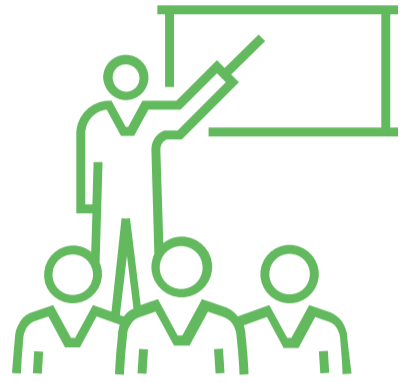


Diversity in Social Intelligence

Summer 2019 update

It's been a busy few months here in Edinburgh as we analyse the data from this project and share our initial findings!

Here's a summary of what we've been up to and where you can learn more about our research.



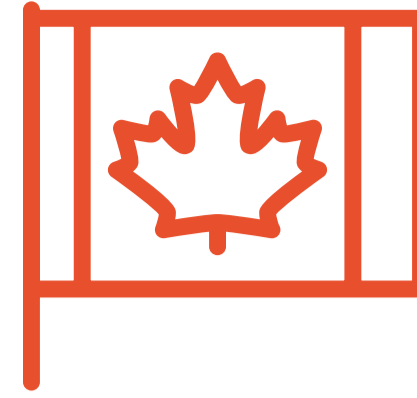
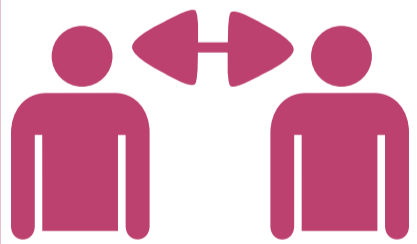
In June, we held a public lecture in Edinburgh which covered all our results so far from the [Diversity in Social Intelligence Project](#). You can watch a recording of this lecture by clicking [here](#)

We took part in a podcast, with other researchers doing autism research into the [double-empathy problem](#). [Sue](#) and [Catherine](#) from the research team met up with [Noah Sasson](#), [Brett Heasman](#), and [Kerriane Morrison](#), and [Damian Milton](#) who are all researching this important area. You can hear us all talk about our research [in this video of the podcast](#), [animated by Brett](#)



Whats coming up next?

Our findings from this study show that autistic people can find interacting with other autistic people easier and more comfortable than interacting with non-autistic people, and vice versa. From October, we'll be doing a research project to apply this finding. In collaboration with the [Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh](#), we'll be designing a post-diagnostic peer support system for autistic adults, and another project exploring opportunities so support autistic peer support in secondary schools and we're hoping that in the future we'll be able to research whether this kind of support can improve the mental health and wellbeing of autistic adults.



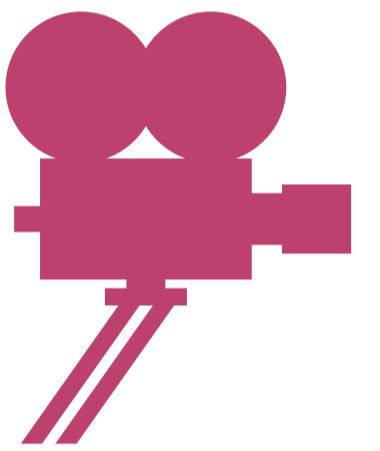
In May, we went to the [International Society for Autism Research Conference](#) in Montreal, and presented our findings on how autistic and non-autistic people learn together. You can read more about our what we presented (along with the findings other researchers in this area) in this [blog](#)

Catherine met up with [Shannon Des Roches Rosa](#) from the [Thinking Persons Guide to Autism](#) and they had a chat about the study, and about how autistic and non-autistic people share information. You can read the interview [here](#)



In July, we presented findings from our interviews with autistic people in a talk titled "I never realised everybody felt as happy as I do when I am around autistic people" at the [Autistica Discover Conference](#) in Reading. You can watch the presentation [here](#), and see our slides [here](#)

In June, a film crew visited and made a video about how we did the research, and why we think the findings are important. Thanks to the participants that re-created the diffusion chain tasks with us and who were interviewed for the video! We look forward to sharing this with you when it's finished.

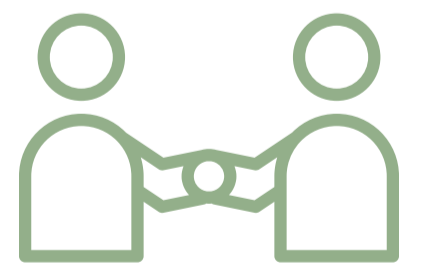


We're busy writing and submitting papers about the Diversity in Social Intelligence project and hope we'll be able to share them with you soon.



We'll be at the [Autism Europe Conference](#) in September, talking about autistic and non-autistic people's rapport during conversations. We'll also be at the [Flux Conference](#) in September, where we'll be talking about how autistic and non-autistic people share information with autistic and non-autistic partners.

We're applying for funding to do a replication of our research. This means that another group of people would do the same study to see if we find the same results again, and is an important part of science to make sure that findings are robust.



You can follow our project updates on our website: www.dart.ed.ac.uk/research/nd-iq
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