

## Overview

**Date Established:** 1982

**Location:** 1663 Brunswick St Halifax NS B3J 3Z6

**General Contact:** 902-454-2198

We are a community-based organization that fosters understanding, acceptance, and collaborative approaches for those living with Autism Spectrum Disorders throughout Nova Scotia. Our vision is a world where all people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can live their lives fully.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ⇒ [Application Form](#)
- ⇒ Resume & Cover Letter
- ⇒ Interview
- ⇒ References
- ⇒ Police Clearance Certificate
- ⇒ Child Abuse Registry Check

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Melissa Myers  
(902) 446 4995  
Melissa.myers@autismns.ca

### SOCIAL MEDIA

-  [Website](#)
-  [Twitter](#)
-  [Facebook](#)

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES (see additional info in the following pages)

### Programs:

- Autism Arts
- Social Group
- Social Skills
- Launchpad
- Community Works Canada
- Employment Works Canada
- Promise of a Pearl

### We are always looking for help with:

- Communication Pieces ☑ Website Updates ☑
- Event Design Work
- Graphic Design
- Jewellery Design
- Administration
- PR

\*More details about the programs and positions in the next page.



## Programs

**Autism Arts** - The Autism Arts program invites children, youth and young adults who are on the autism spectrum to explore art mediums through self-expression. The program creates an opportunity for new friendships to develop and participants to take part in a positive recreational experience within the community.

**Social Group** - The Teen and Adult Social Groups bring together teens (14 years old and up) and adults who would like to meet peers who are also on the autism spectrum. Outing and activities are chosen by the participants as a group at the start of the year. This program provides a safe and inclusive place to hangout with structured recreational activities.

**Social Skills** - The Social Skills program follows UCLA's PEERS model to support adults (18 yrs and up) with autism to develop and maintain friendship building skills through an interactive classroom approach.

**Launchpad** - Autism Works LaunchPad is a comprehensive prevocational program designed to teach participants the skills needed to enter the workplace and provide them with real-life work experiences through community outings and co-op placements.

**Community Works Canada (Worktopia)** - Worktopia's Community Works Canada program is an after-school program for teens (ages 15-21) with autism to make new friends and gain valuable work experience while building communication and social skills.

**Employment Works Canada (Worktopia)** - Worktopia's Employment Works Canada program is a program to support young adults with autism to build employment skills through community-based job sampling and work experience. Volunteers act as role models and provide guidance to participants on the work-site.

**Promise of a Pearl** - The Promise of a Pearl is a social enterprise of Autism Nova Scotia, which manufactures and sells high quality, affordable jewellery made by family, friends and people with autism here in Nova Scotia.

## Volunteer Positions

**PR** - This volunteer role is as openly creative as you!

**Administration** - This volunteer role is a general administration support role, in which volunteers help to support the Autism Nova Scotia team to complete tasks needed. These tasks may include: inventory counts, laminating, filing, etc.