily. If you **do not** want your room to be cleaned, please **put a 'do not disturb' sign on your door**. If you don't want cleaning but do want your bin emptied, leave the bag at the end of the corridor and the cleaning staff will pick it up.

All bedrooms have coffee and tea making facilities. Refills of drinks supplies are available near the **Beech Rooms** on the ground floor.

Catering

If you are a residential participant, all of your meals and refreshment breaks are included. Non-residential bookings include everything except breakfast.

Meal service

Meals are served buffet style (with staff serving some items) where you queue up and take your meal away to sit down.

Breakfast	**8:00-9:00**
Lunch	**12:30-14:00**
Evening meal	**18:30-20:00**

There is no need for everyone to join the queue at the same time. But please do get there within the first 40 minutes or they may have cleared things away.

As a way of reducing crowds, home groups (see page 17) are scheduled during the first half hour of meal serving time. If you go to a home group, please go straight to get your meal afterwards.

Food options

The venue will always prepare a plain alternative to each main dish. We have asked them to make more than the usual proportion of these. They will also provide a salad bar, jacket potato options, and cater for all dietary needs we have been told about in advance.

Hot drinks

There are coffee and tea making facilities in your room, and drinks machines are available in the lounges 8am-8pm.

Queuing

We will:

Stagger mealtimes to minimise queuing.

Provide a quiet dining room.

You can:

Stand well back from the person in front.

Ask others to leave space.

Wait five or ten minutes before going to get your meal.

Be prepared to communicate your meal choices by word or gesture before you get to the front of the queue.

Sit down at a table for a while first or get a salad and then go for your main meal after others have been served.

Dining spaces

Quiet dining room

While it is impossible to eat silently, we do ask for **no talking** in the quiet dining room. If you really must communicate, for example, to ask someone to pass you something, then please do so at no more than a whisper.

Other spaces

Please don't take your meals to your room; there is a designated quiet dining area and there are outside spaces where you can eat. Please return your dishes to the dining rooms.

Special tables

We have a few adjustments to make meal times easier. We will also provide a few labelled tables.

Green interaction tables

If you want to interact, but don't know who to sit with, and none of the topic tables interest you, then try sitting with someone who has a green badge. Alternatively, you can try a green interaction table. This should attract a few people who are in the same boat. There is only so much we can do, however. One of you will still have to initiate!

No interaction table

The opposite of the green interaction tables, there will be one or two tables clearly marked with red 'no interaction' signs for those who would like to eat without interacting with anyone.

You may sit at any table wearing any badge colour and that should be respected, but it's easier if you don't wear red at a green table or green at a red table. Bear in mind that initiation badges often can't be seen, because they may hang below table height.

Autistic community

Being autistic

Autscape is an autistic space, where being autistic is ordinary, not special. Stimming (repetitive movements), echolalia, distractibility, direct communication, avoidance of eye contact, strong interests, and other autistic traits are expected and accepted as part of an autistic conference. Appearing (or, indeed, being) neurotypical is also perfectly acceptable.

Accommodation for many autistic needs is built in to the way Autscape is designed, but a downside of this is that others are probably not going to go to extraordinary lengths to accommodate your needs. This is one of the great things about Autscape, but can also be one of the more difficult aspects if you're accustomed to others making adjustments for you.

> At Autscape, being autistic is ordinary, not special.

While being autistic brings many good things, it also means that certain difficulties are more common. Social mistakes are part of the territory. Autistic people may forget to look for initiation badges, interrupt, talk too much or too little, ask too many questions, or use the wrong pronouns, all without any intention to offend.

Organisers

It is important to remember that almost everyone at Autscape, including presenters and organisers, is also autistic. We have many of the same needs and difficulties you do. Please remember to extend respect for these guidelines to organisers. The same applies to children, who are as much a part of the community as adult participants.

Diversity

Autscape welcomes participants of all types. We believe that diversity enriches the experience for everyone. People of any age, belief system, neurotype, skin colour, occupation, gender, etc. are all allowed here and should be free from bigotry, mistreatment or exclusion on the basis of who they are or what they think.

Neurological diversity

> Diversity enriches the experience for everyone.

Autscape is not 'Aspies only'. We welcome people with high care needs, little or no speech, and behaviours the neurotypical society finds strange or problematic. There are some parts of the event involving sitting and listening, but there are many other things you can do if that doesn't suit you. If you want to attend an activity that is inaccessible, let us know and we'll try to find a way to accommodate.

Autscape is also not autistics only. We are orientated to autistic people's needs and interests, but there is much to be learnt and enjoyed for an open minded non-autistic person.

Gender identity and expression

You are likely to notice that there is a wide variety of gender expression at Autscape. Please respect each individual's choice for how they wish to be identified, and refer to them using the pronouns (e.g. he/him, she/her, they/them) they prefer. On the other hand, please be tolerant of others not getting this right. Some autistic people have considerable difficulty being flexible in the way they use language or in the rules they use to classify people. However, malicious misgendering is not included here and should be treated like any other form of abuse.

Cultural, racial and ethnic diversity

Autscape has always been held in England, but that is by accident, not design. Autscape welcomes people from different countries and cultures. Try to consider when interacting with others that their language, customs and belief systems may be different from yours. You may both have to work a bit to understand each other.

Unlike gender expression, you may notice that there is not as much racial variety as we might like. People of colour are explicitly welcome at Autscape. As with other forms of discrimination or personal attack, racism will not be tolerated.

Different beliefs

Autscape is an autistic space, but not an activist space. Some autistic people may have different political beliefs or ideas about autism. While most people who attend Autscape are positive about autism, some find it more negative and may even wish they could have a treatment or a cure for their difficulties. It is important that they are respected and included at Autscape.

> If someone tells you that you don't belong, they are wrong

Tolerance

We try hard to make Autscape a place where autistic people can feel free to be themselves without fear of being judged or excluded. Try to be tolerant. Disagreement is absolutely fine, but please keep it civil and respect that others may have different life experience from you. You don't have to agree with someone, understand or even like them to treat them with respect. It is not okay to tell someone that they don't belong at Autscape on

Difficult behaviour

We will:

Make rules and boundaries as clear as possible.

Provide initiation badges.

Try to help or intervene if you have a problem you can't solve.

Be forgiving when social mistakes happen.

Not tolerate racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia or any other abuse or mistreatment.

You can:

Be tolerant. Part of being in an autistic space is accepting differences and difficulties of all kinds. Let others make social mistakes and be forgiving. That doesn't mean letting others make Autscape unpleasant for you. If you have a problem, please contact an organiser.

Be direct. Autistic people may not get hints or signals, e.g., that you don't want to interact with them. You don't have to be nasty, just clear.

If you can't handle the situation or someone is bothering you, please ask an organiser for help.

account of who they are, what they believe, or their occupation. No matter where on or off the spectrum you find yourself, if someone tells you that you don't belong because of something about you, they are wrong. If anyone makes you feel unsafe or unwelcome, please come and talk to an organiser.

Families

Children are welcome at Autscape and are part of our autistic community. Autistic children benefit from being at Autscape because they get to see adults like them, who are uncommon in the general population. We also welcome neurotypical children.

Childcare is provided by Box of Frogs, a registered provider. Registration of a child includes participation in childcare for children and young people up to 17 years old. Childcare takes place in an area called **The Clubhouse** and this space is available outside childcare hours for anyone to use. The staff:child ratio is roughly 1:6. If your child needs closer supervision than this, please have someone stay with them. If you need extra help, we may be able to provide a volunteer, so please ask. Most of the children this year are teenagers. The childcare staff are aware of this and have adjusted the provision to appeal to that age group.

Children are not required to go to childcare and they are welcome anywhere other than the occasional discussion marked 18+. Children under 16 must be supervised at all times. There is often an informal discussion group for parents when someone offers to lead it.

Interacting

While it may be aversive to some, most of our participants enjoy socialising in their own way. Just be sure to respect the initiation badges. You may find someone who shares interests or experiences with you, but if not, you may also find people who would like to learn.

Initiation badges

There is a coloured badge system for those who have difficulty regulating social interaction, such as by approaching people or responding to unwanted approaches from others. If you prefer to manage approaches without this help (even if you do not wish to interact, but are able to say so) you **don't need the coloured badges**.

If someone is not wearing a coloured badge, or has covered their badge with a white one, social approaches happen on the same terms as in the 'real world' outside Autscape where no one wears badges. However, in autistic space it's quite normal to be clear and direct (not rude) about whether you feel like talking right now.

If you do use the badges, you can change colours whenever you want.

Red

A red badge means that the wearer doesn't want anyone else to initiate any interaction with them. It does not mean they are in distress. They may be, or they may be quite content and just not feel like interacting.

Joining in

We will:

Have facilitated discussions and home groups so everyone who wants to can participate.

Provide everyone with a set of initiation badges including a green badge that invites others to interact.

You can:

Choose an area that already has one or more people in it rather than sitting by yourself and hoping someone will join you. Others may assume you want to be alone.

Use your green badge and remember to take it off when you are not actively seeking interaction so it is more effective for everyone.

Look for people wearing green badges.

Ask people if it is okay to join in their group in the dining room, drop-in, café or other social spaces.

Attend a home group.

Yellow

A yellow badge is like a red badge, but it allows people you are particularly comfortable with to initiate interactions with you. You need to decide for yourself who (if anyone) can interact with you on yellow and let them know. Don't assume that you have permission to talk to someone else on yellow, even if you are a family member, friend, or have been allowed in the past. Permission needs to be renewed at each Autscape.

Green

A green badge is used if you want to interact but are finding it **hard to to initiate**. When people use green too much, it loses its effect. If you are open to interaction but able to initiate, use white or no badge, *not green*. Try to use the green badge only **if you want someone to interact with you *right now***. If you have a moment when you feel like you could reach out to another person, please make an effort to talk to someone with a green badge.

It is very important that everyone respect the initiation badges, including for children, presenters and organisers. If you make a mistake and are reminded that someone is on red, for instance, try not to take it personally. They may be just taking some time to regroup and may be happy to talk to you later.

Symbol badges

Teddy bear: You may *ask* me for a hug

Book: You may *ask* me to be quoted or participate in research or interviews

Camera: You may *ask* me to be in a photo or video.

Even if a person is wearing a badge, they may say "no" and that should be respected without question. If you think you might find it difficult to say "no," don't wear a badge! If someone asks you for one of these things even though you are not wearing a badge, try to gently remind them that they are not meant to ask you and that no, you don't give permission.

Researchers, journalists and projects

If you are hoping to recruit participants for your research, an article, or another project you, you must ask permission before advertising and/or to quote people. You must not approach participants to ask if they will participate in your project unless they are displaying a book sticker.

Social activities

There is social space on the ground and first floors, and sitting areas throughout the venue. You will often find people here doing jigsaws or sometimes playing games. For more details, see page 9.

Home groups

Home groups have been created to help people, especially those who are new, feel comfortable at Autscape and get the best out of the experience by providing a small group 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.

Home groups meet for half an hour at the same time each day. The details should be in your registration pack. Whether you have signed up for a home group or not, you are not required to attend.

Informal activities

Autscape participants offer a variety of activities such as discussions and games. We call these participant-led activities. Items will be added throughout Autscape, so check the online programme for updates. If you want to add something you haven't already told us about, go to the **information desk** to book.

Not interacting

Many people are, understandably, quite concerned about the heavy social demands of being in a large group for several days. There is no requirement to socialise at all, and there will be no implicit or explicit disapproval of those who choose not to interact with others. Remember, if you have had enough of interacting for a while, you can take a break in your room, the sensory room, outdoors or off site.

Sensory processing

Sensory processing differences are common among autistic people, and vary a lot from one person to another. Others' sensitivities may differ from yours; please be considerate if someone tells you something is bothering them, even if it doesn't make sense to you. We have a sensory room in the **Oak Room** which may help you regulate (see page 8).

Minimising distress

Smell

- Remove strong odours (e.g., tobacco, alcohol, coffee) as much as possible before joining groups.
- Avoid highly scented products such as perfumes and aftershaves (lightly scented soap and deodorant are okay).

Light

- Others in the room may be distracted or distressed by toys with lights. If you would like to use these in presentations, please sit towards the back of the room.
- Get permission from everyone in the room before using a camera flash.

Touch

- Ask before touching anyone, including children.

Sound

- Be quiet in corridors and outside bedrooms.
- Make sure sound doesn't 'leak' from headphones.
- If you would like to play an instrument, please do so away from the main public spaces and windows.

Sensory overload

We will:

Do our best to keep things orderly and calm.

Have quiet spaces to get away to, both indoors and out.

Have the main dining room separated into smaller areas to keep noise down.

Ask people not to clap after presentations and performances.

Use natural lighting whenever practical.

You can:

Use equipment to reduce sensory input. No one will think it odd if you wear tinted glasses, earplugs, headphones, or whatever you require.

Take time out as needed. Here are some places you can do that: sensory room (Oak Room), your bedroom, or outdoors.

You can use the quiet dining room or take your food outside.

Activities

This section gives an overview of some of the activities happening at Autscape. These fit into three main categories:

- The **Main Programme** of lectures and workshops were selected by the organisers and board from submitted proposals.
- The **Leisure Programme** of discussions, entertainment and leisure activities that have been organised by Autscape.
- **Informal activities** are run by participants for each other.

There may be more than one thing on at a time so you will have to make some choices about what to attend. With over 150 participants, we have to cater to different needs and preferences. Asking about the things you didn't attend is a possible conversation starter during social times.

Choices

We will:

Try to give as much information as possible in advance so you can consider your options.

Try to minimise the amount of concurrent workshops to limit the number of hard decisions.

You can:

Consider your options well ahead of time. Decide which workshops and leisure activities you would like to do. This can limit the stress of having many choices to make when you have a lot of other things to cope with.

Changes happen and informal activities are added all the time. A full up to date timetable can be found at the **information area** and **online**.

www.autscape.org/programme/

Main programme

The Main Programme runs between 9:30am and 6:30pm each day. Childcare is provided during main programme hours (excluding lunch time).

Workshops have some level of audience interaction included, whereas lectures are not interactive but usually have an associated discussion on the same topic later the same day..

Guidelines for presentations

- Please try to be quiet during presentations. If you find it hard to control interruptions, you can step outside the room for a bit and come back when you're ready.
- Presenters who prefer to present without interruptions will be asked to use a **red badge**. So if you see a presenter with a red badge, please don't interrupt them at all. If you have a question, write it down for later.
- Please try to arrive on time, but it is usually okay to enter an activity after it has started. **It is always okay to leave an activity** whenever you wish, but try to do so quietly.
- For sessions that are very sensitive to interruption, quiet (e.g., meditation) or private, you *may* not be allowed to enter after the first 10 minutes. If this is the case, there will be a notice on the door.
- 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 to make an announcement. **Please also raise yours and stop talking.** The mass of raised hands will cause silence to spread without anyone having to shout louder than the crowd.
- Please keep questions and comments brief. There are others in the room who have come to hear the presenters. There will be time later for more detailed discussion. Written questions will be collected if you hold them when you raise your hand.

Getting a break

We will:

Schedule long (at least 30 minutes) breaks between activities, and a leisure period each afternoon.

Have more relaxed early afternoons and evenings, with practical activities and discussion groups.

Provide quiet spaces in public areas.

Provide single bedrooms.

You can:

Take time out to relax in whatever way works best for you. Taking adequate rest and sleep will help you cope with as much activity as you would like.

Decide not to do a particular activity, or to leave early if you're feeling stressed. Only you can choose what you would like to do with your time at Autscape. See also the *Choices* box.

Sit at a 'no interaction' table and eat without interruption.

Wear a red badge.

Go to a quiet place such as the gardens, or the sensory room. You can also go to your bedroom.

Leisure programme

The leisure programme has had many names over the years. These activities are organised by Autscape and fall outside of the main lectures and workshops.

Discussions

Most lectures will have an associated discussion on the same topic either straight after or later on the same day. They will always be facilitated. Again, try to keep your own input brief so others have a chance.

Confidentiality

Discussions at Autscape are normally confidential. With prior approval, we occasionally allow discussions or workshops for external projects or research. If any activity may contribute to something outside of that discussion, it will be clearly marked on the door and stated at the start of the activity. If you participate and then change your mind, you can ask to have your comments removed.

Leisure activities

Sparklies in the Dark.

Enjoy light-up and glowing items the darkened Willow Hall. There will be one free glow stick for each person and light up items for sale.

Autscape Countdown

Autscape's own version of the popular programme Countdown will be held on Tuesday evening in the Chapel.

Autscape quiz

A pub-style quiz is held on Wednesday evening. Test your general knowledge by joining in.

Entertainment evening

On Wednesday evening (after the quiz) we have an entertainment evening where participants share interests and talents to entertain others. If you would like to perform, sign up at the information desk.

Things you can contribute to (or just listen)

In nearly all cases you can just decide whether to go to something (or not) spontaneously. However, if you would like to contribute to the *entertainment evening* or *lightning talks* we would like you to **sign up in advance** on the **online calendar** or at the **information desk**.

Entertainment evening

The entertainment evening has become a regular feature at Autscape. We have had various acts, musical and otherwise. You do not have to be specially talented. All types of offerings at all skill levels are welcome and appreciated. In an attempt to ensure the evening does not last too long, we are asking that performances are no more than 4 minutes. If you would like to contribute, please sign up (see above).

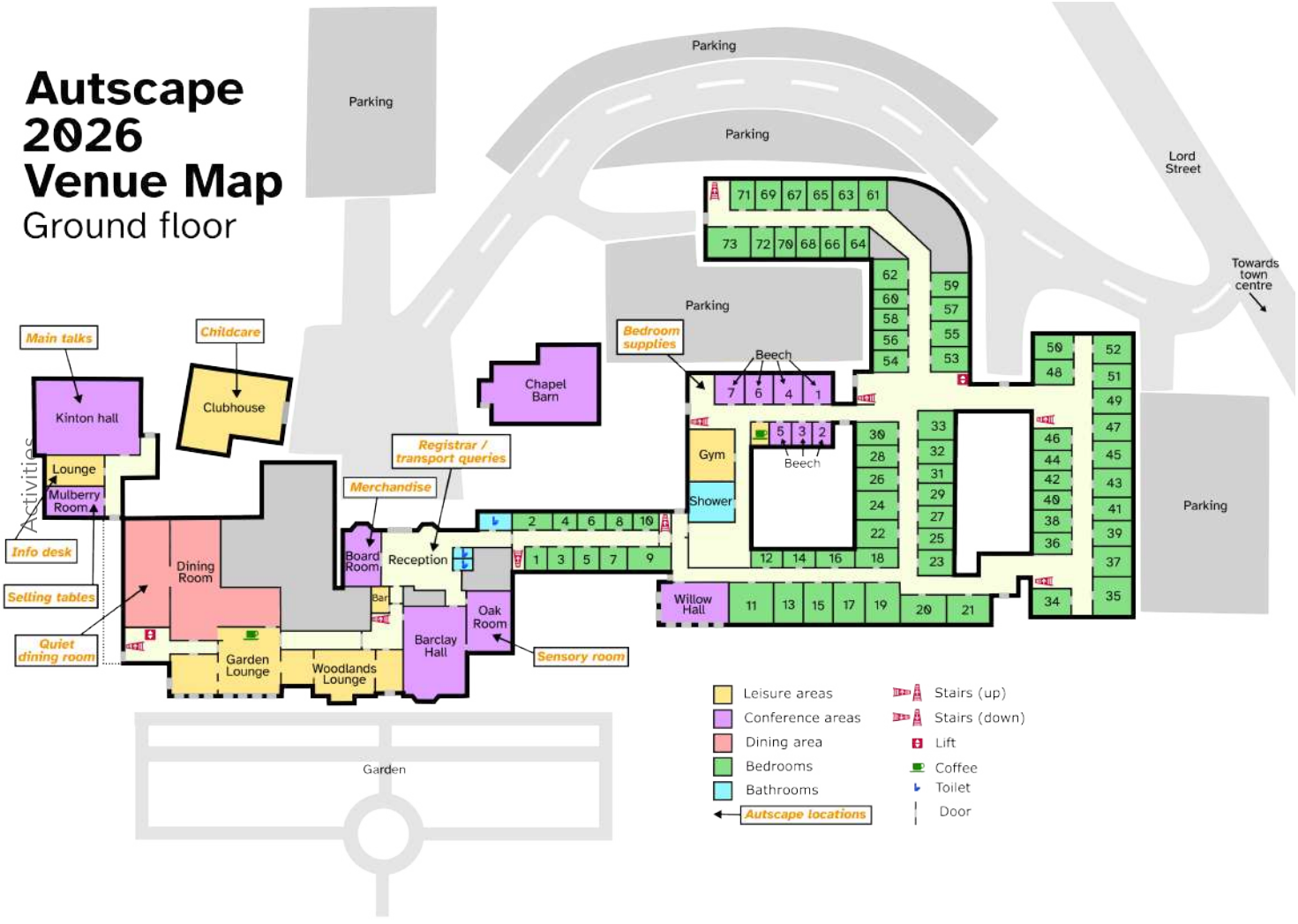
Lightning talks

Do you have an interest or project you would like to share with others? Do you like to learn interesting things without having to listen to a long lecture? If either of these is 'yes', you may enjoy Lightning Talks. These are 5 minute slide-free quick talks on just about any topic you can imagine (but please keep it family friendly). Lightning talks will be on Tuesday after lunch, so be quick about signing up. You can also attend just to listen.

Informal activities

We always have a variety of activities organised and led by participants, including discussions, presentations, performances, games and workshops. Spontaneous activities can be added to the schedule at any time during Autscape. If you would like to add one, please ask a volunteer at the **information desk** to book it for you.

For an up to date programme, see:
www.autscape.org/programme/

Autscape 2026 Venue Map

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