

Registration information

- October 29 \$125 Early Bird* rate – REGULAR
- October 29 \$100 Early Bird* rate – MEMBER

Please select one of the following options:

- Breakout session A
- Breakout session B
- Breakout session C

- October 29 evening session \$30

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*After **September 18**, rates change to \$125 per day for members and \$175 per day for non-members.

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October 29 & 30, 2015

Asperger Manitoba Inc.
presents



Seeing You Seeing Me

with special guest

John Elder Robison

Canad Inns Polo Park
1405 St. Matthews Avenue
Winnipeg, MB

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JOHN ELDER ROBISON

John Elder Robison grew up with Asperger Syndrome during a time when no one knew what to make of it. With no idea how to pass for normal, and undiagnosed until the age of 40, he nevertheless lived an incredible life. A leading voice on autism, Robison is an affable author and speaker who implores audiences to find strengths where others see weaknesses.

October 29th: **Being Different: Turning Childhood Disabilities into Adult Gifts**

John will begin the day describing how the differences of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can disable us as children even as it confers powerful competitive advantages upon us as adults. He will share a new way to look at disability, difference, and giftedness, and offers a different paradigm for educators, parents, and neurodiverse people. Anyone who is personally affected by autism, ASD or ADHD will find this talk illuminating and inspiring. **Breakout sessions will follow exploring this theme in more detail.**

October 30th: **Hiring on the Spectrum: Neurodiversity in the Workplace**

People with ASD often have special skills, especially in the fields of math, engineering, and technology. In this talk, John will begin our day sharing his story of life on the spectrum and as the founder of the only program that teaches a trade to special education students in a real-world environment. He reveals why companies should take an active role in hiring the neurodiverse, and navigates the benefits and pitfalls for both employer and employee. There's much to be gained—for your bottom line, for the autistic person you employ, and for society at large—when hiring someone on the spectrum. **The afternoon will include a series of breakout sessions exploring the transition to adulthood and employment for individuals with Asperger Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

Learn more about John Elder Robison and our great line-up of speakers at www.differentway.ca

OUR PROGRAM

OCTOBER 29: Creativity on the Spectrum

Registration begins at 7:45 am

8:30 to 9:00 am – Welcome and Introductions

9:00 to 9:30 am – Mindfulness Activation

9:30 to 11:30 am – Keynote: **Being Different**

11:45 to 12:45 pm – Lunch provided

12:45 to 2:45 pm – **Breakout sessions**

- A. ASD101 – including “Seeing Me, Seeing You” presentation by ASD self-advocates
- B. The Social Cognition Lab at U of M and Mindfulness training among youth and adults with ASD
- C. The Lego Skills Program

2:45 to 3:00 pm – Health Break

3:00 to 4:00 pm – Miss Lonelyhearts and friends presents: relationships on the spectrum

OCTOBER 29 EVENING

7:00 to 9:00 pm - **An Introduction to Mindfulness Training**

with Wonitta Brands, Certified Life Coach, Meditation Facilitator & Inspirational Speaker

OCTOBER 30: Transition to Adulthood and Employment

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- A. The Transition to Adulthood and Employment: Keys to Success Panel Presentation
- B. Ready, Willing and Able – an overview of a national initiative to increase labour market participation of individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and ASD
- C. An overview of Calgary's The Ability Hub & Manitoba's Building Independence pilot project

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