

Event Programme

World Autism Awareness Day 2023 | 2 April 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. EDT

5 min **Welcome and opening remarks**

UN representative

5 min **Charlotte VALEUR** (Denmark): Chair Institute of Neurodiversity ION, Switzerland

Home: Autistic perspectives of Home, Life and Education

2 min **Introduction to Home**

Charlotte VALEUR: Event moderator

5 min **Video contributions from around the world**

Moises QUISPE COELLO (Peru): Teen dental hypoplasia, dystonia, autism

Catherine GUIMARD (France): Coach and mentor to ND women

Robin ROSCIGNO (USA): Instructional content designer | Educator | Speaker

Aditi SOWMAYANARAYAN (India): Author and blogger

10 min **Keynote**

Prof. Amanda **KIRBY** (U.K.): CEO of Do-IT Solutions

Home panel moderation

Theo SMITH (UK): Neurodiversity workplace advisor; Co-Founder, Neurodiversity at Work

30 min **Panel discussing neurodiversity at home and in life**

Marie MANALILI (Philippines): Speech & Language Therapist

Jorn BETTIN (New Zealand): Partner at S23M

Joan PONS LAPLANA (Spain): Project Choice Area Manager at Health Education, UK

Ludmila PRASLOVA (Russia): Professor, VUSC Graduate Organizational Psychology

Arts: Autistic talent in Music, Dance, Visual arts, Poetry

2 min **Introduction to Arts**

Charlotte VALEUR: Event moderator

5 min **Video contributions from around the world**

Chima OUNH (Nigeria - USA): Graphic designer

Darren S (USA): Videographer

Rachael JOANA (USA): Creator of "BirdBrain" on WEBTOON

Sherin Mary ZACHARIA (India): Author and blogger

Giles VALEUR-ADU (UK-Ghana-Denmark): International D.J.

10 min **Keynote**

Morgan **HARPER NICHOLS** (USA): Author & Poet

Arts panel moderation

Dr Lutza IRELAND (Australia): Psychologist | Social designer

30 min **Panel discussing Neurodiversity in Arts**

Giles VALEUR-ADU (UK-Ghana-Denmark): International D.J.

Debs TEALE (UK): Consultant & facilitator The DebsEffect,

Kate MACHTIGER (USA): Creative Director at Set Creative

John PROFANE [KNAPP] (USA): Autistic Podcaster | Pretend Rock Star | Socialist

Work: Autistic perspectives on Neurodiversity at Work

2 min Introduction to Work

Charlotte VALEUR: Event moderator

5 min Video contributions from around the world

Ed DUPREE (USA): Business, Data Analyst & Modeler

Jaimi LEE (UK): Designer Sir Robert McAlpine

Anshar SERAPHIM (USA): High Stakes Negotiation Trainer

Silvan RUTHENBERG (Germany): Institute of Neurodiversity Global | Exec Consultant & Coach

10 min Keynote

Sir Nick HINE (UK): Retired Naval Officer

Work panel moderation

André SKEPPLE (UK): Founder of FullSkektrum Ltd

30 min Panel discussing Neurodiversity in Work

Aniket KADAM (India): Engineer | Cofounder of PoweredByAutistics.com

Maureen TRAN (Canada): Social Media Manager

Minna ABASSI (USA-Afghanistan): Co-founder All Things Autie

Athishaya BHIKSHU (South Africa): Therapist at Centre Of Psychotherapy Excellence (COPE)

Marie DJELA (UK): Speaker | Trainer | Social innovator

Policy: Autistic perspectives on Policy and Advocacy

2 min Introduction to Policy

Charlotte VALEUR: Event moderator

5 min Video contributions from around the world

Luciana VIEGAS (Brazil): Founder Vidas Negras com Deficiência Importam

Sara ROCHA (Portugal): Co-Founder Associação Portuguesa Voz do Autista

Tarun PAUL MATHEW (India): Co-author Talking Finger

Rhys GRIFFEN (USA): Voice actor | Author children's books

Karen MURIUKI (Kenya): Consultant Ubongo TV

10 min Keynote

Dr. Natalie ENGELBRECHT (USA): Dual-licensed registered naturopathic doctor & psychotherapist

Policy panel moderation

Alex PEARSON (USA): Industrial-Organizational Psychologist-Practitioner

30 min Panel discussing Neurodiversity Advocacy and Policy

Ben VANHOOK (China-USA): Autistic Self-Advocate | Public Speaker | Community Support

Dr Jenny MAI PHAN (USA): Department of Health & Human Services

Tyla GRANT (UK): Creative Strategist | Building ALRYT.world

Pranav Kumar RAJAGOPA (India): Inclusion officer Cisco

Elizabeth BONKER (USA): CEO Communication4all.com

2 min Thank you to all participants and the UN

3 min Closing remarks

Charlotte VALEUR (Denmark): Chair Institute of Neurodiversity ION