



autism
unlimited

Your investment in their future
Leave a lasting legacy



You can make a significant difference to individuals and families living with autism.

Your thoughtful gift could impact any number of lives, at any part of their autism journey.

Autism Unlimited exists to support and empower autistic children, adults, and their families. We partner with them to find solutions and provide educational and life skills training.



- Support - understanding and listening when it's needed
- Learning - supporting through specialist education
- Independence - empowering people in their homes and work
- Transition - into adulthood, by helping people to find work
- Training - learn, understand, and accept

What will your legacy be?

We understand that looking after your family and loved ones will always be your first priority.

Your will is your way of leaving a lasting legacy, and you may be thinking about the cause closest to you that could benefit from a gift.



**Leave a gift,
and change
a life**

It's so easy to leave a gift in your will and change lives forever.

For more information email: fundraising@autism-unlimited.org or give your solicitor our charity number: 1000792. Then it's as simple as deciding what gift or bequest you wish to leave.



The impact your legacy could have...

If you ask any young adult between 18 and 25 what their aspirations are, most, if not all, will say they want a job they love, their own home and to travel – young adults living with autism are no different.

That's why we've set up our ground breaking Futures programme and we're working hard to make dreams come true but we need your help.

Our team works with young adults with an EHCP, on an individual basis to identify their specific challenges and develop programmes to overcome them.

Without this level of support, they can very easily end up lonely, and depressed with no prospects.

Currently we receive the minimum funding from the local authority to support these young adults living with autism and we do as much as we can with this. We'd like to do so much more and here's an idea of our plans for the future:



Our BIG plans...

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

As well as all of the other challenges that our Learners have to overcome to find the right job for them, they may also struggle financially with the cost of getting to and from their new employer. We want to remove this anxiety with the launch of a bursary scheme that will provide additional short-term funding for any Learner wanting to take that job of a lifetime.

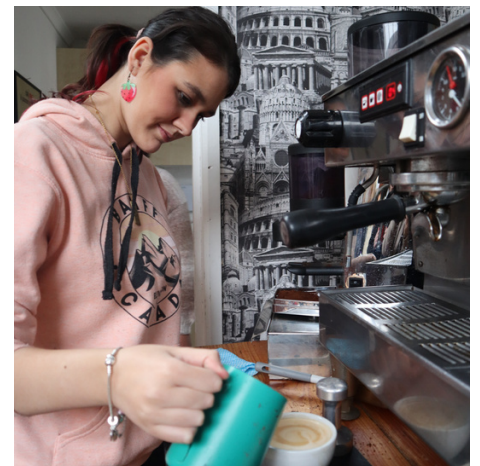


INDEPENDENT LIVING

High on the list of normality for our autistic Learners is the opportunity to live independently. With rental costs so high and a lack of deposits this can seem like an impossible goal. However, if we can find a property that is either already split into separate units or could be turned into them, we could offer them the chance to have their own front door and live on their own.

MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

One of the key achievements from our learning programme is for each Learner to find a job that they love. To enable us to do this we want to build robust relationships with key employers in the local area and introduce them to the benefits of employing an autistic person and the value that this can bring to their business. In order to do this we need to run special business engagement seminars.



Many people who have a **connection to autism** choose to leave a legacy gift to **Autism Unlimited.**



Tom was one of the very first Learners who joined Futures and we're thrilled at the way he has blossomed.

"Futures is one of the best things that has happened to me, it's helping me to progress personally and supporting me in getting a job.

My favourite things are going to the gym and living independently as I get to know what it's like to live like a normal adult, every day is different and I love that."

Tom found the career path he wanted to follow when he got the opportunity to volunteer at Hengistbury Head.

Tom's parents

“We looked at alternative places, but Tom was adamant that he wanted to go to Futures and I'm so glad he did. The team have really got a handle on what makes Tom tick and giving him practical ways to overcome any problems. They are showing him how to live, something I don't think he's had before, and he's really come out of himself. Tom has always had dreams but I think his time at Futures has shown him the ways they can become a reality.”

Matt, Tom's coach

“I've been working with Tom now for a year and a half and the progression I've seen in him is outstanding. Originally it was very difficult to get any conversation flowing but now you can sit with Tom and have a great conversation – he'll tell you some very interesting facts. Also witnessing his interaction with other Learners is amazing. One of the things that Tom loves is his work placement at Hengistbury Head which fulfils his passion for conservation and the environment. Tom is now in control of getting himself up, ready for work and traveling, Tom does this all by himself.”



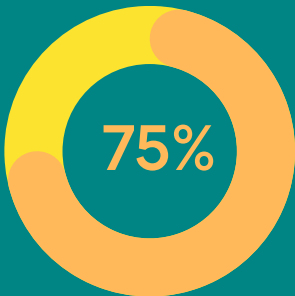
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**Large or
small, your
gift will have
a positive
impact**

Your gift, your legacy, their lives



of autistic people are reported to be in paid work*



of autistic people reported live with parents*



Around 70'000

people in the UK are on the autism spectrum.

We are here to help!

We hope this pack has given you a good starting point for leaving a gift in your will. If you would like further information or advice, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please contact the Fundraising Team - fundraising@autism-unlimited.org.uk

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