



World Autism Awareness Day

Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World

Virtual Event: Thursday, 8 April 2021, 10-11 am EST / 16-17 pm CET

Biography

Charlotte Valeur



Charlotte Valeur has over 35 years of experience in finance, primarily as an investment banker in Denmark and UK. She is an experienced FTSE Chair, Non-Executive Director, and corporate governance expert, serving on a variety of boards – as well as delivering training and advising boards in corporate governance through her company Global Governance Group.

Charlotte has been a director of eight public companies, including three appointments as the Chair. She has taken part in a complete restructuring of NTR Plc, the sale of REG Plc to BlackRock, and, as Chair, overseen an \$8bln Merger of Kennedy Wilson Europe Real Estate Plc with its US NYSE listed parent. Charlotte also has board experience with a range of unlisted companies including international engineering firm Laing O'Rourke, BT

Pension Fund, Chair of Institute of Directors U.K., Founder, and Chair of Board Apprenticeship, and Founder of Impact of Neurodiversity.

Sarah Bosibori



Sarah Bosibori identifies herself as ‘an adult living with autism’. She is currently the reigning Light of Autism for Kenya. As an aspiring programmer, Sarah has received from Strathmore University the certificate of completion from Autism tech training module 1. And as an aspiring artist, she has received certification for Drawing and Painting from the Buruburu Institute of Fine Arts. She is working towards becoming an autism advocacy blogger that will be based on her experience as a person living with autism.

She credits Step Up 4 Autism, where she is a member in guiding her to understand the importance of helping another individual living with autism. How crucial continuous therapy can help a child to progress, and to become a productive member of society. Her long term plan is to advocate, educate and inspire the global society on neurological developmental disabilities, including down syndrome, cerebral palsy, dyslexia and autism. Sarah is a volunteer at Step Up 4 Autism Therapy

Center, where she teaches computer skills to autistic teenagers.

Adam Harris



Adam Harris is the Founder and CEO of AsIAM, Ireland’s National Autism Charity. He founded the organization based on his own experiences growing up on the autism Spectrum.

A Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Awardee, Adam is a frequent contributor to media and conferences in Ireland and overseas. From Greystones in Co Wicklow, Adam was appointed to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in July 2020.

Hari Srinivasan



Hari Srinivasan is a minimally-speaking autistic at UC Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in psychology and minoring in Disability Studies. At Berkeley, he is the lead student instructor for a semester-long class on autism. He is the first non-speaking president of the student organization Spectrum at Cal, a student journalist for the Daily Californian, and a Research Assistant at the university Psychology Labs as well as the UC Berkeley Disability Lab.

Hari was recently selected as an undergraduate Haas Scholar and will be embarking on a year-long research project on autism. Hari hopes to go onto grad school and pursue research that relates to the autism and disability space. He also enjoys music, watching pro sports in addition to learning tennis. He loves creative writing with some of his poems and other work winning awards including a National Award at Carnegie Hall. Hari is passionate about disability advocacy and is a board member of Autistic Self Advocacy Network and on the Council of Autistic Advisors for the Autism Society of America. Hari was featured on President Obama's Instagram campaign on the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

El Mehdi Benmoussa



El Mehdi Benmoussa is 23-years-old and based in Morocco. He is an economics student and entrepreneur, also owns and manages a small business as the official representative and distributor of a French company in Morocco. His company is based in Tanger and works with other companies (B2B field). He manages a team that specializes in multiple fields from marketing, communication, to community management.

El Mehdi speaks several languages fluently, including English, French, Arabic, Hebrew, and level A2 in German, and is learning Spanish and Japanese.

Siena Castellon



Siena Castellon is an 18-year-old multi-award winning neurodiversity advocate, author, and Young Leader for the SDGs. She is the founder of Neurodiversity Celebration Week, an international initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences by highlighting the strengths and accomplishments of the neurodivergent community. In 2021, over 860,000 students and 1,400 schools took part worldwide, as well as more than 200 businesses, charities, and government agencies.

Siena is also the author of *The Spectrum Girl's Survival Guide: How To Grow Up Awesome and Autistic* and *The Spectrum Girl's Survival Toolkit: The Workbook for Autistic Girls*.

Juan José Sibaja González



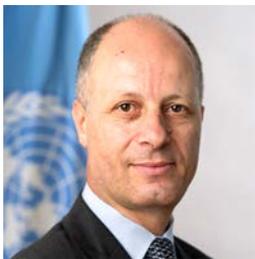
Juan José Sibaja González is the Scrum Master at Procter & Gamble Costa Rica. He first joined P&G as Smart Automation Developer for the company's neurodiversity program by working with people on the spectrum and developing automation tools. Prior, he was an audiovisual producer, director, and editor for advertising, TV and film.

Asha Sreedhar



Asha Sreedhar is on the autism spectrum and has been working with SAP Labs in Bangalore, India as a Quality Associate. She was born in Africa and moved to the United States. Her journey enabled her to receive an education both in the British and American systems. After college, Asha had various professional experiences, but found they were hard to sustain due to the nature of the work required. With her family, she relocated to India where she underwent a software testing course along with an internship. She enrolled in Enable India for the Autism at Work Training Program, where she was the only female. Asha was selected to work with SAP Labs

and she feels very encouraged and supported by the people in her working environment.



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