



Adult Learning Within Reach

## Member Lecture – 25 April 2024

An introduction to Neurodiversity  
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Questions answered post-lecture

### **Q1 Is ASC not ASD? Which one would you refer to?**

I see the terms as equivalent and would use either.

**Q2 It is accepted practice now that school pupils with some neurodiversity such as dyslexia get extra time to complete their exams. But one neurodiversity is a relative lack of conventional intelligence. In other words, one might just be no good a Maths. Do you know why those pupils don't also get extra time, or why pupils a sports day who are relatively uncoordinated aren't allowed to start half-way down the 100m track owing to their neurodiverse difficulties?**

I think extra time for those learners or reduced race length would be entirely appropriate. Unfortunately, these concessions are slow to move from the research findings stage to being written into school policy. I do believe this will improve in time.

### **Q3 Could you explain more about masking, meltdowns and burnout?**

Positive Development gives a good explanation – [read it here](#)

Forthcoming WEA courses by Dr Joanne Wilshaw

None currently but keep an eye out on the website – [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk). You can search using Joanne's name.