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Today's Topic: *'Why the employment rate is so low in the United Kingdom for those who possess Autism and what we can do to redress this'*

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(Senior Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University)

Today you will be listening to Dr Luke Beardon a senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University. Luke has worked for several years in the fields of autism and Asperger Syndrome, in capacities ranging from practitioner to researcher to trainer. He started work specific to autism for the National Autistic Society as a Service Coordinator assisting in the development of a residential service for young adults with autism.

In his post as Senior Lecturer in autism Luke runs various courses at different academic levels in autism, including a master's qualification, while continuing to research and consult in the field of autism. He is the course leader for the Postgraduate Certificate in Asperger Syndrome, run in collaboration with the National Autistic Society, and supervises students at Doctoral level. In 2011 he was nominated for and subsequently awarded the Inspirational Teacher Award as voted by students. In 2012 Luke was nominated for and subsequently awarded the Inspirational Research Supervisor Award as voted by students.

In addition, Luke has been part of a research team at Nottingham University running a three-year project and has several publications in national and international journals related to the project. He completed his doctoral thesis at Sheffield Hallam University which was entitled: *Asperger Syndrome and Perceived Offending Conduct: A Qualitative Study*

He co-wrote the ASPECT consultancy report, the largest consultation with adults with ASD undertaken at the time. He is co-editor of three books on Asperger Syndrome published by Jessica Kingsley and has various other journal publications.



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