AVATAR

AUTISTIC VOICES ADVOCATING TOGETHER
FOR AUTONOMOUS RIGHTS

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Thursday 1st October 2026
6.15pm at Cafe U, Kelso and online via Google Meets

Annual Report 2025-2026

Thank you to our current and past Trustees, here is a run down of our key achievements from last year:

- Maintained an online community for peer support on Discord.
- Promotion of the charity to a variety of stakeholders with our flyers, branded hoodies, social media and word of mouth.
- Moved to a more accessible bank account: RBS.
- Utilised social media platforms to maintain an online presence for the charity and increase awareness.
- Presented to the Scottish Parliament Inquiry into Autism and ADHD about living experience of employment, healthcare and diagnosis.
- Supported the Access to Work Collective's campaign to reform the DWP's Access to Work programme via our Discord channel.
- Represented autistic voices at Flourish Conversation cafe: "Rethinking support for autistic adults in the Borders" and agreed to host the subsequent signposting guide for autistic adults on our website.
- Organised and hosted an Autistic Pride Picnic for the Scottish Borders.
- Applied for funding from LAG to host a series of in person social meet ups: Autistic Culture Cafes (thanks for showing up tonight!)
- Engaged with the Scottish Borders Autism Strategy Group to represent members interests
- Our current Trustees worked strategically together to enhance the charities governance processes
- Increased membership numbers via socials, word of mouth and flyers.