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Please note that groups meeting at Number 6 are limited to a maximum of 4 participants (plus staff facilitator).

## Group Descriptions

**Anxiety Group** – This group runs over 5 weeks and is an opportunity to explore what anxiety is and how it affects people. We look at autistic differences in experiences of anxiety with the view to assisting people in the group to better understand their own experience of anxiety and begin developing strategies to manage it. Please contact Rachel for further information: [rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Art Group** - Meets online via Skype on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm. The group provides the opportunity to meet other people to talk about arts and crafts that you enjoy and to participate in simple drawing and painting exercises. The group is open to anyone who has the desire to be creative. We ask that you have some basic art materials ready including pencils, pens and plain paper. For more information please contact Karina: [karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Book Group** - Meets from 2-3pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, in the training room at Hill Street. We choose a book to read each month, discuss that book during the group and then spend a bit of time considering the book for the next group. The group is currently full, but if you are interested in joining, then let Matthew know ([matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk)), as there may be remote options or you could be a reserve for anyone not able to make it in any given month.

**Coffee and Chat** - This group meets in person at Number 6 on the 1<sup>st</sup> (Group A) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Group B) Tuesday of the month and online via Skype on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. The online sessions run from 3-4pm and the in-person sessions run from 3-4.30pm. This group provides a space for people to meet up and talk about how you're doing, to share experiences and build companionship. \*Please note that due to Covid restrictions we are not able to provide hot drinks or snacks but participants are welcome to bring their own.\* For more information please contact Karina: [karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Coffee Evening** - Meets every Tuesday on Skype from 6-7pm. This is a safe and confidential space where we chat about how our week has been, any worries we have and just about life in general. This is a closed group but please contact Kim if you would like more information: [kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Creative Writing** - This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 11.30am to 1pm. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday we meet online via Skype and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday we meet in person at Number 6. During the session the staff facilitator leads a number of short writing exercises. We use prompts to come up with poems, prose and short stories and participants are encouraged to read out their work if they feel comfortable doing so. For more information please contact Karina: [karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Film and TV chat** - Meets via Skype on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 2pm- 3.30pm. The group is an opportunity for people who enjoy film and TV shows to get together and discuss things that they have watched and make recommendations to each other. Although the main focus of the group is to discuss film and TV there is also an opportunity to discuss other points of interest or events from recent weeks. Please contact Rachel for more information: [rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:rachel.mcritchie@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Girls Group** - Meets every Wednesday and alternates between Number 6 and Skype. The Number 6 group runs from 1-3pm and the Skype group runs from 1-2pm. The group provides the opportunity to have a chat with other young women and to build companionship. At Number 6 we organise Covid-friendly activities including watching films and taking part in quizzes. The Number 6 group is currently full however if you would like to join the Skype group please contact Kim: [kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Late Diagnosis Group** - Mondays (4pm) and Wednesdays (6:30pm) in the training room at Number 6, Tuesdays and Thursdays online via Zoom at 3pm. Divided into 8 weekly sessions of 60—90mins, this is a discussion based group to help you understand and adjust to your diagnosis, learn a bit about the history of autism, what it is, how it may (or may not) affect you and focus on developing your strengths and ameliorating your challenges. Please contact Matthew for more information: [matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Late Diagnosis Group – Women** - Wednesdays (Zoom) 2-3.30pm; Fridays (Number 6) 2-3.30pm. This is a discussion based group to help you understand and adjust to your diagnosis, learn a bit about the history of autism, what it is, how it may (or may not) affect you and focus on developing your strengths and ameliorating your challenges. For more information please contact Mo: [morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk).

**No6 TEam (Trans, Non-binary[Enby] and more[aka gender questioning])** - Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month 1-3pm in the training room at Number 6. This is a new group for Trans and non-binary people, as well as anyone questioning their gender. For more information please contact Mo: [morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Peer Support** - Monday (6:30pm) and Wednesdays (4pm) in the training room at Number 6. This social group is for anyone diagnosed autistic wishing to chat with other autistics, in a space that is safe, non-judgemental, and all-inclusive. As this is a social group, topics of discussion are not decided beforehand, but emerge organically on the day. If you are interested in joining please email Matthew Day at [matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:matthew.day@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Quiz** – Hosted through a closed group on Facebook on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 1pm to 2.30pm and on the first Saturday of the month from 1pm to 2.30pm. Each quiz consists of 5 rounds containing 10 questions. Subjects for quiz rounds have been, but are not limited to, General Knowledge, Geography, Nature and the Natural World, Food and Drink, Picture Rounds, Sci-fi and 80's pop. Suggestions for specific quiz rounds are always welcome. In order to take part you will need a Facebook account and have contacted a member of staff to be added to the closed Facebook Quiz Group – from there you can watch the quiz live. Past quizzes are stored in the Quiz Group section of The Number 6 Facebook page so you can go back and a previous quiz at your own leisure. If you have any questions, or require more information, please contact Stew at [stewart.campbell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:stewart.campbell@aiscotland.org.uk) or Kim at [kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Relaxation Group** - This relaxation session takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6 – 7pm at Number 6 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 6 – 6.30pm on Facebook Live. Kim reads through a guided imagery script (e.g. walking you through a forest, floating on a cloud, walking on a beach) or a progressive muscular relaxation which last 15 – 30 minutes. If you would like to join please contact Kim at [kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk). Please note that the online group is open to anyone that is part of our private Facebook Group.

**Tai Chi** - Takes place every Wednesday online via Zoom at either 4.30pm or 5pm depending on Andy's availability. This 30 minute session comprises of warm up and warm down stretches, breathing exercises and a set of Tai Chi moves to combine breathing and movement. Contact Andy to join the group or discuss it in more detail: [andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:andrew.horseman@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Virtual Social Drop-in** - We have created a virtual social drop-in on Facebook for anyone who is registered with Number 6. This is a closed group where service users can chat to each other, share tips on how to stay well and generally stay in touch. This is a closed group so please contact Kim [Kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:Kim.maxwell@aiscotland.org.uk) or Karina [karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk) to request an invite.

**Women's Group** – Meets in the training room at Number 6 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 11.30am to 1pm. This group provides an opportunity to meet with other women to discuss how you're doing and to share experiences and tips on staying well. For more information please contact Karina: [karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:karina.williams@aiscotland.org.uk).

**Yarn, Fibre & Needlecraft** - Meets every Friday 11am – 1pm, alternating between Number 6 and Zoom. This group provides a space to meet, work on fibre crafts, and chat about life the universe and everything. It is suitable for anyone with an interest in fibre crafting. Some skills help but are not necessary although for the time being we are only working on our own projects so owning equipment is currently a must. To join contact Mo: [morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk](mailto:morag.donnachie@aiscotland.org.uk).