



Meet your Co-Chairs!

Professor Phil Reed, Swansea University

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Gerraint Jones-Griffiths, autistic person

Professor Phil Reed

Professor Phil Reed obtained a D.Phil. from the University of York, held a Research Fellowship at the University of Oxford, and a Readership in Learning and Behaviour at University College London, before taking a University Chair in Psychology at Swansea University. Phil's broad research interests include: Learning and Behaviour; Autism and Educational Interventions; and Psychology and medicine, including Internet Addiction and Uro/Gynaecological Health. Phil has written several books (recently, *Interventions for Autism: Evidence for Educational and Clinical Practice*), published over 280 papers, and been invited to present his work at many international conferences. Phil has presented his work on Autism, and in Women's Health, to the Welsh Parliament, currently serves on the NICE Guidelines Committee, and was awarded the 'medal of the President of the Republic' of Italy in 2016 for scientific contribution to society. Phil appears regularly in the media and has been featured on: Science Channel's 'Through the Wormhole with Morgan Freeman', BBC's 'Charlotte Church: Inside my Brain', 'ITV Wales', 'BBC Wales', and 'BBC Radio Wales'. There have been several radio specials on Phil's Internet Addiction research on syndicated US radio shows (Richie Allen; Katherine Albrecht), and features in Time magazine, Cosmopolitan, The Sunday Times, The Daily mail, and locally in the Swansea Evening Post, and the Western mail.



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Gerraint Jones-Griffiths

Gerraint is 24 years old. In 2012 Gerraint attended Holly’s Ball – a ceremony for autistic people who have had outstanding achievements in their lives – Gerraint came runner up out of 700 people with autism in Wales. In 2011-2015 he was voted to be a Caerphilly Youth Forum Cabinet member. As the Environment chair he held a campaign in Caerphilly Borough to stop smoking in parks. The Campaign PoP (Protect our Parks) was passed as a Council motion and, apart from Powys Council, Caerphilly is the only Council to stop smoking in parks. In November 2018, Engage to Change nominated Gerraint for the Welsh Learning Disability Awards in the Breaking Down Barriers category, and he won it – an achievement he feels highly honoured to have had. Engage to Change is an employment project to help get young people between the ages of 16-25 with autism and/or a learning disability into paid employment. Gerraint was the Engage to Change Administrator from 2016- 2018 and is the current Lead Ambassador.



Click here to view a film where the National Autism Team interview Gerraint, April 2020:
<https://autismwales.org/en/resources/getting-to-know-gerraint/>