

SUBMISSION BY CARMENZA INGLIS

1. As a mum of a child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), I fully support the Bill.
2. The Autism (Scotland) Bill will bring Scotland into line with England and therefore provide an equal standing for all citizens of the United Kingdom with ASD.
3. I believe there is an urgent need of a Scottish autism bill as a mother with a child with autism and someone who knows about autism and see another autistic people treated unfair as well.
4. One of my main reasons for supporting the Bill is because autism is a "hidden disability" most autistic people look normal they face prejudice and judgement every day.
5. The majority of the local authority has no idea how many autistic children and adults are affected by these illness in their region.
6. Things that we live with. The feelings of a child with ASD:

*No Friends, No sense of danger, to loud, to quiet
I am ignored; I am treated as nonsense. I feel lonely; it seems that everyone dislikes me. I do not understand what they are saying, I am different. I feel very stress I need to run away, I want to hide myself. I feel embarrass I find difficult to express myself. PLEASE PLEASE HELP ME.*

7. PEOPLE AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES should be listened to. Training is the key and should definitely be mandatory for teachers, pupil support assistants, public sector workers, hospital workers, Sports Centres etc. In this society of political correctness when everyone is so concerned about not offending people from different races, with disabilities and rightly so, sadly the same standards aren't applied to those with an ASD.
8. Without the Autism (Scotland) Bill we would find very difficult to cope.

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