

Hannah Walker

THE OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY
TRAINING ON LEARNING DISABILITY
AND AUTISM



Profile

Pronouns: She/Her

Role at Dynamic: Co-Trainer of the Oliver McGowan mandatory training.

Likes: The sound of the sea over stones. Fern leaves and mossy trees.

My dislikes: Social injustice. People who litter. Being late (myself or someone else). Autistic burnout, being misjudged because of my autistic/ADHD traits.

Goals: To help make society better, more accepting for all the neurodivergent children, something my generation and those before it, never really had. Use my knowledge and voice to advocate and educate, for a kinder more inclusive future.

And to finish writing my second book!

My Experiences: An autistic woman's first hand experience. The NHS is one of the most amazing institutes and the people in it. However, navigating it as an autistic person and mother to autistic children, is a huge challenge. Most recently, I underwent major surgery. Autism is a subject I am intrinsically passionate about, it's been my special interest for several years (as my bookshelves will attest). I'm a confident and adept speaker. This experience has built up throughout my differing careers. Ranging from presentations during my roles in IT, to training talks as a photographer. In April 2024 I presented an author talk for Somerset Libraries for the launch of their new Neurodiversity Book Collection. It included a Q&A session with attendees about autism and being neurodivergent.