



1. Who are you and what do you do?

I'm a developmental psychologist. I work at the University of Edinburgh doing research with and for the autistic community, with a particular focus on technology as a support tool.

2. How did you become interested in autism?

When I was fourteen I spent a year volunteering in a class of children on the spectrum every Wednesday afternoon. I loved it and knew I wanted a career in the field.

3. What is the most rewarding project you have worked on?

I've loved taking part in the on-going ESRC-funded seminar series called "Shaping Autism Research". It's been a huge pleasure engaging with a range of representatives from the Autistic and autism communities and helping to build a shared vision for the future of research in the UK.

4. What is your special interest?

Aside from autism itself... I am quite nerdy about Tudor history. If I was going to do another degree, it would be a history degree for sure.

5. What do you do to relax?

Pilates, walking or jogging, and building Lego with my daughters. I also have a book of grown-up dot-to-dots which is amazing.

6. What is your favourite food?

Too many to mention - anything cooked by my husband? Oh, and chocolate of course.

7. What is your least favourite food?

I can't understand how anyone eats kale - ugh.

8. In no more than 10 words, can you tell us something about what you will be saying in your talk?

Using evidence to breakdown myths about autism and technology.

9. What are you looking forward to at our conference?

Hearing from speakers from a range of backgrounds - not just academics.

10. What one thing do you think makes a conference amazing?

Meeting someone whose work (or tweets!) you have admired from afar and/or meeting someone you want to keep in touch with afterwards. Best of all if it's the same person!

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