EP07: What Autistic People Want You to Know

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When you talk about autism in your classroom, it’s important that you include autistic viewpoints and experiences as a part of the discussion. There will always be a place for professional and parental guidance and perspectives, but autistic voices should rise to the top. They are the true “experts” on autism. Through them, you and your students will be able to make a personal connection to what it means to be autistic and take away a more authentic understanding of the autism experience.

Meet the Autistic People in this Episode

James Sullivan – Host
https://www.youtube.com/user/Jaimetud
James is a filmmaker who is on the autism spectrum. He has his own YouTube channel entitled Jaimetud where he reviews all forms of popular culture including books, movies, comics and video games. James works on Geek Club Books Bluebee TeeVee Autism Information Station where he writes the scripts, performs as on-camera host, and films and edits these popular autism education videos.

Jonathan Murphy – Voice Actor (Voice of Parker, the Monkey)
https://jonincharacter.com/
Jonathan a SAG-AFTRA voiceover actor whose character voices appear in video games, apps, audiobooks, and throughout a major theme park. Jonathan shares his autistic life experiences through public speaking and Mighty League children’s book app series. He’s received a Temple Grandin Award and People’s Choice Award for his storytelling.

Chase Bailey – Food Enthusiast, Advocate, Speaker
https://www.chaserb.com/
Chase hosts his own YouTube cooking show featuring prominent chefs and other food enthusiasts. He’s authored the multi-award winning, The Official Chase ‘N Yur Face Cookbook, and speaks at events and conferences. He founded the Chase Yur Dreams Foundation to help others on the spectrum follow their dreams.
Chloe Rothschild – Speaker, Advocate
https://geekclubbooks.com/chloe-autism-advocate/
Chloe is an outspoken advocate who enjoys writing and giving presentations to educate others about autism or give advice to empower her autistic peers.

Joshua Hartzler – Artist
https://www.facebook.com/HARTZLERS.PROJECTS/
Joshua is known as “The Duke of Artz” and enjoys drawing and sketching people, animals, Power Rangers and anything that allows him to showcase his talent to entertain and delight others.

Lydia Wayman – Author, Advocate
https://geekclubbooks.com/lydia-autistic-speaks/
Lydia uses her personal experience and professional knowledge to help parents and professionals understand autism through her writing.

Meet Other Interesting Autistic Teens and Adults

Greta Thunberg
Greta is a climate activist with Asperger’s Syndrome nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Haley Moss, Esq
https://haleymoss.net/
Haley is an attorney, author of two books, artist and public speaker.

Georgia aka Florida Frenz
Georgia is the author of How to Be Human: Diary of an Autistic Girl!

Tyla Grant
https://www.tylagrant.com/
Tyla is an autistic lifestyle blogger, podcaster and YouTuber.

Christa Holmans
https://neurodivergentrebel.com/
Christa runs Neurodivergent Rebel—a blog and consulting firm—for neurodiversity and inclusion.

Dani Bowman
https://danibowman.com/
Dani is the founder of DaniMation Entertainment providing 2D animation for the entertainment industry and talent development for autistic artists.

Mickey Rowe
https://mickeyrowe.me/
Mickey is the first autistic actor to play the lead in The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

Coby Bird
https://www.instagram.com/thecobybird/
Coby is a 17 year old autistic actor who has appeared on Speechless, The Good Doctor and Netflix Locke & Key.

Chris Bonello
https://autisticnotweird.com/about/
Chris is a special needs tutor with Asperger’s Syndrome, formerly a primary school teacher. He is an international speaker on autism issues and the writer behind autisticnotweird.com.
More Resources

Books & Classroom Tools

Books By Autistic Authors

Zoom Autism Magazine
Online magazine written and edited by autistic writers and their allies

Multicultural Children’s Book Day Classroom Kit
Physical and Developmental Challenges: Understand and Celebrate our Differences

Teaching Tolerance
https://www.tolerance.org/
Classroom Resources, Professional Development, Activities

Don’t Hide It, Flaunt It
Celebrating a World of Differences

Documentaries

Unspoken
https://www.unspokendoc.com/

Aspergers R Us
https://www.facebook.com/aspiecomedyclk/

Life, Animated
http://www.lifeanimateddoc.com/

Autism in Love
https://www.autisminlove.com/

Neurotypical
http://www.pbs.org/pov/neurotypical/

Spectrum: A Story of the Mind
http://www.pbs.org/program/spectrum-story-mind/

Autism Goes to College
https://www.autismgoestocollege.org/

Hashtags to Follow

#ActuallyAutistic
Twitter: https://twitter.com/hashtag/actuallyautistic
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/tags/actuallyautistic/

#AskingAutistics
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