

# Embracing Autistic Identities: Events Week 2026

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LONDON BOROUGH



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March -  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**'Embracing Your Autistic Identity: Ask an Autistic person'** daily social media posts for young people: Autistic adults answering questions from young people in Barnet

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,  
6.30pm - 7.45pm

**'Autistic and Beyond: Empowering your young person's multiple identities at home'** online talk for parent carers from Dr Donna-Marie Holder

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March,  
3.45pm - 5.00pm

**'Whose Identity Is It Anyway? How to A.C.E. intersectionality among Autistic young people'** online talk for school staff and professionals from Dr Donna-Marie Holder

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March,  
10.30am - 11.30am

**'How to Include Me: Collaboration, care and what really helps'** online talk for parent carers from Hannah Whitfield

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March,  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 2.30pm

**'Making Connections'** in-person event for young people, Church End Library, Finchley, N3 2LN

See individual flyers for more information and to sign up. All events are **free** to attend.



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## Who is the event for?

Young people

## What is the event?

### **Embracing Autistic Identities: Ask an Autistic person**

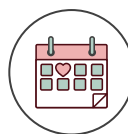
Young people in Barnet have asked Autistic adults questions about their experiences. The answers will be posted in a series of bitesize videos freely available on BELS social media pages throughout events week.

## Who is hosting the event?

BELS with guest speakers **Carl Fofie, Daniel Oyejola and Hannah Whitfield**

## How do I join?

Sign up to receive a reminder and link to the daily posts via [this form](#) or the QR code



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday  
6<sup>th</sup> March**



**Online**  
Via social media

**Instagram:** @belsbarnet  
@barnetyouth\_

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## Who is the event for?

Parents, carers and other interested adults

## What is the event?

**Autistic and beyond: Empowering your young person's multiple identities at home.**

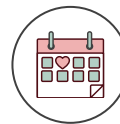
Let's talk about intersectionality and ways to empower your young person's diverse identities. We will discuss your crucial role as parents and carers in embracing multiple identities within the home and outside.

## Who is hosting the event?

**BELS with guest speaker, Dr Donna-Marie Holder** a race and diversity speaker whose PhD explored intersectionality (race, culture and ethnicity) in Autistic young people.

## How do I join?

This is a free event. Sign up via [this link](#) or the QR code



**Monday 2nd March**



**6:30 - 7:45 PM**



**Online**  
Via Zoom



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## Who is the event for?

School / setting staff and other interested education professionals

## What is the event?

**Whose identity is it anyway? How to A.C.E. intersectionality among autistic young people**

A safe and open discussion about navigating the complexities of intersectional identities. We will explore some of the challenges involved (e.g. bullying, labelling) and how to develop a successful collaborative toolkit with learners that 'aces' intersectionality.

## Who is hosting the event?

**BELS with guest speaker, Dr Donna-Marie Holder**

a race and diversity speaker whose PhD work explored intersectionality (race, culture and ethnicity) in Autistic young people

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**Wednesday 4th  
March**



**3:45 -5:00 PM**



**Online**  
Via Zoom



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## Who is the event for?

Parents, carers and other interested adults

## What is the event?

**“How to Include Me”: Collaboration, Care, and What Really Helps**

Understanding Autism and ADHD through lived experience with a focus on collaboration and promoting understanding between adults and young people.

## Who is hosting the event?

**BELS with guest speaker, Hannah Whitfield**

whose work aims to challenge ableism and tokenism head-on through performance, writing, workshops, consultancy, and unapologetic storytelling.

## How do I join?

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**Thursday 5th March**



**10:30 - 11:30am**



**Online**

Via Zoom

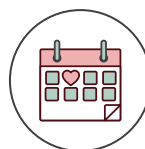
The event will also be available as a recording.



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## Who is the event for?

Young people in Barnet  
secondary schools / settings /  
colleges



Friday 6th March



10:30AM - 12:00 PM  
1:00PM - 2:30 PM

## What is the event?

**Making Connections and  
Finding Community:** free in-  
person event at Finchley Church  
End Library.



Church End Library  
Finchley  
318-320 Regents Park  
Road  
N3 2LN

This event is an opportunity for Autistic young people and  
their friends to meet each other.

## What's happening:

Snacks

Arts and crafts

Stim kits

Animals

Silent disco

Games



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Young people must attend with a responsible adult.

The event is split into 2 sessions:  
**Session 1 (10:30am - 12:00pm):**  
**Session 2 (1:00pm - 2:30pm):**

Adults, please sign up via [this link](#) or the QR code

