



# BECOME A MEMBER

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE RIGHTS  
OF AUTISTIC PEOPLE IN CANADA



**Autism Alliance  
of Canada**



**Alliance canadienne  
de l'autisme**

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and the members of the Autism Alliance of Canada (formerly Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA)), I would like to invite you to join Autism Alliance of Canada. As a member of the Alliance, you will be a part of national alliance working together for the rights of Autistic people and their families.

Autism Alliance of Canada and its members are committed to addressing priority issues that Autistic persons and their loved ones face across the lifespan. We do this by facilitating dialogue, advancing research, and working with governments to develop and implement a National Autism Strategy (NAS).

Our work together is generated by a shared leadership model where all our members are leaders in the autism and disability communities. From across the country, we convene, catalyze, and collaborate to achieve the vision: Autistic people and their families, exercising their full rights and realizing their full potential.

As a member of Autism Alliance of Canada, you will be adding your perspective to that of Autistic persons, persons with lived experience, stakeholders, students, service providers from coast to coast, making our alliance that much stronger and that much more influential.

Together, we are making change happen; but there is more to do. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you as we press forward with our advocacy for a robust and sustainable NAS.

If you would like to speak with other members of the Alliance, or have a Board member contact you, please [reach out](#).



**Jonathan Lai**  
Executive Director  
Autism Alliance of Canada

# ABOUT AUTISM ALLIANCE OF CANADA

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## Who we are

Autism Alliance of Canada is a national not-for-profit composed of 600+ members, including Autistic persons, organization leaders, researchers, policy makers, service providers, and persons with lived experience, working together for the rights of Autistic people and their families.

## What we do

We address priority issues that Autistic persons and their loved ones face across the lifespan.

## How we do it

By facilitating dialogue, advancing research, and working with governments to develop and implement a National Autism Strategy.

## Our priorities

- Advocate with a shared policy agenda
- Accelerate research and learning systems
- Foster community dialogue and engagement
- Build operational excellence

## Our process

- Convene
- Catalyze
- Collaborate

## Our guiding beliefs



# WHY JOIN AUTISM ALLIANCE OF CANADA?

Join us to advocate with a strong, collaborative, unified voice by participating in a national shared leadership movement.

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP



**ORGANISATION**  
\$150/year



**COMMUNITY**  
\$30/year



**ASSOCIATE**  
FREE

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS\*

\*Benefits vary by type of membership



STRONG UNIFIED  
VOICE



PUBLIC PROFILE



YOUR NAME  
DISPLAYED



REGULAR UPDATES  
VIA NEWSLETTER



ACCESS TO WORKING  
GROUPS



DISCOUNTED RATE  
FOR ANNUAL SUMMIT

**JOIN TODAY**



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# 600+ MEMBERS ACROSS CANADA

Below you will find some of the work we are leading to bring the perspectives of the autism and Autistic communities together and to support the development of a National Autism Strategy.

## AUTISM DATA COLLABORATIVE

### AUTISM DATA COLLABORATIVE (ADC)

- The ADC aims to facilitate and accelerate autism health services and policy research.
- Using an integrated knowledge translation approach, we ensure the community voice is at the forefront of research projects and initiatives that inform a National Autism Strategy.



### READY, WILLING & ABLE (RWA)

- RWA is a national employment program jointly delivered by Autism Alliance of Canada and Inclusion Canada.
- We work with employers and community agencies to generate employment opportunities for people on the autism spectrum or with an intellectual disability.

### CANADIAN JOURNAL OF AUTISM EQUITY (CJAE)



CANADIAN JOURNAL  
OF AUTISM EQUITY  
REVUE CANADIENNE DE L'ÉQUITÉ  
EN MATIÈRE D'AUTISME

- The CJAE is an open-access journal focused on critically engaging with a variety of equity discussions the autism sector and public policy.
- The Journal seeks to offer a platform to amplify marginalized voices and share these perspectives with decision-makers and Canadians alike.



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- The [Canadian Autism Leadership Summit \(CAL S\)](#) is one of the Autism Alliance of Canada's key annual initiatives. This year, we are proud to host the 9th Canadian Autism Leadership Summit. It is a platform where Autistic persons, leaders, politicians, and stakeholders come together to discuss, debate and develop recommendations for policies and strategies that benefit Autistic people in Canada.
- At CALS2023, we aim to equip the community and discuss how to action a National Autism Strategy, informed by current international best practices, and provincial and territory differences in policies and lived experience of Autistic people in Canada and their families.

**JOIN US AT**

**#CAL S2023**

**April**

**2023**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

**[AUTISMALLIANCE.CA/CALS](https://autismalliance.ca/cals)**



# GET IN TOUCH

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