

YOUR WORDS



To read *The Mask*, click [here](#).

Matthew J. Lemay is a writer and self-advocate who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome when he was 17. He's been writing for over 6 years and is currently working on several writing projects, including his debut novel. He has been very closely affiliated with Integrated Autism Consulting since receiving his diagnosis.

When he isn't writing, Matthew enjoys swimming, biking, taking walks, listening to music, watching films and television series, learning languages and spending time with his family.

NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES & RESEARCH



APPLY FOR AUTISM ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS TODAY BY MAY 7TH!

Autism Ontario is proud to offer our annual scholarships for individuals entering their first year of post-secondary studies, including the Eleanor Ritchie Scholarship, Jeanette Holden Scholarship and the MacDonald Family Scholarship awards. The applications will be open from March 1, 2018 until May 7, 2018.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).



The David Conforti - Reach for the Stars Award

In order to recognize the importance of volunteerism in David's life, and to further encourage and recognize volunteerism with community impact, his family together with the Autism Ontario – York Region Chapter, created The David Conforti - Reach for the Stars Award as a lasting tribute and in memory of David Conforti's life.

To apply for this award, the candidate must submit the application package by May 15, 2018.

To access the application form, click [here](#).



**New P4P Webcast! ENGAGING SUPPORT
WORKERS: Bill 148 for People with a
disability and their families**

Join human rights lawyer Cheryl Wiles Pooran for a discussion with families on how Bill 148 could impact people with a disability regarding the costs of hiring and managing their supports and other relevant issues.

Part 1: THURSDAY APRIL 26 at 7pm - Implications of Bill 148

Part 2: WEDNESDAY MAY 9 at 7pm - Extended Q&A

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Right to Housing Community Forum

ACTO and the Right to Housing Coalition are hosting a public event in Toronto that will also be live streamed (broadcast live online) with a focus on the provincial elections and the right to housing.

Join them for a discussion on what is needed to fix Ontario's affordable housing crisis and what a rights-based approach to housing can look like.

When: April 30, 2018, 12-3pm

Where: Metro Hall & Live-stream online

For more information, click [here](#).



TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

City of Toronto Fair Discount Program

The City of Toronto's Fair Pass Discount Program started April 4

The Fair Pass Discount Program is for eligible adult residents receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) assistance who are not in receipt of any transportation supports equal to or greater than \$100.

The Fair Pass discount is programmed onto a PRESTO card and cardholders must load funds to access the discounted TTC adult fare or TTC monthly pass.

To find out more information about the Fair Discount Program, click [here](#).



Web-Based Mindfulness for Adults on the Autism Spectrum: A Survey

CAMH is interested in learning if mindfulness training is something that adults on the autism spectrum would be interested in taking part in, and if it can be delivered using a web-based program. They will use the information from this survey to design such a group.

To take the survey, click [here](#).



Adult Cooking Class

Kerry's Place is offering an Adult Cooking Class on April 19th in Mississauga.

Location: Loblaws- 5010 Glen Erin Drive,
Mississauga, Community Room Upstairs

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Cost: 15.00/class – Cash only-receipt will be provided

For more information, click [here](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Spectrum Works Job Fair at Metro Hall!

Spectrum Works will be hosting a job fair at the Metro Hall Rotunda (55 John St, Toronto) on April 20th.

Join some of Canada's top employers for an afternoon of job skill workshops, resume/employment consulting, and onsite job interviews.

For more information, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY



"When the Way You Love Things Is "Too Much"; or: Why I Went to Portmeirion

To read this fine article about loving what you love by Sarah Kurchak, click [here](#).

CALL FOR COMMUNITY VOICES

If you have a story, art, research or any other contribution to share, Autism Ontario wants to hear from you!

Autism Ontario welcomes contributions from its readers. Please send your articles, reviews, letters, comments, announcements, etc., to adults@autismontario.com.

Autism Ontario's Adult Newsletter has been developed by Autism Ontario. The editing team of our newsletter strives to include a range of perspectives. These perspectives may or may not reflect the views of Autism Ontario.

Stay in touch with the latest news & opinion updates by following us on Facebook & Twitter.



Copyright © 2018 Autism Ontario, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you opted in on our website.

Our mailing address is:

Autism Ontario
1179 King St. West
Suite 004
Toronto, On M6K 3C5
Canada

[Add us to your address book](#)

