





Autism NI held their sixth Glow Walk with local families at Stormont in November 2023.

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Our Year in Numbers



1,643
members



97%
Overall
satisfaction on our
training courses



4,059

total sessions delivered
by our Projects and Early
Intervention Services



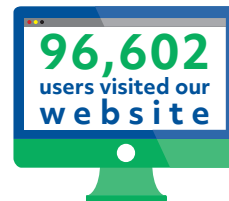
Over 7,500
Helpline calls



38% Increase in
Autism Card
Applications



214
Support Group
meetings



20+ Family
support groups
across NI

Chairperson's Report



David Heatley
Chairperson

This past year has been another very busy year for Autism NI. I am very proud of the work of the staff team as they continue to grow service provision for our autism community. As is clear from 'Our Year in Numbers' we are providing more intervention sessions, Helpline support calls and Support Group support sessions, than ever before. I know how much of a difference this support can make for our autistic adults and families and therefore I am delighted that we are reaching more people, right across Northern Ireland. Indeed, our Helpline received over 7,500 calls within the 2023-24 year, with the main areas of support being emotional and behavioural support for children, support after a diagnosis, as well as autistic adults seeking support and information.

The work that our CEO, Kerry Boyd and our staff team have been doing at government and policy level, is also something that should be commended. As a Charity, we are the secretariat for the All Party Group on Autism and have held this position for the past 16 years. Within this role we are able to highlight the many pertinent issues that are affecting autistic people within their daily lives. Most recently, one of the issues that we have chosen to prioritise and lobby for, is the immediate need for the creation of a specialist autism mental health service. We will therefore continue to work on this campaign within the forthcoming year, in our aim of achieving our vision of an inclusive society where autistic people can achieve their full potential.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Trustees for their dedicated efforts in governing the Charity. As always, my thanks also go to the staff team, our volunteers, fundraisers, charity partners and funders, without their support our work would not be possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heatley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Chief Executive's Remarks



Kerry Boyd
CEO

Throughout 2023-24 Autism NI increased its reach; adapting and evolving services to meet the increasing level of need from a growing autism community. We were able to provide over 13,800 support sessions through our Early Intervention Service, Training Service and Helpline to autistic adults, parents, carers, families and professionals.

The Charity also continues to evolve its services through integral participation with our autism community in Northern Ireland. We take very seriously the mantra of 'nothing for us without us' and therefore we ensure autistic people are at the heart of everything we do and every new support service we develop. Indeed, this participation can be seen within our Autistic Peer Network, which I am delighted to report has went from strength to strength over the past year.

One of the highlights this year was the fantastic turnout at our Glow Walk, where hundreds of families took part, giving us our biggest attendance to date. It was a night full of fun, laughter and camaraderie, and it was great to see so many children enjoying the event together, within the grounds of Stormont Estate. World Autism Acceptance Month was another great success. In particular, our Family Fun Day at W5 was fantastic, where families came together to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Week. Our autistic adults also had a chance to share their own personal stories through our Spectrum Stories campaign which ran throughout the month of April.

I would finally like to extend my thanks to all of our stakeholders, ambassadors, volunteers, partners, donors and our fantastic staff team, for their dedication and commitment. Without their support, Autism NI could not deliver our support services to the autism community and continue to build an inclusive society.



Family Support

One of our longest-standing services is our Family Support provision, operating regionally throughout local communities and delivering tailored support services. We deeply value the expertise and strengths of the Autism NI Family Support Team. We actively listen to our autistic community and offer a diverse range of services aimed at bolstering the support networks, confidence, well-being, and sense of belonging for autistic children, adults, and their families. Central to our approach is inclusive participation, which forms the bedrock of our work. We remain committed to nurturing and fostering relationships with community, voluntary, and statutory services, ensuring families and individuals receive comprehensive support.

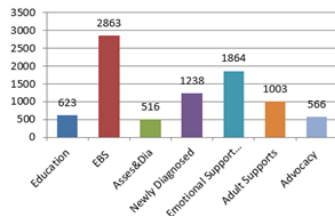
At Autism NI, we are fortunate to have a neurodiverse team that continues to grow. Their unwavering dedication has ensured that autistic people and their families benefit from a spectrum of early supports. Over the past year, referrals to

Autism NI for early support have surged across all areas of our work.

Individual Support

The Autism NI Helpline for many autistic people, families and professionals is the first point of contact before and after diagnosis.

Concerns prompting requests for support



We regularly receive feedback on our Helpline, which shows the profound impact our support has on autistic people and their families. It reaffirms the invaluable difference our services make in their lives.

“I can't express how grateful I am for your input. It helped to give me focus at a time when I feel like I am completely floundering”.

(Helpline - adult pending assessment)

Autistic Adults Support Officer

Through integral participation via our Helpline, our team identified a gap in services for newly diagnosed autistic adults. In response, we launched the Autistic Adults Support Officer programme in partnership with the Belfast Trust. During this year it was expanded to cover Antrim, Newtownabbey, Carrickfergus, Downpatrick, Holywood and Lisburn.

The initiative is tailored to address individual needs, offering personalised

advice, support, and a neuroaffirmative listening ear. Each participant engages voluntarily, benefiting from three sessions designed to enhance outcomes in various areas such as training, employment, relationships, and social opportunities.



“There's not just one typical autistic person, we're all very individual people and have different needs.”
Ella, autistic adult

The Adult Support Service is robustly evaluated, employing an outcomes-based model to track the progress of autistic people. Feedback received from one participant during the programme included, "I would like to take this opportunity to provide feedback on the Autistic Adult Support Officer (AASO) who has been providing some support to myself recently. She has been very understanding and has attentively listened to my concerns and my neurodiverse thought processes. The AASO has also provided some excellent presentations and is helping me understand some of the processes along the journey, She is very approachable and brings valuable lived human and life experiences to the role. It is very clear to see that she is passionate about neurodiversity and people and is clearly dedicated to the role. Keep up the great work you are doing".

Autistic Adult Peer Networks

The development of our online peer networks has been fuelled by integral participation and has achieved remarkable success. We offer three distinct services: an online peer support network for autistic adults aged 18 and above, a peer support network tailored for participants aged 30 or older, and an autistic LGBTQIA+ network. These platforms provide a warm neuroaffirmative and inclusive space for socialising and engaging with others in a relaxed and secure environment.



We take a proactive approach to listen and respond to individual needs, continually adapting our support to facilitate involvement

and participation. Text-based communication is available via the chat function, ensuring accessibility for all. To date, we've welcomed numerous autistic attendees, with some groups also arranging in-person meetings. One participant commented; "Thanks so much for last night - it was excellent. You spoke well and advocated alongside autistic people. Thanks for sharing the presentation and hopefully will see you on Saturday for the coffee morning." (Autistic Adult).

Autistic Adult Support Course

Integral participation identified that following individual support sessions and coffee meetups, there was another area to be explored, a supportive environment offering opportunities for peer learning on autistic strengths, challenges, and neurodivergence. The aim was to empower autistic adults to deepen their self-understanding and acquire practical strategies to improve their lives.



Participants who completed week six

“Enjoyed, good talking through sensory issues and self-care good week.”

“Good sharing, listening to others experiences, learning new stuff.”

“Great space for having others discussing issues and solving problems thank you.”

Members

Autism NI members play an invaluable role in enhancing support for autistic people and their families throughout Northern Ireland. Each member commits to participating within the legal framework of the Charity and aligning with its Mission, Vision, Ethos, and Code of Conduct.

Membership brings a multitude of benefits that often extend to entire families, including participation in family days, access to training courses, and the opportunity to shape the impact of the Charity through individual engagement within the autism community.

Home Support



Autism NI remains steadfast in advocating for partnerships, nurturing and expanding our relationships with the Autism Intervention Teams in Belfast, Northern and Western Trusts. These teams have been instrumental in directly referring individuals to Autism NI Resource or Support Officers, who provide personalised services to families within their local communities. With a proven track record in evidencing outcomes, Autism NI is well-versed in identifying, measuring, and reporting on the impact of our services.

Participation in these services underscores their vital importance, offering autistic people and their families the opportunity to provide feedback, have their voices heard, and influence both current services and future directions.

We are committed to furthering this collaborative approach, working across partnerships to support, develop, and implement



change. Our early intervention support services are grounded in a strengths-based approach, offering tailored strategies for each autistic child. These include utilising visual structures, establishing positive routines, promoting independence in daily living skills, and providing guidance on engaging play activities.

Feedback has included:

“The Autism Support Officer was very helpful, really appreciated the home visit and ability to discuss specific issues and my child.”

“A warm and reassuring approach was given on information about autism, and guidance on what help is available. The resources, leaflets and literature were great.

I learnt more in three sessions than I have in a year, it was extremely helpful and beneficial.”

In the 2023/24 period, 99% of families rated the early support services provided by our Autism Resource/Support Officers as “Excellent” or “Good”.

Support Groups

Our Support Groups play a pivotal role in uniting a dynamic volunteer network across Northern Ireland. Volunteers are at the heart of our efforts to provide essential support within the community.

Each volunteer brings a unique and valuable contribution, bolstering a wide array of initiatives and playing an integral role in our organisation. Their expertise, peer support, skills, and diverse backgrounds complement the work of our Family Support Team, enabling us to

deliver crucial services to the autism community.

As demand for community-based peer interaction has surged across all support groups, our volunteers have risen to the challenge. Their unwavering dedication has made a significant difference to the autistic community throughout Northern Ireland. In the past year, Autism NI volunteers have facilitated 214 support group meetings, where discussion themes among attendees revolved around concerns relating to education, assessment, mental

health, anxiety and financial entitlements. The practical knowledge and peer expertise shared during these gatherings underscore our commitment to influencing policy and practices.

The success of this model is evidenced by a notable uptake in attendance at meetings throughout the year.

Feedback has included:

“Autism NI is an essential service to the Family Support Hub. A valuable support to help families achieve a better quality of life for their child and the family circle. My families think the Support Groups and Helpline is fantastic.”
(Family Support Hub)

“So great to be part of the group - refreshing to be among others who understand and are so open about their experiences...”

Autism Card

Throughout the year 23/24, we saw a significant 38% increase in registrations for our ‘Autism Card’. Feedback from autistic cardholders indicates its value in various aspects of their everyday lives, highlighting its practical benefits.



Early Intervention

Our ongoing Early Intervention Service builds and strengthens relationships for families whose child has received a new diagnosis. Families referred to the Early Intervention Service from the Trust engaged in bespoke early intervention sessions. These sessions provided family members with visual strategies and practical tools and support to manage behaviours, play and socialisation.

Our Early Intervention Team have successfully provided 2,774 individual sessions. The difference detailed by families included enhanced understanding of their autistic child's needs, access to information on appropriate services and improved confidence that enabled opportunities. Parental feedback was extremely positive with the majority of families stating that the benefits of the home visits were either **'excellent' or 'good'**.

Support from the Henry Smith Charity

We are now in our 3rd year of the Early Intervention Service within the South Eastern Trust area supported by the Henry Smith Charity, and have provided our Early Intervention programme to 81 families.

To date we have provided 510 Early Intervention sessions to families, and have measured the success of the Early Intervention Service by using the Outcome Star (Family) and a parent evaluation. An Outcomes Star and an assessment is completed collaboratively by the Early Intervention Officer and parent at the beginning and end of the service. The Star provides a framework that supports both parties to reflect on the strengths and challenges that exist. Using the scale descriptions, they identify together where the service user is for each outcome area and plot that onto the Star Chart. The assessment provides information on where we can target our bespoke interventions for the child and family.

The results of our Parent and Outcome Star Evaluations stated that:

100% of families received bespoke visual and practical support.

91% said their wellbeing had improved, 84% said they felt better emotionally and 81% said their social networks had also improved.

90% behaviours and boundaries within the home were much better, 86% said the family routine had improved, 75% said they were feeling better physically and 99% of families said the service they received was excellent.

The Early Intervention Service continues to provide much needed support families within the South Eastern Trust area.

Meet our Early Intervention Officer Hannah

As an Early Intervention Officer, I work collaboratively with families in order to provide tailored information and resources that can empower parents and carers to have an increased understanding of their children's needs. As well as providing practical resources, I offer a listening ear for families through our bespoke service. It is a privilege to work alongside families and I will continue to try and make a positive difference within the autism community.



Mental Health and Autism Project (MAP)

The Mental Health and Autism Project represents another cornerstone of our strengths-based approach. It offers one-to-one support to autistic young people aged 11 to 18 within the Belfast Trust, facilitated through requests for support from the Child and Adolescents Autism Service.

This model adopts a holistic approach to support, addressing needs across home, school, and community environments through 8 to 12 sessions. Collaborating closely with our partners, we prioritise areas of support identified by each autistic young person, aiming to enhance their confidence, self-esteem, and emotional well-being. This approach fosters integral participation, empowering each young person with a sense of ownership over the direction of their support.

An impressive 92% of autistic participants rated the service as 'excellent or very good', and their

feedback included:

"MAP has helped me with managing my thoughts and feelings and going outside."

"I would have been lost without all your amazing service and help. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, I have loved my sessions and will miss them greatly."

"We found this service extremely helpful, myself, my husband and my daughter. We feel that we have learned a lot, and our daughter has gained confidence from participating in group activities with peers."
(Parent)

"Great service for parents and young people as it helped my daughter to understand her diagnosis better and she has been more open with me as a parent." (Parent)

In our collaborative journey of building strengths together, we're thrilled to share that the average number of outcome areas in which autistic participants made increased positive progress was 3.5. Notably,

areas experiencing the highest percentage of change included:

- Feelings and behaviours
- Education and learning
- Confidence and self-esteem.



Autistic females

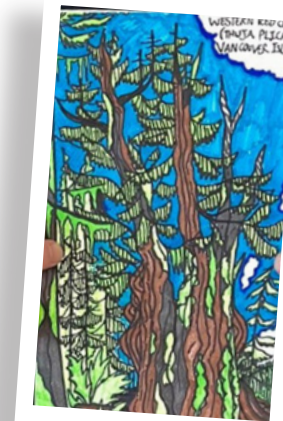
The Girls and Autism Project operates on a strengths-based model, specifically crafted to empower autistic girls aged 11 to 18 within their home, school, and community settings. It aims to foster achievement, enjoyment, and social participation within the Northern Trust area.

During the 23/24 year, our GAP Life Skills Officer conducted 495 sessions, including group activities and family sessions, ensuring personalized support for each participation.

An impressive 100% of autistic participants reported experiencing positive changes in two or more outcome areas during this period. Additionally, all autistic participants involved rated the service as either 'excellent' or 'very good'. At Autism NI, every voice matters, particularly those of our autistic participants.

*"I guess I am more comfortable talking to people now."
(Autistic girl)*

"I exchanged numbers with the other girls, I feel left out in school, and I've liked sharing my personal experiences with others."



Training

Our Training Department provides high quality, accredited training and support to a wide variety of parents, carers, professionals, schools and organisations. Our training is evidence based, practical, and is delivered to the highest standard of accuracy to ensure it is effective in supporting autistic people at home, in the community, in school or in a workplace.



'I gained a lot more knowledge. The trainer was amazing and explained everything so well. Thank you.'
(Evaluation feedback)



Autism NI's training courses are delivered online and in person across NI, Ireland, UK and Internationally.

Our dynamic courses include interactive activities and group discussion, to enable groups to explore concepts in an engaging and practical way. Overall, our training team delivered 156 training courses in 2022/23 to 2,338 participants.

Training for Parents and Carers

During 2023/24 we provided free support courses to parents and carers, empowering them to support their family, pre or post diagnosis. This included 405 funded places on our sessions, funded by Ann Ryland Fund, Blackburn Trust and Awards for All.

The courses were delivered on topics that were particularly relevant within the challenging circumstances, for example, sleep, social stories, supporting your teen. We also expanded and developed our course content further, within our 'Autism and Interactions' course and our 'Autism, Anxiety and School' course.

'The trainer was excellent at broadening my awareness of autism. I would highly recommend it to all parents, carers and anyone responsible for caring for a child.'
(Parent/Carer Support Course feedback)

AQA Accreditations

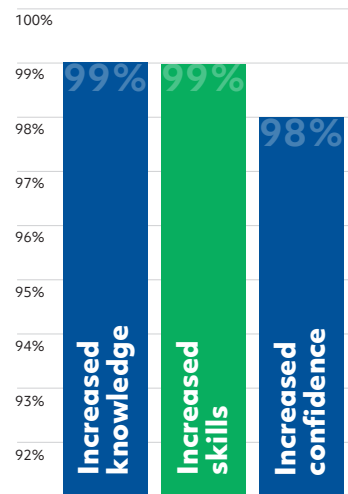
We provide AQA unit award accreditations to people who have attended our training courses, supporting them to demonstrate high-quality learning and professional development. In 2023/24, 135 people completed a range of AQA unit award accreditations to evidence their development.



We are CPD certified, demonstrating quality assurance and a structured approach to learning and development. Our Training Department are certified by the CPD Certification Service.

Evaluations

Evaluation scores for all our training courses remain consistently excellent, demonstrating the expertise of our trainers and practicality of our courses. Overall, our courses are rated with 97% approval for the course content, materials, and communication of the trainer.



Improvements based on course attendance

The course evaluations also demonstrate the positive impact of the training on delegates, with delegates scoring the courses as improving their knowledge (99.6%), skills (99%) and confidence (99%).

Training for Organisations

Our commissioned training service facilitated a wide range of bespoke courses for organisations, community groups and staff teams. Our courses are tailored to each organisation based on their needs and facilitated online or in person. We work with

organisations to provide knowledge on autism, introduce practical skills on how to support autistic people in the workplace and also within their service, to build an inclusive environment.

During 2023/24, Autism NI delivered bespoke training sessions to a range of organisations, including Health and Social Care Trusts, Education settings, Voluntary Sector, public facilities, and private businesses. It is so important that we continue to work alongside organisations to ensure full accessibility for our

autistic community. The bespoke training that Autism NI offers allows organisations to design a training programme that will address their particular needs.

“This training has really helped our team think about simple changes we can make to make our workplace more accessible”
Citi Belfast.



staff to better understand autism and how to adapt the organisation's environment to support autistic people and their families. The programme includes accredited training, follow up support to implement an individualised action plan and continued support for organisations who achieve the Impact Award Champion status.

In 2023/24, 32 organisations completed their Impact Award training, bringing the overall number of Impact Award Programmes delivered to 132.



Impact Award

It is essential that every organisation in Northern Ireland understands that they are legally obligated to provide equal access to services for autistic people under the Autism Act 2011. Our Impact Award is a training and support programme to help organisations create a more 'autism inclusive environment' for their autistic staff and customers. The training programme equips



This includes entertainment venues, leisure centres, arts and cultural venues, shopping centres and community venues. A number of our Impact Award Champions have continued to develop their partnership with Autism NI further by completing the process of reaccreditation with the Impact Award programme and accessing further top-up training for staff, to ensure a best practice approach is maintained across their services.

Spotlight: ASOS

ASOS Belfast Tech Hub achieved their Impact Award in July 2023 and found this to be a very positive process for their team. For example, it opened up a dialogue with several colleagues to disclose their diagnosis of autism, which was made possible by the positive steps they have taken towards inclusion.

“Autism NI were fantastic in terms of guiding and supporting us through the whole process” (ASOS worker)

The training and accessibility work



they have completed this year has generated a lot of interest within the wider company, and several ASOS offices throughout UK have now also completed their Impact Award training in March 2024, to further their commitment to inclusion.

Impact Award in Education

In 2023/24, we continued to deliver our Impact Award Programme in schools, focusing on promoting a best practice approach to autism inclusion within education settings. Our Impact Award for Education framework provides staff training awarding schools that implemented a bespoke action plan to support their autistic pupils. This programme was extremely popular with 69



schools completing the training programme this year and 169 schools have received the award training since launch. It is part of Autism NI's longstanding vision to ensure that we create an inclusive society where autistic children have the opportunity to thrive, and this all starts with ensuring that they have good educational outcomes.

As a charity we have lobbied endlessly over the past number of years for mandatory autism training for all teaching staff, but until this happens, we will continue to support our local schools and teachers in

every way we can. We want our children, parents and teachers to feel confident and happy within the school environment and therefore providing the right knowledge and resources to achieve this is vitally important.

“The benefits to both staff and pupils have been very noticeable and it has certainly been a rewarding piece of work.”

(School feedback)

Campaigning

Mental Health and Autism Event

On Monday 25th September 2023, Autism NI hosted a Mental Health and Autism event at Stormont, highlighting the immediate action that needs to be taken to introduce a specialist autism mental health service in Northern Ireland.

We have never felt a greater need for this service as we are receiving more and more calls for support from autistic people and their families. One of the biggest issues that Autism NI's Helpline receives on a daily basis is the need for mental health support for both children and adults. We therefore feel passionately that Northern Ireland needs to have a mental health service which understands autistic people and most of all, how to support them.

Guest speakers at this event included Autism NI's CEO Kerry Boyd, Autistica UK CEO, Dr James Cusack, Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland, Professor Siobhan O'Neill, Chair of the All Party Group

on Autism, Pam Cameron MLA and autistic adult Kathy Barenskie.

With recent figures showing that autistic adults are nine times more likely to die from suicide and autistic children twenty times more likely to self-harm, Autism NI is pressing for mental health professionals to be trained in autism, offering tailored support strategies that work for autistic people.

Kathy, an autistic adult, said: "I felt completely abandoned when my mental health deteriorated. I was told there was no specialist support for autistic people which left me feeling scared and incredibly anxious for my future. Changes need to be made as I don't want anyone else to feel like I did during those dark times. These changes should start with professionals being trained in autism and understanding how they can adapt their support strategies to help autistic people."



Campaigning - Raising Understanding and Acceptance

Be Kind To Different Minds

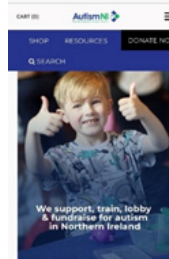
In celebration of World Autism Acceptance Week which ran from 27th March-2nd April 2023, autistic people, families, community groups, MLAs, local businesses, and schools supported our 'Be Kind To Different Minds' message on social media. Our supporters got involved in our poster campaign and shared their own message on how to build a kinder and more inclusive society.



Mattie McKeown shares her message on how we can 'Be Kind To Different Minds'

Online

Our website (www.autismni.org) is a vital online resource for families and professionals and has a great range of information on services, research publications, fact sheets and downloadable resources on education, anxiety, visual aids and games for autistic children and adults. During 2023/24, our website has been an important online tool for many of our autism families and we seen 96,602 unique users visit our website to access information, services and resources.



Family Fun Day

On Sunday 2nd April 2023 the Charity welcomed hundreds of local autism families to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Week at W5, Belfast. This event brought families together to enjoy the activities in a safe setting.



Be Kind To Different Minds video

To mark World Autism Acceptance Week, we asked a group of autistic people how society can 'be kind to different minds' and raise understanding of autism in a short video. The video was shared across online platforms during April.



Fundraising Events

Get Colourful

During World Autism Acceptance Week in April 2023, we asked our supporters to celebrate the Spectrum with colour and host a virtual colourful challenge. Many supporters took on a colourful 5k walk, a bake sale or a quiz to raise vital funds for Autism NI's services.

Fundraising Events



Zipline

Our fundraisers reached new heights as we held three zipline challenge events in June 2023, September 2023, and March 2024. Supporters took on the longest Zipline in Ireland at Colin Glen Forest Park in Belfast and raised funds for local autism services.



Mourne Madness

In August 2023, 50 people took part in our iconic Mourne Madness trek. The group conquered Slieve Donard as a team and a smaller group then went on to climb Slieve Commedagh and Slieve Bearnagh.

Glow Walk

Over a thousand families 'got their glow on' as families came together to attend our annual Glow Walk at Stormont in November 2023. Families got involved in fun and games from the U105 crew, and a dance warm up by Fitness Freddy before taking on a night walk at Stormont Estate. Attendees even got a chance to listen to the fantastic Isla McManus sing on the big stage!!



Big Christmas Cuppa

Families, businesses, community groups and schools got behind our 'Big Christmas Cuppa' campaign and held a festive Christmas coffee morning in aid of Autism NI in December 2023. This campaign was sponsored by Bailies Coffee Roasters who donated coffee equipment worth £2,000 to the top fundraiser.



Corporate and Community Partnerships



Home Bargains

In the last two years, Home Bargains has raised over £105,000 for Autism NI. The staff and Area Managers supported the Charity with endless fundraising activities and in-store collections throughout the two-year partnership. In the last year, staff took on a Prison Island challenge, and held a Superhero Day in store. Shoppers also donated to Autism NI by dropping their change into our collection tins at the tills, which are available across 29 stores in Northern Ireland.

Corporate and Community Partnerships



Ground Espresso Bars

In April 2023, Ground Espresso Bars chose Autism NI as their Charity partner and kicked off the partnership by donating 10p from every hot drink sold during April to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Month. The organisation raised nearly £10,000 from this campaign. During the year the team also asked for donations from the tills, staff took part in various challenge events, and in December they also donated 10p from every celebration cake sold to Autism NI. Ground Espresso Bars has also chosen to renew their partnership with Autism NI in 2024.

Little Wing

During April 2023, Little Wing Pizzeria supported World Autism Acceptance Month by donating £1 from each special sold during April to Autism NI.



Kicking for Autism

In August 2023, Tori and Megan took on the mammoth tasks of scoring a point in every GAA pitch in County Tyrone to raise vital funds for Autism NI. They gained great community support as local clubs came out to support them. Altogether they raised a fantastic £16,823.62 for Autism NI.

Superhero Week

Over 50 schools across Northern Ireland took part in our Superhero Week from 5th-9th February 2024. Pupils took on superhero tasks throughout the week whilst asking for sponsorship and raising autism acceptance in their school. At the end of the week, pupils celebrated their achievements with a certificate and sticker badge.



Ashgrove Nursery School took part in Superhero Week 2024

Partnerships

Autism NI continues to be a strong advocate of partnerships, and we recognise when another organisation's support and expertise is required. We are committed to further building on our engagement with a wide range of stakeholders within the statutory, community and voluntary sectors and continue to work with individuals and families to empower them.



Financial Performance

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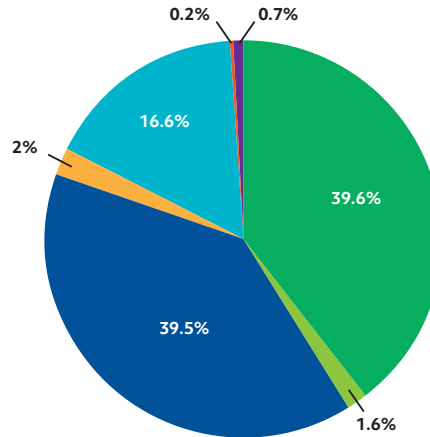
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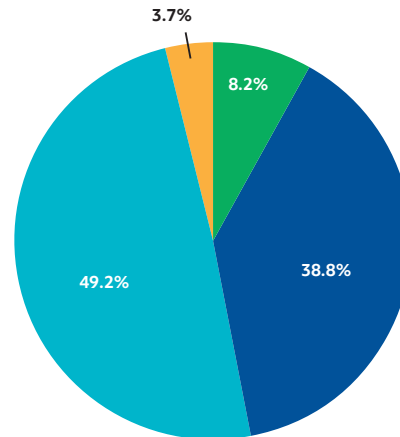
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Incoming Resources 2023/24

- ◆ Restricted Funding: Grants (39.6%)
- ◆ Unrestricted Funding: Grants (1.6%)
- ◆ Donations and Fundraising (39.5%)
- ◆ Membership (2%)
- ◆ Autism Training and Conferences (16.6%)
- ◆ Sale of Merchandise (0.2%)
- ◆ Investment Interest Received (0.7%)



Resources Expended 2023/24

- ◆ Expenditure on Raising Funds (8.2%)
- ◆ Expenditure on Charitable Activities: Restricted (38.8%)
- ◆ Expenditure on Charitable Activities: Unrestricted (49.2%)
- ◆ Governance Costs (3.7%)

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