

‘Work Your Way’

Employment Seminar & Job Fair

Information and Visual Guide

Date: Thursday 22 October 2026

Time: 09:00-14:00 (Seminar)
14:00-15:30 (Workshops for Jobseekers)
Please be seated by 09:25 after registration

Location: Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. [W23C2V1](#)

Careers Fair Overview

The Intreo and AsI Am Employment Seminar and Job Fair 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’.

Work Your Way forms part of Intreo Disability Work and Skills Week 2026, a national programme of events taking place throughout Ireland from 19-23 October to support disabled people to explore training and job opportunities.

The event will bring together Autistic jobseekers, employers, support organisations, and education & training providers to address the barriers faced by Autistic people in securing and sustaining employment.

Jobseekers will have the chance to explore opportunities and learn about the supports available to them. Talks and discussions will also cover inclusive hiring and the experiences of Autistic people in the workplace.

Venue Information

Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. [W23C2V1](#)

[Glenroyal Hotel Website](#)



Getting to Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth

Glenroyal Hotel Location Information Webpage: <https://www.glenroyal.ie/location/>

Please note that traffic and parking is challenging during university and school term time. We strongly recommend using public transport where possible, as the train station and bus stops are conveniently located beside the hotel.

If you plan to drive, please allow an additional 30 minutes for your journey to account for potential traffic delays and time to find parking, ensuring you arrive on time.

Driving

Glenroyal Hotel is 25km from Dublin city centre.

Head west on M4. At Junction 7, take the R406 exit to Maynooth/Naas. At the roundabout, take the 4th exit onto Straffan Road/R406. Proceed straight for 1.7km towards Maynooth Town Centre. Turn right into SuperValu Shopping Centre and The Glenroyal Hotel complex.

Visitor Parking

P The Glenroyal Hotel offers free parking, including designated accessible spots near entrances.

Please note, The Glenroyal carpark can be extremely busy. Park at hotel side only. Clamping is in operation in Supervalu car park.

PARKING ZONE MAP



Additional Car Parks

[Kildare County Council Car Park](#) (marked in blue on map above). Enter car park by taking a left as you drive from main road (R406) to SuperValu/Glenroyal Complex. Paid parking, approximately 100 metres from the hotel.

[Tesco & The Range Car Park](#) – 900 metres (approx. 10-mins walk)

Public Transport

By Train:

The Glenroyal Hotel is opposite the Maynooth Train Station and is only a 5-minute walk, making it a quick and convenient way to get to the Glenroyal Hotel.

Maynooth lies on the Western Suburban railway line which serves the four Dublin city centre stations; Pearse Station, Tara St, Connolly Station, and Docklands. It also serves twelve suburban stations: Drumcondra, Broombridge, Ashtown, Navan Rd. Parkway, Castleknock, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Hansfield, Dunboyne, M3 Parkway, Leixlip Confey and Leixlip Louisa Bridge.

Also available from Maynooth Station are services to the following cities: Sligo, Collooney, Ballymote, Boyle, Carrick-on-Shannon, Dromod, Longford, Edgeworthstown, Mullingar, Enfield, Kilcock.

Irish Rail Website: www.irishrail.ie

By Bus:

The Glenroyal Hotel is served by two Transport for Ireland routes – the C4 and the C3. Both buses depart from Dublin and run frequent services to the town. The C4 bus stop is on Straffan Road across the road from the hotel. The C3 bus stop is located on Maynooth Main Street - 3-minute walk from the hotel.

Dublin Bus Timetables: <https://www.dublinbus.ie/timetables>

Bus Éireann operates daily services from: Athlone, Ballina, Galway, Longford, Mullingar, Sligo, Tuam, and Westport.

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

Venue Access

Access to the event is via Glenroyal Hotel main reception. Follow the corridor and signs to Conference Centre Lobby.

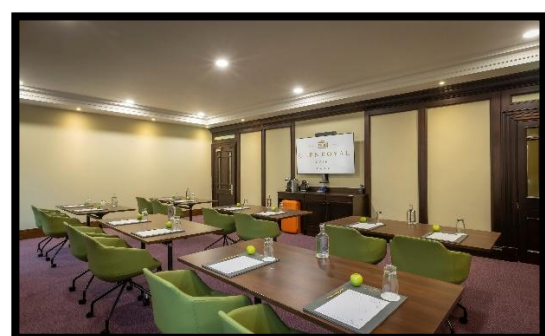


Registration

Registration opens at 9am. The registration desk will be located in the Conference Centre lobby. 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
Kylemore Suite (off lobby)**

Seminar and Exhibitor Stands: The Corrib Suite

The seminar will start at 9.30am sharp in the Corrib suite.

Please be seated by 09:25.



Corrib Suite

Programme of Events

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TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
09:00-09:30	Registration	Conference Foyer
09:30-10:15	Event Welcome - Mairéad McHale AsIAm	Welcome (9.30-9.35)
	Opening Song	Opening Song (9.35-9.45)
	Tadhg O'Leary - Head of Employer Relations Department of Social Protection	DSP Welcome (9.45-10.00) Supporting disabled people to access employment.
	Adam Harris - CEO AsIAm	AsIAm Welcome (10-10:15) Autism Employment.
10:15-10:40	Edel McSorley - Operations Director Anda Rasz - Senior Training Coordinator Mr Price Branded Bargains	Partnership Framework The Mr Price Way
10:40-11:00	Niall Lane – Employer Relations Officer Department of Social Protection	Employment Schemes and Grants: WPEP, WSS, Work & Access.
11:00-11:10	JulieAnn McCann - General Manager Turas Nua	'Be Your Own Boss' Self-Employment Programme
11:10-11:40	Refreshment Break	Meet Employers, DSP, AsIAm, autism organisations and training providers.
	Meet & Mingle	
11:40-12:05	Panel: Champion Employers Inclusive Hiring Moderator: Michael Shevlin - TCD	Employing Autistic staff: Employer experience of AsIAm's Champion Employer Programme and DSP Supports.
12:05-12:30	Panel: Community Voice: Gaining Employment with Inclusive Employers Moderator: Niamh Mellerick - AsIAm	Autistic lived experience of employment.
12:30-12:45	Autism Employment Programme for Employers and Jobseekers Stephen Large & Mairéad McHale AsIAm Employment Team	Addressing Autism Unemployment. AsIAm Employment Programmes for Employers and Jobseekers.
12:45-14:00	Recruitment Showcase Meet & Mingle Light Lunch	Meet employers. Explore Job Opportunities. Visit stands - INTREO, AsIAm, Autism Services and Education & Training Organisations.
14:00-14:40	Career Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers	CV Development (Group 1) Interview Skills (Group 2)
14:50-15:30	Career Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers	CV Development (Group 2) Interview Skills (Group 1)

Exhibitor Stands

Employer Recruitment, Education & Training, Autism Services, and Information Stands will be set up in the Corrib Suite. Stands will be open during morning break 11:10-11:40 and lunch break 12:45-14:00

List of Exhibiting Employers and Training/Support Organisations

Employers	Sector
PublicJobs	Civil Service, Public Service
Mr Price Branded Bargains	Retail
Veolia Ireland	Water treatment
Irish Film Institute	Hospitality
Allianz plc	Insurance
Irish Rail	Transport
ESB	Energy
Westcare Homecare	Healthcare
FBD Insurance	Insurance
Emeis Ireland	Healthcare
Cloncad Limited	Construction, Engineering, and Contracting
Compass Group	Hospitality and Catering
Core	Marketing and Communications
Support and Training Organisations	Service
Intreo	National Public Employment Service
AslAm	Ireland's Autism charity
Turas Nua	Helps jobseekers find work and assists businesses with hiring
St Michaels House Workability	Supporting over-16-year-olds to Prepare, Train and Gain meaningful employment in the community
National Learning Network (NLN) Rehab	Delivers personalised education, training, and development opportunities for disabled people
Maynooth Autism Friendly Town	One of the first AslAm Autism Friendly Towns in Ireland
Kildare ETB	Supports and co-ordinates education, training and youth services in Kildare and Wicklow
Gheel Autism Services	Irish organisation supporting Autistic adults
Generation Ireland	Provides free, intensive skills training for high-demand careers
Maynooth University Admissions Access Office	Provider of third-level education
Specialisterne	Consultancy supporting neurodivergent people
Dóchas MidWest Autism Support	Provides information and support to Autistic children and adults.
INOUE	Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed
Aspire	National Autism Support Organisation
Resilience Healthcare	Health and social care provider

Breaks

- Morning Break 11:10-11:40 - Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits
- Lunch Break 12:45-14:00 - Tea, Coffee, and Sandwiches

Catering served in conference lobby area.

Designated Quiet Areas and Quiet Registration

A designated quiet room will be available for our exclusive use. The Kylemore Suite is located off the conference lobby area. This area will also be used 9-9.25am for participants who require a quieter registration experience.

In addition, we will have use of the courtyard garden located on the corridor from conference centre to hotel reception.

Follow signage or ask a member of the AsIAm team.



Kylemore Suite
Quiet Room



Courtyard Garden

Career Workshops for Autistic Jobseekers

These workshops are for Autistic Jobseekers only

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

Interview Skills: Galway Suite (Group 2)

14:40-14:50 Movement Break

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

Interview Skills: Galway Suite (Group 1)

[Register for Career Workshops HERE](#)

Please only register for these workshops if you can commit to attending on 22 October, from 2:00–3:30 pm.

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



Connaught Suite



Galway Suite

Photography/Videography

Please note that there will be photography and videography taking place during this event. This footage will be used by AsI Am and Department of Social Protection 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 conference lobby, Kylemore Suite - designated quiet room - and the courtyard garden areas to move around.

Fidgets and Ear Plugs

We will have fidget items and earplugs available. Feel free to bring your own fidgets, noise-reducing headphones, and anything that will help you feel comfortable on the day.



Toilets

Toilets, including accessible toilets, are located in conference lobby area.



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



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



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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 Thursday 22nd of October.

Warm regards,

Mairéad and the AsI Am Employment & Post-18s Transitions Team



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