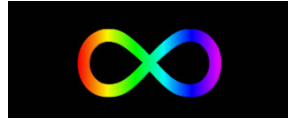


# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY 2017



April 2nd is Autism Acceptance Day, to celebrate this Ness Bridge and Inverness Castle will be lit in spectrum colours: a visual reminder of all people as different yet equal. The infinity symbol seen above is used by Autistic Community across the world to represent 'Infinite differences, infinite possibilities'.

Autism Acceptance Day coincides with World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) but differs in that it was started by Autistic people as a way to help others remember that awareness is not enough: acceptance is needed if we are to move towards equality.

On this day and every day we also reflect and celebrate all neurodivergence and embrace neurodiversity as a positive of being human. It is diversity that makes us and it is diversity that gives us strength. Working together as a society we can support each other in our struggles and celebrate our strengths, no matter what our neurology. Neurodiversity isn't just about Autistic people, it's about all of humanity: neurotypical and all neurodivergence, including autistic people.

There is still such a long way to go before we have an equal world but even raising a small smile on April 2nd is a step in the right direction, please reject Light It Up Blue and associated negativity and instead celebrate difference and neurodivergence.

ARGH is an Autistic people's collective, campaigning and lobbying for improvements that will benefit Autistic people of all ages in Highland and beyond.

See previous year's ARGH Autism Acceptance Day photos and learn more about ARGH:

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