Autism-Friendly Spaces
Assisting a local business to make ‘autism-friendly’ adaptations to allow for increased participation for people with autism

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Plan!

Background

Methodology

Discussion
Participation: The good things in life

Muller et al. (2008)
Bouncing around ideas...

Billstedt et al (2011); Whiteford & Townsend (2011)
Taking a leap!
### COMMUNICATION

**Good Practice and what to look for**

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<th>Current Situation</th>
<th>Possible Solutions</th>
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### Knowledge of what to do in an emergency

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<td>Prepare a written plan and a contact list for the emergency.</td>
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### Understanding and following instructions

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### Following visual and auditory cues

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<td>Wristband</td>
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### Preparing for sensory input

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<td>Visual</td>
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**ASIAM Website, NAS Uk Website**
Who takes responsibility?

The clients and their carers?
Charities (e.g. ASIAM)?
Health professionals?
Government departments, Disability policies, laws?
Society as a whole?

Mansell et al., (2010)
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