

**“Autistic employees are 90 to 140% more productive than neurotypical employees and make fewer errors.**

**They are doing two people’s work.”**

*Anthony Pacilio (JPMorgan Chase)*

# Autism Employability Summit

**Do you want to boost your business by enhancing your access to autism talent?**

**Join Daisy Chain at our inspiring 2021 summit to find out how.**

**Hear from cutting edge employers and how they have adapted their practises to become more inclusive - and have benefited as a result!**

**Be inspired by successful autistic professionals who will break down misconceptions and share their knowledge of effective inclusive practice.**



**Tuesday 16th November 2021 | 12:30 – 5:00pm**

**The Dolphin Centre, Darlington, DL1 5RP**

**Free Entry - Booking Essential**

**<http://employabilitysummit.eventbrite.co.uk>**



# Speakers:



## **Tony Waters**

***Health and Wellbeing Benefits Manager, Cummins***

Tony will share his experiences of partnering with Daisy Chain to provide a work placement opportunity for an autistic job seeker, who has since begun full time employment with Cummins as part of a two-year apprenticeship.

## **Pete Wharmby**

***Autistic speaker, author, and former secondary school teacher***

Pete will provide an insight into the barriers faced by autistic job seekers when it comes to traditional recruitment processes as well as adaptations to improve inclusivity and access to autism talent. He will share his own personal experiences of working as a secondary school teacher for almost 15 years, including the moment he revealed his autism diagnosis to the Headteacher.



## **Lee Corless**

***Autism Work and Inclusion Specialist***

Drawing on his experiences of developing one of the world's leading autism at work programmes, Lee will debunk misconceptions around reasonable adjustments and share simple and effective approaches for the successful employment of neurodiverse individuals. He will provide evidence-based statistics and information highlighting the benefits of recruiting autistic employees, including retention rates, commercial impact, and productivity.

## **Kelly Grainger**

***Successful businessman and now autistic keynote speaker and trainer (Co-founder of Perfectly Autistic) who formerly worked within senior sales roles (including PepsiCo and Merlin Entertainments), creating and leading sales teams.***

Kelly will share his unique insight and experiences of working within the corporate world for 23 years and receiving an autism diagnosis as an adult in his forties. He will discuss the negative reaction he received when he told his global corporation that he was autistic and why he set up Perfectly Autistic. He will share neurodiversity friendly principles that businesses can use to create a healthy, happy, and productive workforce for all. He will examine the impact of autistic masking and how businesses can create a culture of workplace acceptance.

