

# MAKING AUTISM RESEARCH MORE RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE



**AutismCRC**  
Research Academy

## AIM



*The aim of the project was to build capacity for peer research within the autism and research communities. To meet this aim, the National Researching Autism Together workshop was held in October 2015 to teach autistic adults and autism researchers skills for peer research.*

## THE WORKSHOP

**14** adults on the spectrum attended for five days

**14** autism researchers attended for one day (post-completion of readings and assessment)

## BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE SPECTRUM

Peer research, also termed research co-production, involves researchers and end-users working together as 'peers' to ensure that what is being researched and how it is being researched is relevant to, and appropriate for, those on the spectrum and their communities.

## FEEDBACK

**100%** of participants rated the workshop as 'good' or 'excellent' and said they would recommend the workshop to others. The workshop increased most people's perceived competence to engage in peer research and for researchers, their likeliness to engage in peer research with those on the spectrum.

## FIND OUT MORE

You can get the Full Report and Executive Summary on the Autism CRC website:  
[autismcrc.com.au/academyreport](http://autismcrc.com.au/academyreport)

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