



Empowering the next generation
-Neurodivergence



My journey



If I didn't have people who invested in me and empowered me, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today



2 DAY

AUTISTIC/ADHD-LED EVENT

TAURANGA

15TH - 16TH MARCH

2024

**BY MISFITS,
FOR MISFITS**

[REGISTER TO SAVE YOUR SPACE](#)

FRIDAY, 6PM - 9PM

SATURDAY, 12PM - 9PM

Venue: Creative Campus,
The Incubator, Historic Village

FREE

16+ years and over only

Please note that this event is open to neurodivergent people only, self-identified accepted

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Come and join us for two days of fun!

- Reconnect with your local community
- Facilitated space for friendships
- Small group discussions
- No pressure, engage as much or as little as you like
- Movie screening at Village Cinema!

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- It's not a one size fits all, get to know the individual
- Meet people where they're at
- Scaffold opportunities for people to step up and gain confidence
- Remind them of how loved and valued they are and that it's not the end of the world if they make a mistake- we can be very hard on ourselves!
- Empathy + understanding goes both ways
- Be open to different styles of learning and taking in information.

- Our brains aren't broken we just need different tools
- Encourage them to develop tools for self care to avoid burnout.
- Focus on our strengths + interests
- "Kids (people) do well if they can" (Ross Greene) Come from a place of curiosity not judgement





Want to learn more/connect further?

Scan the QR code for IoM's Neurodivergent stories booklet

Get Staci's book "A Place Where I Belong" and feel free to contact her

Camps: Keep on the lookout for Elevate's upcoming resource: Can I come too?

Follow the Island of Misfits Facebook or Instagram page

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Put your email down/chat with me if you are keen to connect :)

A Place Where
I Belong
Neurodiversity and the Church



Staci McLean