

## Would you like to help improve the quality of lives of people who have Autistic Spectrum Condition?

The Government has begun a consultation to decide how best to improve the lives of adults with Autistic Spectrum Condition. Alongside this consultation, Opinion Leader has been commissioned by the Department for Health to conduct a separate piece of research with people with Autistic Spectrum Condition, their families and carers and other professionals who work with them. The research aims to explore everyday experiences of those with ASC and their support networks and find ways to help adults with autism live full and equal lives.

### What does the research involve?

Opinion Leader are looking to speak to:

- Adults (over 18) with ASC, including Asperger Syndrome
- Families of people with ASC
- Carers of people with ASC
- Professionals with experience working with people with ASC, such as frontline practitioners, managers, employers and academic researchers.

There are a number of ways to take part and you can choose the way that suits you best. We would be happy to talk to you through face to face interviews or small groups in a region close to where you live, or via an online community where you can discuss ideas with other people.

### What do I do if I am interested in taking part?

To register your interest in sharing your experiences and views, please go to [www.OLAdultAutism.org.uk](http://www.OLAdultAutism.org.uk) or call the Autism team at Opinion Leader on 020 7861 2877.

Workshops, online forums and interviews will take place from 29<sup>th</sup> June to the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009.