

Amplifying Neurodivergent Voices in Cambridge

West Hub
June 7th
10:00 – 16:30



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Hosted by the University of Cambridge ThinkLab, the "Amplifying Neurodivergent Voices in Cambridge" event is dedicated to starting a Cambridge-wide public dialogue focusing on inclusivity and neurodiversity. This event will feature:

- Two focused panels: one addressing neurodiversity in the workplace and another exploring challenges and strategies in education.
- Facilitated group discussions where participants can share their personal experiences and insights to foster a deeper understanding of neurodivergent needs.

Our goals for the event include:

- Facilitating meaningful conversations and collaborations among neurodivergent individuals and their allies.
- Providing actionable insights and strategies to support neurodiversity in educational and professional environments.
- Serving as a platform for ongoing research and innovation to nurture more inclusive communities.

Below is the detailed programme of events and sessions planned for the day. Please note that while this programme has been carefully prepared, it may be subject to minor adjustments as additional details and speakers are finalised.

All of the sessions will be taking place at the West Hub, University of Cambridge. The rooms that will be used in this venue are:

- Welcome & Panels: East 2 (first floor)
- Breakout rooms: West 1 and South room (first floor)
- Lunch: In the area adjacent to East 2 (first floor)
- The quiet room: Contemplation room (second floor)
- Interviews: Boardroom 2 (second floor)

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10:00-10:30	Arrival and Registration	Coffee and tea will be provided in the area adjacent to East 2.
10:30-10:50	Welcome Remarks Introduction to ThinkLab & Participating Organisations	Room: East 2 By Tyler Shores, ThinkLab Director
10:50-12:15	Panel 1: Neurodiversity & Navigating the Workplace	Room: East 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurelia Deflandre, & Angus Blair, Google • Elle Robinson & Hannah Stott, BBC • Dr Deborah Leveroy, Neurobox • Jemima Willcox, Willcox Collective & NeuroSpicy Entrepreneur
12:15-13:15	Lunch	Lunch to be provided in the area adjacent to East 2

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13:15–14:15	<p>Panel 2:</p> <p>Neurodiversity & Navigating Education</p>	<p>Room: East 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanna Hastwell, Disability and Accessibility Resource Centre, University of Cambridge and Board Member of NAPD • Professor Jenny Gibson, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge • Fiona Kolontari, Head of the Disability Service at UCL and Director of NADP
14:15–15:00	<p>Group Discussions</p> <p>Part 1</p>	<p>Rooms: West 1 and South room</p> <p>The participants will form 3 discussion groups. Assigned ThinkLab facilitators will facilitate the discussions in each group with thinking prompts and questions, which will be shared with the participants ahead of the event.</p>
15:00–15:10	Comfort Break	<p>Those who would like to take a break from the discussion can step away and enjoy tea and coffee which will be served in the lunch area.</p>

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15:10-16:00	Group Discussions Part 2	The participants return to their breakout rooms to resume their discussions.
16:00-16:20	Closing Panel The Way Forward	This session is dedicated to reflecting on the day's activities and insights gathered throughout the day. We will discuss our experiences so far and actionable steps to support neurodiversity in the community and beyond.
16:20-16:30	Closing Remarks	Tyler Shores, ThinkLab

Note for the interested participants

14:15 - 16:00: Optional Interviews

Parallel to the group discussions, Boardroom 2 will be designated for recording interviews (video or audio). This provides an opportunity for those interested in sharing their stories with a broader audience.

Staff will be on hand to assist with the setup and ensure participants feel comfortable throughout the process.

16:30- 17.00: Mingling Session

For those interested in chatting one-on-one with the panellists, some of our panellists will be available after the event programme ends.