

# Autistic Lived Experience

**A** Reflective Perspective



## WHO ARE ASIAM?

AsIAm is Ireland's National Autism Charity.

AsIAm was founded in 2014 by our CEO Adam Harris based on his experiences growing up as an Autistic person in Ireland.



Adam Harris
Founder/CEO AslAm

Adam believed then and still believes now, that many of the challenges Autistic people face are not and should not be considered 'inevitable'.

AsIAm works to support the Autistic Community and our families to fully engage in Irish life and to build the capacity of society to facilitate true inclusion.

"Our Vision is an Ireland where EVERY Autistic person is accepted 'As They Are'

- equal, valued & respected"

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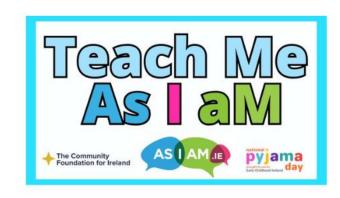




















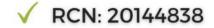




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Here I lie, I lie awake, and in this dream, I hope to take, a strong way out before I break. Here I lie, I lie awake.

Amanda (8)

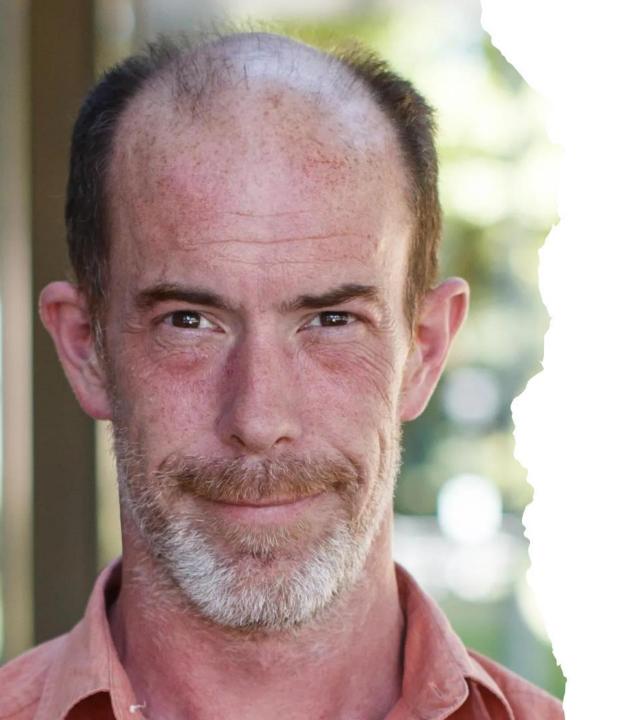




"Be careful of your words, you never know how they may fall upon a person" **Dad** 







### **Dr Damian Milton**

Double Impathy Problem

**Both Autistic and** non-Autistic individuals may struggle to understand each others thoughts - feelings behaviours - differences.



## **Autistic Culture**

**Communication Differences** 

**Home Is Haven** 

Visual Processing Strengths

Hyperphantasia

**Rewatching Shows** 

Sensory Differences

**Stimming** 

Hyperfocus Strengths

**Info-Dumping** 

Listening to Music on repeat

Lateral Thinking

**Routines** 

Special Interests

**Social Battery** 

Autistic Play





# Dr Luke Beardon Theories

Golden Equation

Autism + Environment = Outcome

Golden Concept

PNT concepts need to be translated before they are applied to Autistics

Global Stability

Create global stability to support Autistic individuals.

Ireland's National Autism Charity

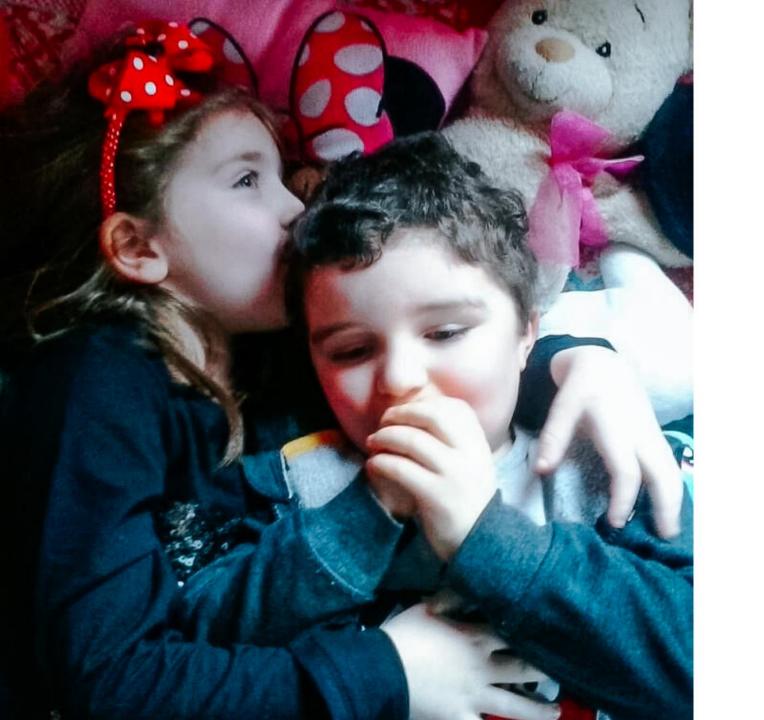


## **Global Stability**

#### **Dr Luke Beardon**

- Understanding self & others
- Effective communication
- Engage in special interests
- Embrace Autistic Culture
- Unmasking
- Environmental Assessment
- Neurokin
- Contingency Plans
- Support Stimming
- Autistic Love Languages





I saw that you were different and I loved you all the more.

**Author Unknown** 



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# Thank You

