

Kent and Medway Learning Disability and Autism

Community of Practice (Pilot)



If so, we would like to invite you to join a **pilot Community of Practice starting May 2026.**

This Community of Practice will be co-led by a small group including experts by experience and is a part of the work led by Ruth Germaine, Knowledge Mobilisation Fellow (KSS ARC & KMMH)

What this is

A pilot Community of Practice where staff learn with and from people with lived experience.

Everyone's voice is valued, and we explore how to meet the needs of autistic people and people with learning disabilities in ways that work for them.

Why we are doing this

Evidence and people with lived experience tell us that learning works best when they are included.

This pilot aims to:

- understand what matters to autistic people and people with learning disabilities
- learn together to build shared understanding and stronger relationships
- improve everyday practice by listening to voices that are often unheard or misunderstood

Session dates

All sessions are **online**.

- Wednesday **6 May**, 12:00–1:30
- Wednesday **3 June**, 12:00–1:30
- Wednesday **1 July**, 12:00–1:30

People can join even if they cannot attend every session.

Want to join?

If you, or someone in your organisation, would like join, please get in touch:

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