

ASD Reference Group Template – Database of Skills and Experience

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We would like to develop a repository of skills / experience which ASD Reference Group members have, in order to ensure that these are adequately covered within the Group to finalise and take forward the Recommendations of the Autism Strategy. Please could you complete and return the short template below:

1. Academic background / Training

I have done a variety of training in social, awareness raising and training delivery over a number of years for a variety of organisations including SCLD, Key Housing and Heartfelt.

I have trained staff and service users during this time and have received lots of positive feedback on my performance and work.

2. Work Experience

I have been and am still on several committees and boards. These include the Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, Values Into Action Scotland, the Disability Rights Commission and the Learning Disability Alliance Scotland.

I have advised the Scottish Government on disability policy and was one of the founder members of the Same As You review.

I have been politically active for a number of years and have been involved in a number of major political parties.

3. Strengths

I have a good personal understanding of Autism and Asperger's Syndrome and am able to discuss that and use it to help the reference group.

I have a good understanding of national and Scottish policy on disability and other issues.

I work well as part of a team and happy to speak up and contribute and to give good ideas.

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4. Skills

Critical thinking

Policy review

Speaking to other people with disabilities

Knowledge of ASD and disabilities

Presentations and training delivery

Computer skills