

# BROTHERS | autism



## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of our **BROTHERS | autism** bi-annual newsletter; keeping you up to date with autism news both locally and further afield

### Autism Strategy 2023-2028

Public Consultation



### GOOD News

The Department of Health has announced a public consultation to inform an updated Autism Strategy to be published in the spring. We want to know more about what life is like for autistic people, their families and carers.

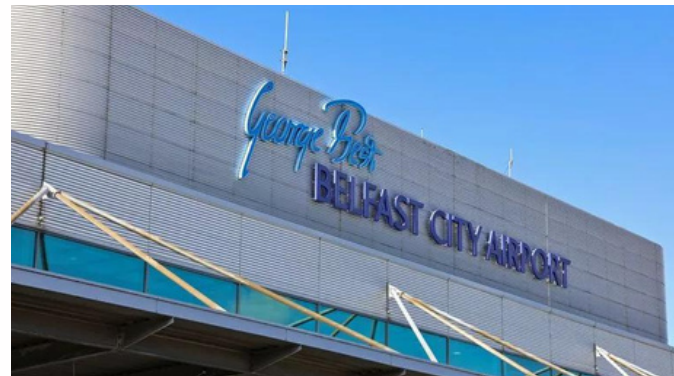
Source: [www.health-ni.gov.uk](http://www.health-ni.gov.uk)

### BAD News

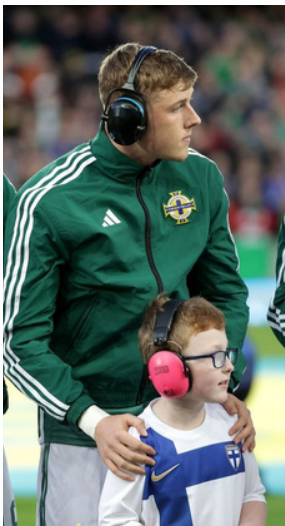
The appointment of an Independent Autism Reviewer of the 'Autism Strategy NI 2023-2028' has been temporarily put on hold due to lack of an active executive at Stormont

### Well done to Belfast City Airport, supporting children with autism to infinity and beyond!

Belfast City Airport held special evening for autistic children on 20 May. "This event hopes to help families prep for a summer break by going through all of the requirements for air travel with an aim of helping reduce any anxiety that may be associated with air travel." Source: *Belfast Live*



### Football news stories worthy of the front page: Daniel Ballard & James McClean



Thoughtful gesture by Northern Ireland footballer Daniel Ballard. Many people struggle with their hypersensitive auditory sensory processing, which can heighten anxiety and lead to potential overload. That is the reason why many young children (and some adults) require ear-defenders. Source: *Belfast Live*

Republic of Ireland and Wigan footballer James McClean has revealed he is autistic. McClean's youngest daughter is autistic and her diagnosis led McClean to undergo an autism spectrum disorder [ASD] assessment. Source: *BBC Sport*



## WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

### Some Celebrities with Autism - Can you name them?!



27. March - 2. April

On Monday 27th. March started World Autism Acceptance Week finishing on Sunday 2nd April as a World Autism Day. It's aims to draw attention to autistic people and better understanding of neurodiversity.

### Congratulations Housing Executive [NI] for training >600 employees on Autism

David McLaughlin [Cedar Foundation and Brothers Autism] with Judith Finlay [Head Autism Strategy NI] were warmly welcomed by both Maureen and Tara from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, in preparation for upcoming autism training for frontline staff. *Source: downnews.co.uk*



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A Stormont department must do more to improve the system for claimants of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) benefit in Northern Ireland, a report has stated. Public Services Ombudsman Margaret Kelly said the Department for Communities has implemented a number of recommendations she had previously made relating to how it uses "further evidence" in support of PIP claims. PIP replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in Northern Ireland in 2016 as the main benefit for some of the most vulnerable in society. [Source: ITV News]



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## ***DONALD TRIPLETT, FIRST PERSON DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM, HAS PASSED AWAY.***

Donald Triplett from Mississippi was the first ever person diagnosed with autism, by child psychiatrist Leo Kanner, has died at age of 89.



## ***THE NATURALIST WITH AUTISM NAMED ON THE 2023 NEW YEAR HONOURS***

Dara McAnulty is an award-winning author and environmental campaigner. In December 2022 he was awarded a BEM for services to nature and the autistic community.



## ***NON-VERBAL GALWAY TWINS SEEK TO MAKE SAILING HISTORY***

A set of Galway twins are hoping to make history when they become the first sportsmen with profound non-verbal autism to helm a yacht in the 2025 Fastnet race.



## ***CARA RAISES OVER 50,000 EUROS FOR AUTISM***

A 12-year old girl says she spent "hundreds of hours" studying so she could sit this year's Leaving Cert Maths exam in aid of autism awareness.



## ***TONY SNELL AND BRENDAN FRASER OPENS UP ABOUT AUTISM***

NBA basketball player diagnosed with autism at the age of 31 following his own child's diagnosis.

Brendan Fraser opens up in an emotional interview about his son autism.



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## JANUARY

Prince's Trust  
Northern Ireland



## MARCH

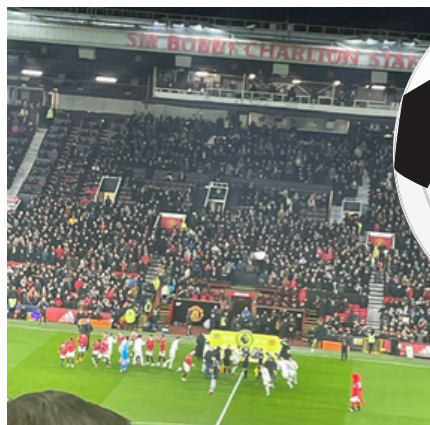


## FEBRUARY



## Manchester United football ticket winner courtesy of BROTHERS autism

Demarjio [St. John Vianney RC School - Manchester] and his mum Danielle were donated tickets courtesy of Brothers Autism Training Programmes - they had the opportunity to watch the Manchester United verse Leeds game at Old Trafford, which resulted in an EXCITING comeback to draw 2:2.



## BROTHERS autism selected as a FINALIST for the prestigious CPD Awards 2023



BROTHERS autism are off to London in November for the CPD Register's Award Ceremony 2023 held in London's prestigious Guildhall, as one of the four UK wide finalists for the BEST CPD ACCREDITED NEWCOMER training organisation across ALL industries; with Guest Hosts, Martin Kemp (Spandau Ballet/GoggleBox TV) and his son Roman Kemp (Gogglebox UK), Marcus Bentley, the Voice of Big Brother, and Head Judge, Professor Suzannah Lipscomb (Academic Historian and TV presenter) ... and looking forward to a glitzy event, rubbing shoulders with the likes of #bentleymotors, #BBC, #socialcaretv, etc.