



Imagining Autism
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Imagining Autism Remembered: Autism Arts Festival, University of Kent, April 29th and 30th

Dear Parents and students,

We are writing to all participants in the Imagining Autism drama project (University of Kent, 2011-2014) to invite them to the Autism Arts Festival on our Canterbury campus, University of Kent, Saturday April 29th and Sunday April 30th. On Saturday April 29th at 6.30pm (Lupino Cinema, University of Kent) there will be a screening of the film documentary that was an output from the project: 'Imagining Autism: Now I See the World' featuring participants from the Helen Allison School. On Sunday April 30th 10.00-12.00, there will be an opportunity to visit the practitioners and pod in our Outer Space environment.

For further information on the festival, please see the website: www.autismartsfestival.org

We are seeking funding to develop the research and also have an ambitious programme of public engagement activities. We have just returned from the Atkinson Arts Centre in Southport, where we ran the project for younger and older participants, to include teenagers, working in our outer space environment (<http://www.theatkinson.co.uk/about-us/support-us/imagining-autism/>).

We are extremely grateful to the original participants for contributing to the project's success and we'd love to hear from our alumni about their progress. If you want to get in touch or have any questions about the project or the festival, please contact me directly by email: n.shaughnessy@kent.ac.uk.

We hope to see you in Canterbury in April!

Very best wishes,

Nicola Shaughnessy

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