



## REPORT

Thank you to everyone that attending our autism event on Tuesday 31 October 2017. The feedback we received has been amazing and we thought we should share this information with you all.

We would like to address a couple of comments that have been made plus we would like to add some other comments from us.

We are sorry if anyone found the venue too dark but we did cover this at our autism event about sensory differences and what is autism friendly for one person isn't going to be autism friendly for another person. We also talked about accepting individuals differences.

We tried to make some adjustments including the lighting to help those individuals that have difficulties around bright lighting.

As far as I know it has been the first time an autism event has been held in the centre of Lincoln. We held our autism event at the Engine Shed / Uni because the Autism Research & Innovation Centre (ARIC) who is based at the Lincoln Uni was hosting this event for CANadda.

By CANadda holding an event like this for the first time in Lincoln gave individuals a chance that can only use transport to come to an event like ours especially those who might like to come from outside Lincolnshire.

There are plenty of other autism conferences and events that happen through the years around Lincolnshire that are outside of Lincoln. If we hold another event like this we will be holding it again in Lincoln.

Even if no one made any comments about the parking, parking is always going to be a difficult one having to park in Lincoln. We felt we kept our ticket prices low to make sure it was affordable for everyone.

I would like to finish off by thanking the Autism Research & Innovation Centre (ARIC) who is based at the Lincoln Uni who was hosting this event for CANadda.

## Feedback information

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Did the speakers meet your expectations?	16	3	0	0	0
Has the overall information and knowledge been helpful today?	14	5	0	0	0
How do you rate the overall day?	14	5	0	0	0

## What did you most like about today?

Hard to say which speech was best, as they were all interesting and informative but it was a lovely surprise to see Chris Packham.

Very Interesting and Informative

Speakers and informing people about our services, Q+A. In fact all of it!

Fantastic

Personal experiences and stories. Helpful information given about how to help and how life can affect everyone on the spectrum.

The Autistic Gardener and Jon Adams talks.

The speakers and useful topics.

It was absolutely excellent.

All of it, I thought provoking honest lots.

Enjoyed hearing the experience of the speakers and networking with other professionals.

Reflection different speakers and how talks can apply to practise. Big focus on self-belief and how people with / or without Autism can be motivated by self-belief.

All the speakers were wonderful but I found Ian Jordan most interesting. I'd also like to mention Alan Gardner!

I loved to hear the news of people experiencing Autism and had helped me to think more flexibly towards my patients.

The personal aspects of autism.

The variety of speakers and information available and the networking opportunities.

Jon Adams & Ian Jordan.

Good variety of speakers and topics. Excellent surprise having Chris Packham! Always great to hear autistic speakers own experiences.

Really informative and interesting talks by Ian Jordan and Alan Gardner in particular. In sighted to hear from autistic individuals themselves and sharing their own experiences.

Ian Jordan, Chris Packham, Tom Schofield and Alan Gardner.

## What topic would you like us to cover next time?

Getting support and applying for benefits. Staying ? would be good too, Chris touched on it!

More information on what I as a family support worker can give to my families that home children on the spectrum, that would help.

Employment.

Some again with different speakers for more cued experiences.

ADHD & Autism, sensory impairment and self-injurious behaviours.

Friendships & vulnerability in different friendship groups.

Getting a diagnosis

Being accepted by support groups without a diagnosis.

Using technology to support people with autism.

New developments in autism.

More talks from autistic people, parents, professionals etc. covering a variety of topics important to them.

Autism and education, how to better support.

## Any other comments?

Thank you for a very enjoyable day.

Thank you for inviting us to host a stand.

Thank you for allowing me to come.

An out of town venue could be better due to the congestion, in particular at Lincoln now. Also lighting made it difficult at times.

Enjoyed the day thank you.

Chris Packham!

Great Job lunch options for vegetarians were quite varied and very tasty, thank you.

I found the vision talk interesting but too many clips made it repetitive.

Venue too dark.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Thank you.

Very informative & inspiring day I thoroughly enjoyed it, thank you.

## Comments from social media

Was TRUELY amazing guys, you nailed it xx

I was pleased that Debbie Marshall was amongst the speakers at the Autistics Together event in Lincoln today.

Three NAS Ambassador speak at CANadda's autism event today Autistic Gardener, Packham and Jon Adams, just amazing.

It was our pleasure! We had an amazing time & we were lucky to listen to some excellent talks! Looking forward to the next event:)

I am so gutted I couldn't get there but love that you are all having a great day.

Great speakers and event CANadda, hosted by Niko Kargas ARIC. Thanks to all involved.

What an amazing day. Thank you all.

Well done everyone x

Fabulous. My son enjoyed it and stayed the whole day! It's the first time he has really ever heard people who have autism speak - fancy it being the wonderful line up that you had organised!!! Thank you for all your hard work.

So proud of my son today.

A really positive event. My son has never been to anything regarding his autism. He managed to stay the whole day! A big thank you to everybody.

Enjoyed being part of it.

Debbie you have done so well.

Thank you so much for letting me attend you conference yesterday. I had a fantastic day, it was both really informative and enjoyable.

So thrilled for you all, well done !!

Brilliant young man well done.

Scott I wish we could have been there. I hope there will be another opportunity in the future.

Attended an excellent autism conference at Lincoln University today. Some very interesting speakers, including the Autistic Gardener and a special visit from Chris Packham, who provided a brief but nonetheless really wild show.

Thank you Debbie for organising a great conference.

What an amazing day. Thank you all.

I wish we could have been there. I hope there will be another opportunity in the future.

Best wishes,

Debbie Marshall  
Chair of CANadda