



Network criteria

To join the Autism Employment Network organisations must meet the following criteria:

1. Support autistic people (with or without learning disabilities) into employment. This includes providing:

- paid employment
- support such as vocational training or activities that have transferrable skills for the workplace
- work experience placements
- volunteering opportunities

This does not need to be the sole purpose of the organisation or the only group they support.

2. Be based in the UK and primarily benefit people in the UK.

Examples of the type of organisation the network is suitable for:

- Social enterprises
- Small business or Limited companies, with less than 50 employees and yearly profit under £10 million
- Voluntary or community organisations
- Charities or charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- Not-for-profits
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Schools
- Statutory bodies (including local authorities or councils)
- Community benefit society (CBS)
- Sub-groups, led by an eligible organisation

Organisations that meet the above criteria are welcome to register up to two members. We advise that these be people holding leadership or managerial positions.

If you do not meet the above criteria, but are interested in joining the network, please contact us at: network@autismcentreforexcellence.org with an overview of your organisation and how you feel you would benefit from the network.

We aim to respond within five working days, but this may be longer at busier times.