



autism spectrum  
AUSTRALIA

## ARE YOU AGED 18 OR OVER WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM\* OR ASPERGER'S DISORDER?

**You are invited to take part in an exciting new research project**

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is conducting a research project about the life experiences and support needs of adults with high functioning autism and Asperger's Disorder.

The goal of the project is to raise awareness and improve the kinds of services and supports offered to people with autism spectrum disorders in Australia.

**We would like to invite you to contribute to this research by completing an anonymous questionnaire.**

The questionnaire will cover a range of topics including your health, your experiences of education and work, your friendships, and aspects of your daily life. You will have an opportunity to tell us about your hopes and plans for the future, and about the supports that you need to achieve your goals.

**With your help, we can make a difference.**

**If you would like to take part in this research, you can either:**

- Visit [www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au) to download and complete the questionnaire online (follow the link from the home page).

OR

- Contact Susanna Baldwin, Aspect Research Officer, on **02 8868 8510** or [sbaldwin@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:sbaldwin@autismspectrum.org.au) to request a paper copy of the questionnaire. We will post this to you with a reply-paid envelope so that you can return it directly to us.

\*Please note that 'high functioning autism' is not a formal diagnostic category, but is commonly used to describe people with a diagnosis of Autistic Disorder (autism) or Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) who have an IQ of 70 or more. The term is sometimes also used interchangeably with Asperger's Disorder (Asperger's Syndrome). *If you are not sure whether you have high functioning autism*, please contact Anthony Warren, ASD Consultant at Aspect, on **02 8977 8302** or [awarren@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:awarren@autismspectrum.org.au) for further advice.