

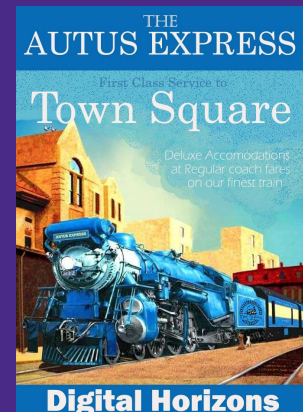
AUTUS ANNUAL REVIEW

2024/2025



In 2025 we launched our themed nights called 'Dinner Parties' which is an opportunity for each participant to host a gathering in their own space or a public space in our community. This gives members a chance to improve their building skills and oversee an event. Additionally, during the dinner party everyone has the opportunity to practice social and conversational skills.

Welcome to our Annual Review. We hope you enjoy reading about the great year we have had together full of learning, socialising, creating and supporting each other in our ever-changing virtual space.



Note from the chair

I am delighted to present this year's annual review. Each year the Autus team innovates to help service users build confidence, reduce isolation and improve their prospects. In 2024/25 we saw more people secure and sustain work and welcomed new members to our social job club and other activities.

I would like to congratulate the team for their unwavering dedication and commitment which has lasting and tangible impact on the people we serve.

Toby Freeman, Chair



This year our virtual environment has been enhanced and improved as part of our Community Project to include more community spaces, a rail network and a better working teleporting system.

- EMPLOYABILITY
- TEAM BUILDING
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- COMMUNICATION
- INDEPENDENCE
- AGENCY
- LEADERSHIP
- PLANNING

Teleportation Rail Network

Traveling using trains and tubes is commonplace in our society so it was only fitting that our virtual world developed at Teleportation Rail Network. This group project came to fruition this year and required the participants to utilise their creative, teamwork and technical skills to bring it to life.



Blender

Our more advanced service users have taken their skills to the next level. During the year they undertook a range of projects. Not only do these sessions enable our participants to use an industry recognised modeling package they build the knowledge and skills that they can transfer to other workplace software.



Autus @ Night

From free build sessions to dinner parties, to trivia nights and media club Autus@Night really does have something for everyone. This pilot of this went so well this year that we successfully applied for funding from Awards for All to make it a permanent part of the Autus schedule.



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AUTUS Newsletter

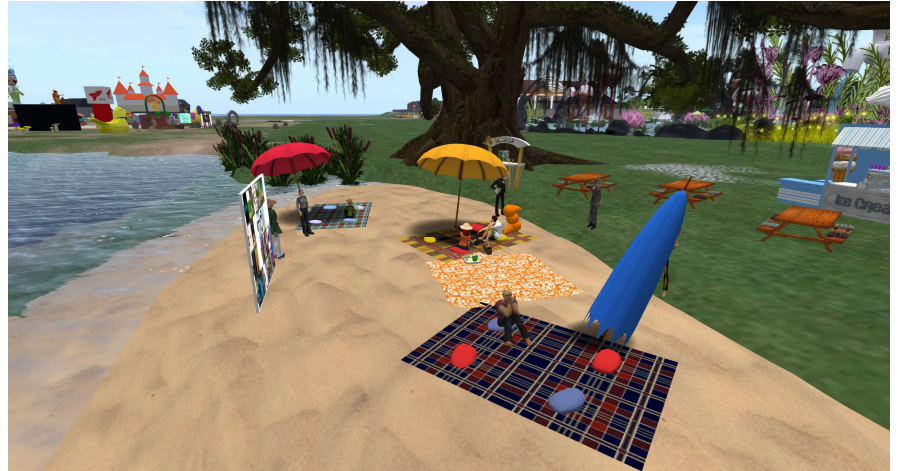
We introduced our regular newsletter which is produced by volunteer Solli. The monthly newsletter shares interesting stories, events and good news from Autus. In addition, it is an opportunity for volunteers to utilize their skills in a structured way whilst building confidence and knowledge in the areas of media and promotion.

Thanks to Solly for her great work and commitment to keeping the newsletter going and sharing Autus news.



Social Job Club

This year SJC continued to thrive and support our service users in their efforts to build the employability skills. SJC had previously met during work hours, but the participants agreed that it would be better to have it on an evening so that people who had progressed onto jobs could still participate and get the support and encouragement they needed to sustain work. This move has been very effective.



Congratulations to David who left Social Job Club after taking a leadership position at his workplace. He developed a proposal for an After School Program which is employer accepted. We are so proud of David's hard work and grateful for the peer support he has offered new service users.



Trivia Night continues to be well attended and a popular Autus@Night event.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SJC

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Goal Garden

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Summer Photo Project

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Round Table Discussions

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Trivia & Media Club

The Autus Annual Accounts are published on the Charity Commission's website

Vote of Thanks

None of the great things we have seen over the past year and indeed since our beginning, would be possible without the hard work and commitment of the Autus Team. We take this opportunity to thank all of our Session Leaders, Peer Mentors, Session Support Staff, Admin and Management and our Board of Trustees.

We aim in 2025 to transition our Board of Trustees to comprise of service users. This is a necessary and natural step to ensuring that we continue to respond to user needs and build the skills of our community.

