



## **AUTISM IN WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Autism@Manchester invites you to join us for two events that aim to enhance connections between the autism and research communities and to raise awareness about autism in women and girls. These events are free and open to all: autistic people, family members and friends, practitioners, academics and researchers. Please register using the links below. For more information about either event, please contact: [Kathy.Leadbitter@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Kathy.Leadbitter@manchester.ac.uk)

### **Seminar and Workshop: Postcards from an Aspie World**

**Hayden Larder, Helen Larder and Dan Redfearn**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 10:00am – 12:30pm (Registration from 9:30am)**

**Kanaris Lecture Theatre, The Manchester Museum**

Hayden, Helen and Dan will give a presentation about their autism training resource for practitioners. The training resource is based on a series of postcards created by Hayden and her mother Helen that offer an insight from Hayden's life as a young woman with autism (see Hayden and Helen on ITV news [here](#)). Following the presentation, attendees will be given the opportunity to draw their own postcards documenting thoughts, emotions or struggles around all aspects of autism (but particularly the female perspective). These postcards will be documented on the Autism@Manchester website. For more information and to register, please visit our Eventbrite page: [Postcards from an Aspie World](#).

### **Seminar and Poster Session:**

### **Uncovering Hidden Autism in Females**

**Hannah Belcher (Anglia Ruskin)**

**Monday 21st May 2018, 1:00 - 3:30pm (Registration from 12:30pm)**

**Kanaris Lecture Theatre, The Manchester Museum**

Females with autism face longer waiting times to receive their diagnosis and many are not identified at all. Increased social motivation and social mimicking strategies are thought to be behind these difficulties in identification. This talk, given by Hannah Belcher who herself is diagnosed with autism, will discuss evidence supporting this theory and speculate on what research needs to uncover to improve the lives of females affected by autism (see more about Hannah's work [here](#)). Following the seminar, attendees will be able to talk to Autism@Manchester researchers and find out about their research. This will take the format of a 'poster session' where researchers display some of their work on large posters. For more information and to register, please visit our Eventbrite page: [Uncovering Hidden Autism in Females](#).