

## Page 2: Personal Experience

Q6

What does being neurodivergent mean to you?

For me being neurodivergent means having a diagnosis of Autism and feeling like I am living in a world I don't belong in.

Q7

How does your neurodivergence impact or intersect with other aspects of your identity? E.g. your gender, sexuality, race, location, experience as a parent etc.

People have thought that females "don't have Autism". Additionally I am a lesbian, which has always given me an additional feeling of feeling like "other"

Q8

What's something you wish more people understood about your experience?

That I am always trying so hard!

Q9

What is your favourite thing about being neurodivergent?

That I am extremely loyal

## Page 3: The Broader Environment

Q10

What challenges have you faced in accessing support? What supports have been most helpful?

The biggest challenge is finding employment. I have been out of work for two years despite being highly qualified, and no one will give me a chance.

Q11

How have political changes (e.g., Autism Tasmania closing, NDIS reforms) affected you or made you feel?

I felt extremely lost when Autism Tasmania closed, and I lost my support coordination.

## Page 4: Looking Ahead

Q12

What would an ideal Tasmania look like for neurodivergent people?

That government pensions are increased, because a lot of neurodivergent people like myself are either unemployed or underemployed, and living in poverty