

**We are recruiting new members for our groups**

Virtual Sessions via Zoom



#### Peer Support Group Looking for new members

Hosted by Mike

A monthly online programme consisting of workshops and peer support for employed neurodivergent people.

A safe, motivating and encouraging space for individuals to share their experiences.

*'It's good to spend time with other people who've had similar experiences, where I can be myself without fear of judgement.'*

COST: Self funded £35 or via current workplace support funding

**For more information visit :**

<https://forms.gle/tMSavkKB25moy44X6>

#### Upcoming Lunch & Learn

#### Coping at Christmas

Friday 21st November

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Virtual Session via Zoom

Learn ways to cope with the demands of the festive season. We will share tips and ideas to help lessen the potential overwhelm at this busy time of year

To register or enquire please email:  
[workshops@asmentoring.co.uk](mailto:workshops@asmentoring.co.uk)

#### The ASM Neurodiversity Partner Programme

##### Building Inclusive Workplaces, Empowering Neurodivergent Talent

Your organisation now has the opportunity to join us through a transformative initiative designed to help organisations attract, support, and retain neurodivergent talent.

Through expert-led training, mentoring, and tailored workplace solutions, we empower your teams to build a culture where everyone can thrive.

To hear more about this, or if you would like us to organise a meeting with your employer, get in touch : [enquiries@asmentoring.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@asmentoring.co.uk)

For more info visit :

<https://asmentoring.co.uk/employers/neurodiversity-partner-programme/>

#### Workshop Funding Options

##### Lunch and Learn

Self funded - £15

Autism Forward funding - £15 of current grant

Access to Work funding - 30 mins of current grant

##### Weekend Workshops

Self-funded - £25/£35

Autism Forward funding - £25/£35 of current grant

Access to work - 1 hr/1.5 hours of current grant

If you are interested in signing up for any of our current events please email [workshops@asmentoring.co.uk](mailto:workshops@asmentoring.co.uk) to book your place.

All of our groups and workshop events are available to view on our website.

<https://asmentoring.co.uk/live-events/>

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## A Spotlight on...

### A Smith

#### Can you tell us a bit about your business?

Gamers Lounge is a retro gaming enterprise, aiming to provide a safe, inclusive space for all generations to enjoy the retro 80's to Y2K gaming aesthetic. Over the years I have collected and preserved a range of original gaming consoles from as far back as the 1980's. I host a network of events at arts centres in Surrey where people can buy a ticket to play a wide range of retro games.

What started as an interest has now developed into a business and Gamers Lounge has been booked for festivals and private parties over the past couple of years.

There is a strong social mission with Gamers Lounge – we want to bring people together through the medium of gaming. A good example of this is a online group we set up during the pandemic. The group still meets each week for an hour to chat about anything to do with gaming and people have established ongoing friendships through the group.

#### What made you come to ASM in the first place?

I can't remember to be honest as ASM have supported me for around 10 years

#### What kind of support did you get from ASM that helped you the most

ASM help me host monthly business meetings where we focus on the future direction of Gamers Lounge. It helps to have a mentor to discuss my ideas

with and give me guidance around running a business

#### What would you say to someone who is looking into getting support from ASM?

If you have a business idea they'll help you to make it a reality

