

AUTISMFORUM

– A knowledge centre for autism,
Asperger's syndrome and other
pervasive developmental disorders



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Autism and Asperger's syndrome

Autism and Asperger's syndrome are neurodevelopmental disorders characterised by impairment in social interaction and communication, and also by restricted behaviour and interest patterns. In many cases, autism occurs together with a learning disability. People who have Asperger's syndrome have average or above average intelligence.

It is of great importance that people living or working with persons who have autism or Asperger's syndrome, understand the typical differences and disabilities related to these conditions.



That is why Autismforum collects, evaluates and distributes knowledge and experience about autism, Asperger's syndrome and other pervasive developmental disorders.



The website is divided into four parts:

- What is autism
- Living with autism
- What can you do
- Literature and links

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www.autismforum.se is a website in Swedish, where you can find facts, established research findings and other knowledge. There is also a section where people tell about their own experiences.

It is simple to search and use the website, and the language that is used is clear and concise. You can comment on the content and share your own experiences with others.

Some articles are available in an easy-to-read version. You can also have the content read aloud. Certain sections have in-depth longer texts that you can download.

What is autism

Under the heading “What is autism” on the website, there are factual texts and scientific articles. For example, you can read one of the first articles that described Asperger’s syndrome. All content is developed in cooperation with experts, who also review the texts.

Examples of subject areas:

- Introduction to autism
- The autism spectrum
- Asperger’s syndrome
- Pervasive developmental disorders
- Historical background
- From infant to adulthood
- Different thinking
- Girls and autism
- Diagnosis criteria
- Causes



Living with autism

Under the heading “Living with autism” on the website, you can read more personal texts. This is where different people tell about their own experiences. You get to meet parents, siblings, grandparents, personnel and persons who themselves have autism or Asperger’s syndrome.



Examples of subject areas:

- Having Asperger’s syndrome
- Being a parent
- Other people’s reactions
- The first suspicions
- Different ages
- Going to school
- Work and housing
- Strengths and challenges
- Life quality

The knowledge centre Autismforum

Autismforum is a knowledge centre for autism, Asperger's syndrome and other pervasive developmental disorders. We collect, evaluate, process and distribute knowledge and experiences through a website in Swedish and a library.

You can contact us by telephone or e-mail if you have questions. You are also welcome to visit us. Our library contains around 500 books and magazines, and many books may be borrowed.

Autismforum is run by Habilitation Services (Handikapp & Habilitering), which is a part of the Stockholm County Council.

We address people who are close to a person with autism or Asperger's syndrome. We also address people who meet persons with autism or Asperger's syndrome in their work, or people who themselves have been diagnosed with these disorders. Of course, other people are also welcome, for example, those who are studying or are interested in learning more about these disorders.





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