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An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

Careers Fair 08 October 2025 – Visual Guide

Event: Department of Social Protection & AsI Am Careers Fair
Date: 08 October 2025
Location: The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, Eircode: [K67 PX85](#)

Careers Fair Overview

AsI Am, Ireland's Autism Charity, in partnership with the Department of Social Protection, is hosting a Careers Fair to connect Autistic jobseekers with employers and other relevant organisations. This event reflects our vision of a society in which every Autistic person is accepted "as they are" – equal, valued, and respected.

This unique event brings together Autistic jobseekers, employers, training, and other service organisations in a space that fosters real connection, opportunity, and understanding.

On the day, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Explore job opportunities at a recruitment showcase.
 - Learn about employment supports available through the Department of Social Protection.
 - Hear from Adam Harris, CEO of AsI Am, about programmes and initiatives designed to tackle Autism unemployment.
 - Engage with AsI Am, the Department of Social Protection, the Autistic community, employers, and other organisations.
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Venue Information

Venue Address:

The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, Eircode: [K67 PX85](#)



Getting to the Venue

- **Driving:**

The Riasc Centre is located on the Feltrim Road, Swords near the residential areas of Melrose and Drynam, and right next to Swords Enterprise Park.

[Click this link for driving directions information](#)

- **Visitor Parking:**

On-site parking is available but limited. Other parking is available at the Spar shopping centre nearby. Please check for any parking restrictions.

- **Public Transport:**

The Riasc Centre is on 2 bus routes: 43 and 102.

Route 43 (Swords Business Park to Eden Quay)

Route 102 (Sutton Train Station to the Airport via Rivervalley – on this route you would need to get off at the Holywell Roundabout and walk 5 minutes.

[Dublin Bus Timetables](#)



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Venue Access

You may access the venue on Wednesday 8th October from 9.30am. Entry to the event is via the main front door of The Riasc Centre



Registration

Registration opens at 9.30am. The registration desk will be located inside the main door in foyer area.

AsI Am and Department of Social Protection staff will be on hand to assist you with registration. If you require a quieter registration area, please inform AsI Am Staff who will direct you to a quieter location.

Foyer



Careers Fair Event

The Careers Fair will take place in the Auditorium. Please be seated by 9.55am.

Auditorium





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Careers Fair Schedule



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Registration – Riasc Centre Foyer	09:30 – 09:55
Opening Address: Department of Social Protection	10:00 – 10:15
Department of Social Protection	10:15 – 10:35
Overview of Supports Available to Employers and Jobseekers	
Employer Testimonies: DSP Grants	10:35 – 11:10
Community Voices: Lived Experience of Inclusive Employment	
Morning Tea/Coffee Break – Living Room (off foyer)	11:10 – 11:40
Explore Recruitment, Employment, Training, and Support Services Stands	
Meet & Mingle Professional Headshot Photography - Foyer	
AsIAM Address	11:40 – 12:30
Adam Harris, CEO AsIAM: Addressing Autism Unemployment	
Recruitment Showcase	12:30 – 13:30
Explore Recruitment, Employment, Training, and Support Services Stands	
Professional Headshot Photography - Foyer	
Lunch – Living Room	13:15 – 14:30
Light Lunch – Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee.	
Meet & Mingle Professional Headshot Photography 13:30-14:00 Foyer	
Afternoon Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers	14:00 – 15:30
CV Development and Interview Skills	
Meet in auditorium at 1.55pm to be assigned to your group and career coach.	

A quiet room is available on the ground floor. Follow signs or ask AsIAM staff for directions. Feel free to take movement breaks outside of the auditorium as required throughout the event.



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Exhibitor Stands

Recruitment and other Training and Services Information Stands will be set up around the perimeter of the auditorium. Participants can attend stands during morning break 11:10-11:40, and during the designated Recruitment Fair showcase 12:30-13:30. The organisations hosting stands are:

- Mr Price Branded Bargains
- Core
- Insurance Ireland
- RSA Insurance Group
- Irish Life Insurance
- AXA Insurance
- ESB
- Castle Leslie
- Sanbra Group
- Provincial Security
- Public Jobs
- Diageo 'Learning for Life' Training & Placement Programme
- St. Michael's House Workability
- Gheel Autism Services
- National Learning Network
- Adult Education Balbriggan/Swords - DDLETB
- Department of Social Protection
- AsIAm
- Swords Autism Friendly Town
- Maynooth Autism Friendly Town (Piloting AFT Employment Programme)



Breaks/Lunch

Morning tea/coffee break will take place from 10:40-11:10 in the 'Living Room'.

Lunch: A light lunch of sandwiches, tea & coffee will be provided 13:30-14:30 in the 'Living Room'. There will be a small selection of gluten free and vegan options. Please feel free to bring your own snacks on the day.

Water will be available in the foyer throughout the day.

Food and drink (other than water) is not permitted in the Auditorium.

The Living Room – Catering Area



Quiet Room

There is a quiet room available for our exclusive use. This is the **Charis Room** located on the ground floor accessed off the foyer corridor. Please follow signage or ask a member of the AsI Am team.

Charis Room



Moving Around

Feel free to take movement breaks whenever you need. You're welcome to use the foyer, the 'Living Room' catering area, or the outdoor spaces to move around.

Fidgets and Ear Plugs

We will have fidget items and ear plugs available. Feel free to bring your own fidgets, ear defenders, and anything that will help make you feel comfortable on the day.



Toilets

Toilets including accessible toilets are located along the corridor off the foyer.



Career Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers – Afternoon Sessions

Please Note – These workshops are for Autistic Jobseeker only.

14:00-14:40 CV Development (Group 1)

Interview Skills (Group 2)

14:40-14:50 Movement Break

14:50-15:30 CV Development (Group 2)

Interview Skills (Group 1)

Workshops will be allocated at 1.55pm. Please meet in the Auditorium at 1.55pm sharp where you will be assigned to your group and facilitator.

Workshops will be located on the first floor in the Library and Drynam rooms.

Library



Drynam





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Questions

If you have a concern on the day, please communicate this to a member of the AsI Am team. The team will be wearing AsI Am T-shirts/hoodies and AsI Am Staff Lanyards.



You can ask questions at the AsI Am information stand during the breaks and recruitment showcase. If you do not feel comfortable asking a question at the event, or would rather have time to formulate your question, you can email: employmentgroups@asiam.ie

Event Coordination Contact

- **Name:** Mairéad McHale
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Please feel free to reach out if you require further assistance or clarification.

We look forward to meeting you on the 8th of October.

Warm regards,

AsI Am Employment Team

