

**Conversations On Autism
Stories of Independent Living and Parental Experiences
Research Project**

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Call for participants

The purpose of this study will be to investigate what it is like to be:

- a young person (aged 18-30) with an autism spectrum disorder living independently in the community
- a parent of a person with an autism spectrum disorder who is living independently in the community

We would like to interview you:

The kind of questions we will ask are:

Of Young People	Of Parents
How would you describe autism spectrum disorder?	What has been the most significant experience so far as a parent of a child with autism spectrum disorder?
Is there anything that you would like to say about your experience in the education system that has influenced the way you live now?	What ambitions or expectations did you have around your child's ability to live independently?
What it's like to live in the community with autism spectrum disorder?	To what extent do you feel that the education system has contributed to your child's ability to live independently?
What is the best thing about living independently?	

- ☼ Interviews will be 30-60 minutes long
- ☼ Questions can be discussed in any order
- ☼ A transcript will be provided to you for editing
- ☼ We will also ask you to take photos that represent your experiences in a visual way
- ☼ You can withdraw from the project at any time. Your words and any photos you took will not be used.
- ☼ The material gained from each interview will be used to produce workbooks, journal articles, books, and to inform future teaching and training.

Confidentiality:

All names and identities will be kept confidential, and any published documents will use pseudonyms