



AUTISM
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Inspire, The Eden Razzett Foundation

Inspire is a non-profit organisation that provides therapeutic, education and leisure services to people with disabilities in Malta and Gozo. Inspire started working with Autism Accreditation in 2002. They now have four programmes which are accredited. These cover help for children and young people and also Inspire's Multisensory Therapy and Therapeutic Horseback Riding Service.

Reason for joining

"We wanted to ensure that the design and content, as well as the delivery of all our services, are of the highest possible standard and quality. So we chose The National Autistic Society, the UK's leading charity for autistic people, to be closely involved in the development and accreditation of our autism services ."



Benefits

"Having this stamp of quality assurance enables Inspire to give peace of mind to all its service users, that the service they are receiving is of the highest possible quality, one that is always developing, that the methods implemented are evidence-based, and that the service overall is one they deserve."

"The Autism Accreditation process includes working with an adviser. This provides a consistent line of communication between Inspire and The National Autistic Society. We have been able to build a strong rapport and, as a result, are comfortable with the presence of the rest of the accreditation team during the review process. As the adviser is consistent, it means that he has become very familiar with our service, witnessed the developments first hand and become accustomed to our culture and way of working, which may differ from country to country.

"Throughout the process the adviser keeps Inspire abreast of any changes, makes recommendations for development in preparation for the review and, as a result, the actual process of review becomes seamless.

"It is not easy to be able to demonstrate all we do in just three days, but the time available provides the review team with enough opportunity to gather information and evidence to be able to establish if what we are doing is in fact of the standard expected and how we can continue to improve. For Inspire, it is all about continuous improvement.

“As a status, Autism Accreditation has provided public notification that Inspire meets standards of quality set forth by an accrediting agency. It shows that Inspire is committed to self-study and external review by one’s peers in seeking not only to meet standards but to continuously seek ways in which to enhance the quality of service delivery.”

Autism Accreditation was established in 1993 and now supports over 500 organisations to achieve and recognise good autism practice within their settings.

“As a result, Inspire has been in a position to secure funding to support the delivery of programmes for people on the autism spectrum and is the largest non-governmental organisation on the island providing such a service.”

“Our son Finn, is a happy boy who loves to run, play and swim; he also has autism. Finn was non-verbal until the age of three. He is now five and has emerging language using singular words.

“Finn receives one-to-one tutoring at home from Inspire, which means we get to watch and learn too. Inspire has given us hope that we will get there. He also attends a mainstream school. With the help of his amazing LSA and friends he is learning to play and how to manage being in a classroom with all that noise, flickering lights and constant movement. The tutors and all the kind folk behind the scenes at Inspire have made the biggest impact on Finn and our lives. They work with Finn, his school and everyone else in his care team to ensure he receives the most appropriate and consistent tutoring. Autism is just one of the many special needs for which Inspire provide help and we are constantly grateful to donors, volunteers and all those who somehow or another help in making this service possible.”



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