

our story



332,000 young Australians are neurodiverse, with different ways of understanding and interacting with the world around them. While neurodivergent conditions such as autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) have often been described as disabilities, in truth most people have as just many strengths as challenges. We are, therefore, just like every other group of humans.

At AS Purposeful, we believe that the intense passions many neurodiverse people enjoy can provide a foundation for discovering purpose in their lives. We have a range of services to help people with autism and ADHD, as well as others with similar challenges, to become as independent as possible, and to contribute more fully to their local communities.

Sadly, far too many adults with autism and ADHD struggle to find work, make friends, and stay positive. We can and we must do better. We already have the tools and techniques to help every neurodiverse Australian, of every age, find their place in society. Providing this support is our passion, our mission, and our purpose.

— **David Harper**
Chair, Board of Directors



our services

“VERY evidence based”

(school counsellor, 1-5 years of experience)

“lots of valuable information”

(primary teacher, 1-5 years of experience)

“the apt quotes made the people behind them come to life”

(secondary teacher, 10+ years of experience)



ascent essentials: training to identify and harness strengths



ascendant: peer support program to develop new skills and networks



aspire: specialist training and support to increase social and school inclusion



**aspire
participant
feedback**

- Achieved very well
- Mostly achieved
- Somewhat achieved



**ascendent
client feedback**

- Somewhere in the Middle
- Mostly Helpful
- Very Helpful

“the step by step process reduced my anxiety”

(adult with autism)

“more confident than I thought I could be”

(adult with autism)

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