

Promoting Participation for all Autistic People

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Who are we?



Ambitious and Youth Participation

Some Disclaimers

1. **There are no right answers!**
2. **The expert is the individual – not the provider.**
3. **Just a section of the autistic community.**

Recipe for Success

What works well

- Using visual materials to accompany written information.
- Simplified questioning – allow the person to answer for themselves as much as possible.
- Don't react by facial expressions alone.
- Building trust and relationships
- Having the right environment.

What doesn't work

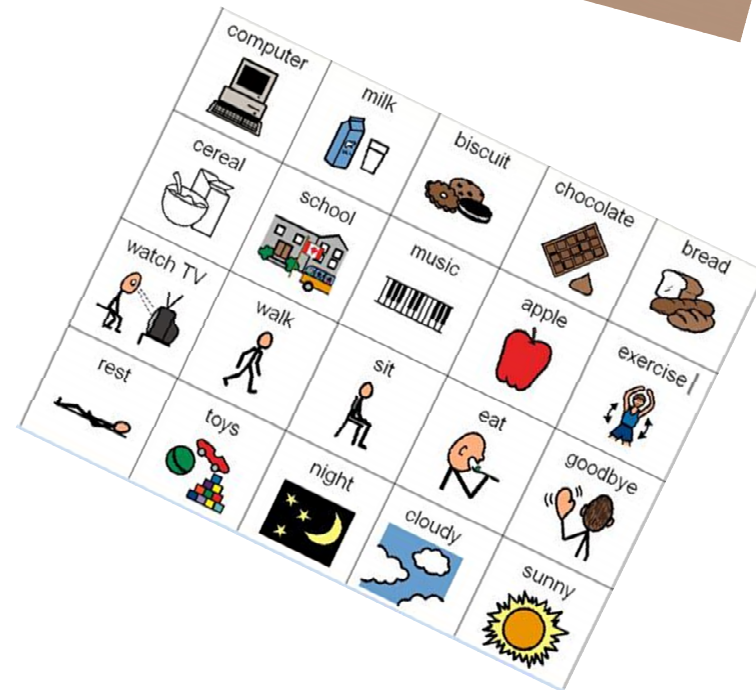
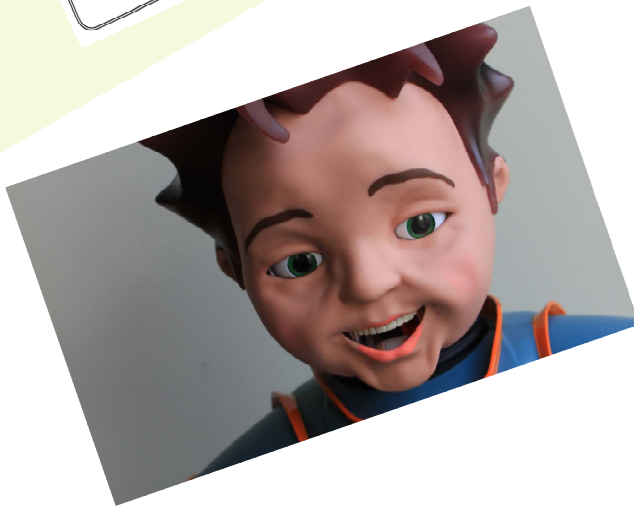
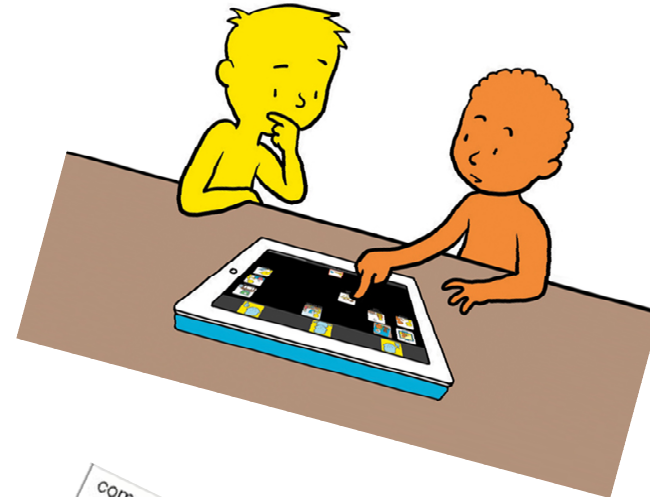
- Do not assume about the person's capacity or understanding of your communication.
- Enforcing decisions which might upset or distress the person.
- Negative reinforcement
- Information not provided in 'easy read' or simplified versions.
- No effort to adapt communication methods.

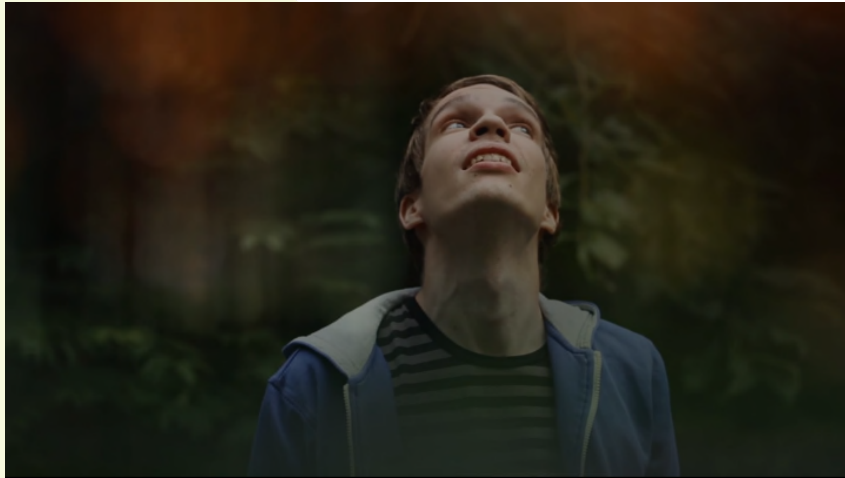
Life at Treehouse...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-aLjGWzILc>

Finding a Voice





“Autism is not something ordinary for anyone, ever...”

“Please remember : there are young people like me, who dream of a day...when we too can say these few words.”



A final thought....

***There are no obstacles only
workers not trying hard
enough to find what works!***