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Autism Society Canada - a National organization greater than the sum of its parts

Autism Society Canada (ASC) was started in 1976 as a group of parents getting together around a kitchen table to discuss resources, treatments and issues affecting loved ones living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Over the years, this grassroots organization has grown into a national umbrella organization representing and supporting its member societies on a national platform.

Check out our member societies on the left side of our newsletter. We represent a true Canadian Mosaic of member societies from around the country.

Because of the successes of ASC's member societies across the country and because we continue to lobby at the federal level on behalf of a Canadian Autism Strategy, ASC remains true to its mission: working with our many partners to address the national priorities facing the autism community.

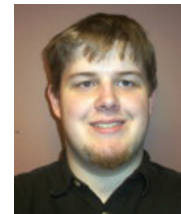
ASC News - CAIRN Conference October 2009

(Canadian Autism Intervention Research Network Symposium)

Autism Society Canada's Board Members and its Advisory Committee of Adults on the Spectrum were present at this national conference in Toronto on October 2, 2009. The conference brought together scientists and practitioners, parents and policy makers to share information and to discuss

potential research topics with autism stakeholders. For the very first time, individuals living on the autism spectrum were also present to share their thoughts and views on a research agenda. Kristian Hooker, Chair of ASC's Advisory Committee of Adults on the Spectrum shared his thoughts about this ground-breaking experience:

"It was such a great honour and responsibility for the Advisory Committee to be part of this CAIRN symposium and to provide a first-hand perspective on research issues that matter to adults on the Autism Spectrum, a crucial element that's been sorely needed in Autism research for the longest time."



Canadian Autism Awareness Month News -

- Read Health Minister [Leona Aglukkaq's message](#) in support of Canadian Autism Awareness Month (CAAM).
- Go to ASC's website to check out the most recent postings in [autism research](#).
- Read the most recent ASC [Newsletter](#).

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