

Property Managers Association

Proudly supporting the National Autistic Society

About our charity

The National Autistic Society's vision is a society that works for autistic people. We want to do this by transforming lives and changing attitudes of autism in wider society.

The National Autistic Society is the UK's largest provider of specialist autism services. We transform lives by providing support and practical information for the 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK, as well as their 3 million family members and carers. We change attitudes by raising awareness and improving public understanding of autism and the difficulties many autistic people face every day. We have come a long way but it is not good enough.

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Autism Hour (5-12 October 2019)

As the UK's leading autism charity, we are driven to create a society that works for autistic people. One of our largest campaigns aims to achieve this by creating more autism-friendly shopping environments and by raising awareness of autism to the public and employees.

Autism Hour is currently in its third year and is looking to be our biggest yet. Last year, we had over **11,000 stores** participate and hosted over **30,000** Autism Hours across the UK.

What is Autism Hour?

The purpose of our campaign is to raise awareness of autism by facilitating a mass-participation event with the support of the UK's favourite retailers. Last year's participants included *The Entertainer*, *Lloyds Banking Group*, *Sainsbury's*, *Argos*, *IKEA*, *Co-op*, *Clarks*, *Schuh* and *Superdrug* to name a few.

By hosting an Autism Hour, we ask that you make some small but effective adjustments in your stores or shopping centres to become more autism-friendly for at least an hour during our campaign.

Over 1,000 autistic people ranked a list of autism-friendly adjustments that your stores and shopping centres can make in an online poll, for instance; turning down in-store music/sound systems; dimming lights and raising awareness of autism amongst your employees using our resources. These are available in our Business Registration Guide, which you will receive if you sign up here.

Autism Hour is a free campaign, and takes place [Saturday 5th - Saturday 12th October 2019](#).

What will you receive?

All participating stores and shopping centres will feature on our **interactive map** on our website, which we will direct traffic to in the lead up and during the campaign from our homepage and social channels. You will also receive a range of resources to promote your participation in the campaign, please register your business to find out more.

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