

Research Academy 2017



Aim

The aim of the Research Academy 2017 was to upskill a group of Autistic adults and autism researchers in peer research. Peer research involves Autistic people and autism researchers working together as 'peers'. This increases the quality of the research and helps to ensure it is relevant to, and appropriate for, the Autistic and autism communities.



What did the project involve?

Autistic adults undertook eight custom modules related to research practices and processes, delivered through a purpose-built e-learning platform; and, a 3-day residential workshop.

Autism researchers undertook prescribed readings and videos promoting neurodiversity, the lived-experience and inclusive research practices; assessment; and a 1-day residential workshop coinciding with the Autistic attendees.



Who took part?

14 Autistic adults

5 autism researchers



Key findings

The evaluation data indicated highly successful and appropriate delivery in-line with the objectives of the Research Academy project. All participants:

- rated the workshop and online components as 'good' or 'excellent'
- would recommend it to other people
- are now more competent to undertake peer research.

Find out more

Download the full report and executive summary on the Autism CRC website: autismcrc.com.au/

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Who ran the project?

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Thank you

The project team would like to thank the graduates of the 2017 Research Academy for their willingness to change the status quo of autism research, to truly enact 'nothing about us without us'.

