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02 April was known as  
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY.

It is now widely recognised as  
WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY.

The shift from the term "awareness" to  
"acceptance" is to place emphasis on strengths,  
inclusion, respect, accommodations, support &  
empowerment.





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People with Autism  
experience the  
world differently







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## WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF AUTISM?

According to the DSM 5, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) refers to a group of complex neurodevelopmental disorders.

"Neuro" refers to the Brain & "developmental" refers to the Brain's development.

ASD is characterized by:

- Repetitive & characteristic patterns of behaviour
- Difficulties with social communication & interaction

The difficulties are present from early childhood.





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Now that we know the definition of Autism,  
how can we, as humanity, assist in making  
the World an easier place for those with  
Autism to live in?

WE CAN ALL BECOME AWARE,  
ACCEPT & EMBRACE  
NEURODIVERSITY.





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#1 WHAT IS NEURODIVERSITY?

Neurodiversity refers to variation (i.e. diversity) in the human brain.







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## #2 WHAT IS NEURODIVERSITY?

Neurodiversity has a basis in science:

Brain-imaging studies have shown that there are differences between children with learning & thinking differences and their peers (who may be defined as neurotypical).





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## #3 WHAT IS NEURODIVERSITY?

Neurodiversity is the concept that neurological differences are to be recognized & respected like any other human variation.

The differences mentioned appear in how the brain is "wired" which impacts on how a child experiences the world.

