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The Participatory Autism Research Collective (PARC): planning for the future

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The Participatory Autism Research Collective

- The Participatory Autism Research Collective (PARC) was set up to bring autistic people, including scholars and activists, together with early career researchers and practitioners who work with autistic people.

- Our aim is to build a community network where those who wish to see more significant involvement of autistic people in autism research can share knowledge and expertise.

- Not just for researchers!
Activity since last meeting and general plans

- The website for PARC continues to attract interest: [www.PARCautism.co.uk](http://www.PARCautism.co.uk)
- This has included links to events set up by PARC members or other related material.
- Critical blog posts regarding research and practice in the field.
- Expanding to other regions.
- Negotiations with Pavilion Press and academic journals (see later on this).
- Looking to set up as an association (and in time possibly a charity).
Potential funding and projects

• LSBU
• University of Nottingham
• Donations
• Potential partnerships – e.g. Autistica
• Applying for research funding: Dr. Sue Fletcher-Watson, Dr. Marc Fabri
• The National Autistic Taskforce (NAT)
Autumn meetings

- 3rd October, LSBU: Autism and Suicidality.
- 12th September and 17th October, Birmingham City University (BCU): Use of Diverse Methods for Bringing Together Autistic and Non-autistic Individuals in the H.E. Environment to Explore Wellbeing.
- Potential meeting involving Dr. Stephen Shore in the New Year.
- Meeting to be organised for Autism and Marxism group.
Conference streams

- Damian Milton and Nicola Martin from the PARC group will again be chairing a stream at the Learning Disability Today conference, involving talks by Yo Dunn and Cos Micheal among others.

- We have been asked to chair a stream on ‘Neurodiversity’ at the next Centre for Disability Research Conference at Lancaster University in September 2018.

- We will be looking to run our own PARC conference at LSBU in the Spring.
Publications

• We have had a submission accepted regarding a special edition of the Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research (SJDR) regarding a critical dialogue on Neurodiversity. A call for papers will be announced fully in the New Year.

• We are also having discussions on the potential for a special edition of Advances in Autism (AIA), looking at participatory work in the field.

• Negotiations with Pavilion Press over future publications from the PARC group and partnering at the Lancaster conference.

• Invited to write an article for the Tizard Learning Disability Review.
Reinvigorating the ‘Theorising Autism Project’

- A series of workshop days
- One of these workshop days will be looking at research regarding the ‘double empathy problem’. Another is likely to look at ‘monotropism’ and related theory and research.
- Similarity with workshops Autistica have also organised. Potential for partnership, or at least collaborating to ensure we can share and get the most out of these events.
Practice workshops and delivering training

- There is potential to set ourselves up as being able to provide practice workshops and training, for which one would charge for.

- Possible topics include: models of practice across different settings (including education), stress (‘challenging behaviour’), Employment, and so on.