

Employment Seminar & Careers Event

Information and Visual Guide

Date: Saturday, 07 February 2026
Time: 10:00-14:00 (Seminar) 14:00-15:30 (Workshops for Jobseekers)
Please be seated by 10:25 after registration
Location: Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo
Ash Lane, Sligo, [F91 YW50](#) Block A Building

Careers Fair Overview

The AsI Am Employment Seminar and Careers Event reflects AsI Am's vision of a society in which every Autistic person has the right to work and is accepted 'as they are – equal, valued, and respected'.

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

On the day, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from Adam Harris (CEO) about AsI Am's programmes designed to tackle autism unemployment.
- Learn about employment supports offered by the Department of Social Protection.
- Engage with autism services, education & training organisations, employers, and Autistic community members.
- Experience The Stepstone Group's award-winning Accessibility Lab, an interactive space designed by IrishJobs' parent company to challenge bias, build understanding, and support disability-inclusive hiring.
- Partake in CV Development and Interview Skills Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers.

This seminar is kindly sponsored by IrishJobs.

With special thanks to ATU for hosting this event and to the ATU Disability and Learning Support Service and ATU Careers Service for their support.

Venue Information

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) Sligo, Ash Lane, Sligo, [F91 YW50](#)

Block A Building

Campus Information Webpage: <https://www.atu.ie/campus/sligo>



Getting to ATU Sligo

ATU Sligo Campus Information Webpage: <https://www.atu.ie/campus/sligo>

- **Driving**

Sligo is well-connected by national routes:

N4/M4 → Dublin (~210 km, ~2.5 hrs)

N17 → Galway

N15 → Donegal & Derry

- **Visitor Parking**

 Free parking available on ATU Sligo campus

- **Public Transport**

Bus:

TFI Sligo Town Buses

S2: Strandhill → Rosses Point via ATU Sligo

S1 & S3: Local town routes

TFI Local Link Services to ATU Sligo

563: Sligo → Dromahair

566: Dowra → Sligo

572: Ballinamore → Sligo

977: Castlerea → Sligo

981: Coolaney → Sligo

982: Ballyshannon → Sligo

458: Ballina → Enniskillen (Bus Éireann, stops at ATU Sligo)

Bus Eireann Website: <http://www.buseireann.ie/>

Rail:

Direct trains from Dublin Connolly → Sligo Mac Diarmada Station (~3 hrs)

~15-minute walk to ATU Sligo or take Bus S2 or a taxi

Irish Rail Website: www.irishrail.ie

- **Taxi Services**

Local taxi services available 24/7 in Sligo.

Company	Contact
The 4's Taxis	(071) 914 4444
Emerald Cabs	(071) 914 8888 / 087 914 8888
Taxi Apps	Uber & FREE NOW (available on iOS & Android)

- **Cycling Facilities**

External bicycle shelters are located at Blocks B, D, E, G, H, L and P provide a means to lock bikes in a secure manner by locking the bicycle wheel and frame to a secure rail.



Venue Access

You may access the venue on Saturday 7th of February from 10am.

Entry to the event is via ATU Sligo Campus Main Reception - Building A.

(Exhibitors will be sent information separately regarding access for stand set-up).



Registration

Registration opens at 10am. The registration desk will be located inside the main entrance in the reception area of building A.

If you require a quieter registration area, please inform AsIAm Staff who will direct you to a designated quieter location.

Main Registration Area

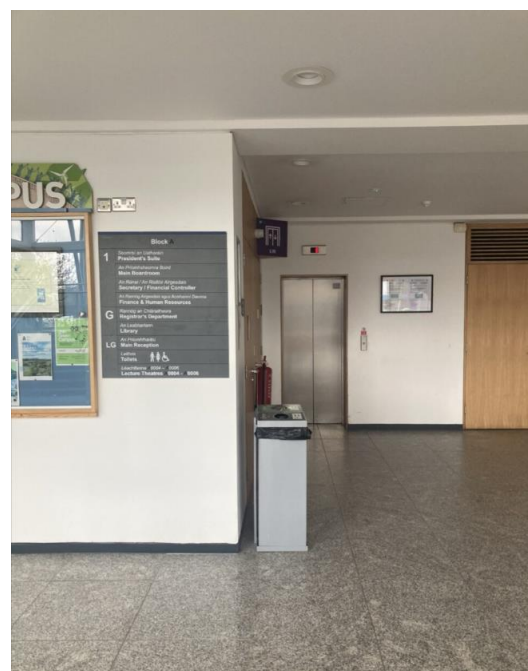
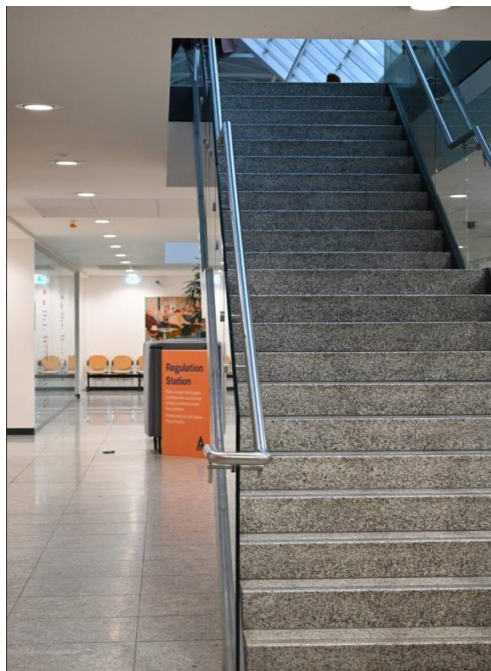


Quiet Registration Area



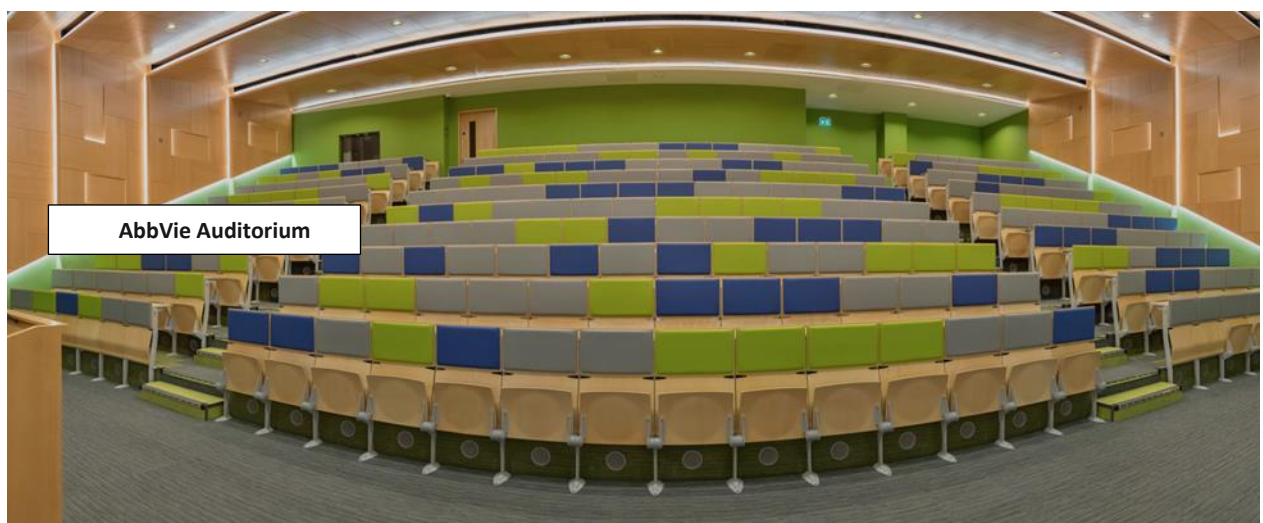
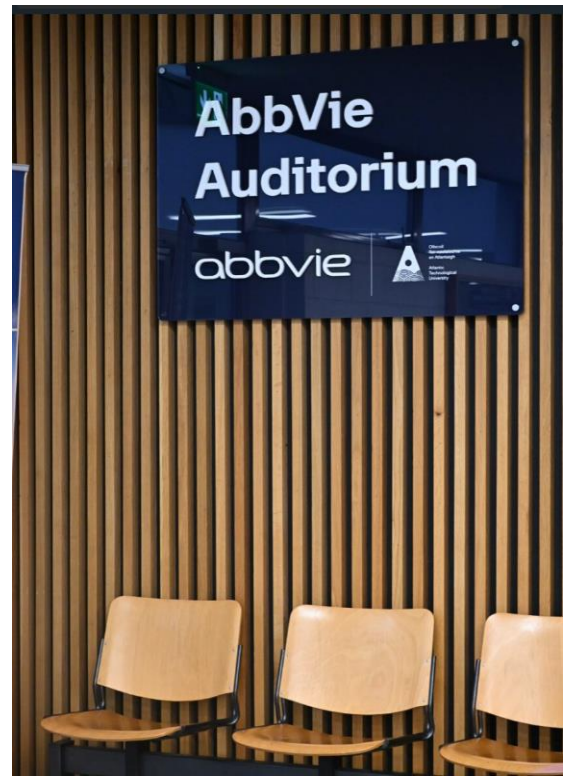
Access to Main Concourse and Auditorium (1st Floor)

The seminar, exhibition stands, catering, quiet rooms and workshop classrooms will be held on the first floor. Take the stairs or lift from reception area to the 1st floor.



Auditorium

The seminar will start at 10:30 in the AbbVie Auditorium. Please be seated by 10:25.



Programme of Events

AsIAM Employment Seminar & Careers Event

ATU Sligo 7th February 2026

Registration – ATU **10:00 – 10:25**

Opening Address: Adam Harris, CEO AsIAM **10:30 – 11:00**

Addressing Autism Unemployment

Department of Social Protection **11:00 – 11:30**

Overview of Supports & Grants Available to Employers and Jobseekers

Morning Tea/Coffee Break **11:30 – 12:00**

Visit stands: AsIAM; DSP; IrishJobs, ATU, Education & Training;
Autism Support Services | Meet & Mingle

ATU Sligo **12:00 – 12:30**

Autism Friendly HEI; ATU Programmes; Insurance Apprenticeship

Stepstone Group's Accessibility Lab: Mimouna Mahdaoui **12:30-12:40**

Learn about this interactive space designed by IrishJobs' parent company to challenge bias, build understanding, and support disability-inclusive hiring.

Panel Discussion: Autism Employment | Q&A **12:40-13:15**

Panellists:

Adam Harris: CEO AsIAM - Ireland's Autism Charity
Marie O'Reilly: Regional Sales Marketing Lead - The Stepstone Group | IrishJobs
Natalie Keogh: DEI and Wellbeing Lead - Insurance Industry
Alice Bennett: AuDHD Employee - Employment Officer AsIAM

Lunch **13:15 – 14:00**

Light Lunch – Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee

Visit stands | Meet & Mingle

Afternoon Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers **14:00 – 15:30**

CV Development and Interview Skills

Meet in auditorium at **13:50** to be assigned to your group and career coach.

This is a free event kindly sponsored by IrishJobs. With special thanks to ATU for hosting, and to ATU Disability and Learning Support Service and ATU Careers Service.

Exhibitor Stands

Education & Training, Employment, Autism and Community Information Stands will be set up in the concourse area.

Participants will also experience Stepstone Group's award-winning [Accessibility Lab](#), an interactive space designed to challenge bias, build understanding, and support disability-inclusive hiring.

Stands will be open during morning break 11:30-12:00 and lunch break 13:15-14:00



List of organisations hosting stands:

- AsIAm Ireland's Autism Charity
- IrishJobs
- Stepstone Group Accessibility Lab
- Atlantic Technological University (ATU)
- Sligo Autism Friendly Town Group
- Department of Social Protection
- New Wave Workability Programme – Sligo Leader Partnership
- Employability Northwest
- GSK Recruitment & Training Solutions
- Allianz Insurance
- PAYAC Services CLG
- Sligo College of Further Education & Training (Mayo Sligo Leitrim ETB)
- National Learning Network Sligo
- The Avalon Centre Sligo



Stepstone Groups [Accessibility Lab](#)



Breaks

Please note that we will not have refreshments available to us until 11:30am and there are no vending machines. Feel free to bring your morning caffeine fix or drink of choice and snacks along with you!

➤ Morning Break 11:30-12:00

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from 11:30-12:00

➤ Lunch Break 13:15-14:00

A light lunch of tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided.

Catering will be served just outside the food court. This area is adjacent to the auditorium on the 1st floor.

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

Catering Area



Quiet Areas

There are quiet areas and classrooms available for our exclusive use. The 'Regulation Station' area is located on the ground floor, accessed off the reception area. This area will also be used on arrival for participants who require a quieter registration experience. Please follow signage or ask a member of the AsI Am team.

Quiet Registration | Regulation Station (ground floor)



In addition, there are two designated 'quiet' classrooms available for our exclusive use from 10:00-15:30. These are Classrooms B1301 and B1081 on the 1st floor.

Follow signage or ask a member of the AsI Am team.

Quiet Rooms - First Floor

Designated Quiet Room 1: B1301

Designated Quiet Room 2: B1081



Career Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers – Afternoon Sessions

Please Note – These workshops are for Autistic Jobseekers only.

14:00-14:40 CV Development Classroom B1201 (Group 1)

Interview Skills Classroom B1202 (Group 2)

14:40-14:50 Movement Break

14:50-15:30 CV Development Classroom B1201 (Group 2)

Interview Skills Classroom B1202 (Group 1)

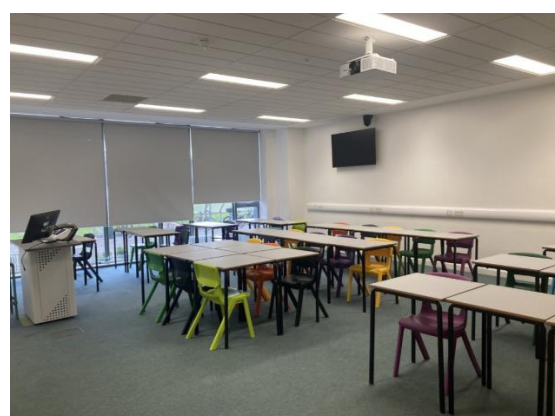
Workshops will be allocated at 13:50. Please meet in the Auditorium at 13:50 sharp where you will be assigned to your group and facilitator.

Workshops are located on the first floor in Classrooms B1201 and B1202

Classroom B1201



Classroom B1202



Photography/Videography

Please note that there will be photography and videography taking place during this event. This footage will be used by AsI Am, ATU, and The Stepstone Group for internal and external use. If you are not comfortable being filmed, just let a member of the AsI Am team know at registration on the day.

Moving Around

Feel free to take movement breaks whenever you need. You're welcome to use the concourse and reception areas, 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, earphones and anything that will help you feel comfortable on the day.



Toilets

Toilets, including accessible toilets, are located opposite the Auditorium.



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.

If you do not feel comfortable asking a question at the event, or would rather have time to formulate your question, you can email: mairead@asiam.ie

Questions for Department of Social Protection, ATU, and other organisations should be directed to the relevant teams at the information stands in the concourse area during the breaks.





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Event Coordination Contact

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Please feel free to reach out if you require further assistance or clarification.

We look forward to meeting you at the event on Saturday 7th of February.

Warm regards,

Mairéad and the AsIAm Employment & Post-18s Transitions Team



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