

AUTCON@10 Reel Your Real Story

Autism – Reflect. Respect. Reimagine.

AUTCON 2026 Reels / Short Video Competition Theme: "What Helps Me Participate" AUTCON 2026 invites rehabilitation professionals and students to participate in a creative and impactful Reel/Short Video Competition focused on autism and participation. This initiative aims to highlight real-world supports, innovations, and practical insights that enable autistic individuals to participate meaningfully in everyday life. We encourage storytelling that is respectful, evidence-informed, and advocacy-oriented.



Real-World Evidence in Pediatric Autism Care

March 22, 2026



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Eligibility & Team Composition

The competition is open to:

- Occupational Therapists
- Speech & Language Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Psychologists / Behavioral Therapists
- Special Educators
- Audiologists
- Social workers
- Rehabilitation Physicians / Pediatricians
- Students, interns, faculty, and clinicians in related fields

Conference registration is mandatory. At least one member of the team must be registered for AUTCON 2026. Each participant/team may submit one entry only.

Individual Participation

Individual participation allowed

Team Participation

Team participation allowed (maximum 3 members)

Theme Clarification & Technical Requirements

Theme Clarification

Reels must relate to: **Autism & Participation – What Helps Me Participate**

Each reel must clearly include at least two of the following three elements:

1 Explicit reference to autism

2 An autism-related participation challenge

3 An autism-relevant support, adaptation, or enabling factor

The focus must remain on dignity, inclusion, and meaningful participation.

Reel Duration & Format

- Duration: 30–90 seconds
- Orientation: Vertical (9:16) preferred
- Resolution: Minimum 1080 x 1920 (Full HD)
- File type: MP4 / MOV
- Language: English preferred (bilingual allowed)
- Subtitles strongly recommended for accessibility

Content Guidelines & Ethical Responsibility

To ensure professionalism and ethical integrity:

The reel must:

- Be respectful and stigma-free
- Use dignity-based, autism-friendly language
- Be educational or advocacy-oriented
- Align with accepted rehabilitation practices
- Present information responsibly and accurately

The reel must not:

- Make exaggerated or misleading therapeutic claims
- Promote unscientific or unsupported interventions
- Contain discriminatory, sensational, or offensive material
- Include political or religious messaging
- Violate privacy, consent, or ethical standards

Creative formats are welcome:

Case vignette

Demonstration

Skit

Animation

Visual storytelling

Infographic style

Privacy, Consent & Ethical Responsibility

If any identifiable individual appears in the reel:

- Written informed consent is mandatory
- The Organising Committee may request proof of consent
- Face masking is recommended where appropriate

Participants may alternatively use:

- Simulated scenarios
- Role-play
- Animation
- Voice-over narratives

Responsibility Clause

Participants are solely responsible for:

- Ethical compliance
- Accuracy of content
- Consent and privacy adherence
- Originality and copyright compliance

Submission of an entry does not imply automatic endorsement by AUTCON 2026. The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify or withdraw any entry that violates ethical standards, misrepresents facts, or breaches applicable laws.

Originality

- The reel must be an original creation
- No plagiarism
- No copyrighted material without permission
- Music must be royalty-free or platform-licensed
- AI-generated elements must be disclosed

Submission Process, Key Dates & Evaluation

Submission Process

Participants must:

1. Upload the reel to YouTube as "Unlisted" only
 - Public links will not be accepted
 - The link must remain active and unlisted until completion of the competition process
2. Submit the YouTube link via the official Google Form along with:
 - Reel title
 - Short description (max 100 words)
 - Names of team members
 - Institution/Organization
 - Contact details
 - AUTCON Registration ID

Only valid, accessible unlisted YouTube links will be considered.

 [Submit Here: Click here to access the submission form](#)



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Key Dates

15 March 2026

Last date for submission

Conference Day

Top 10 shortlisted reels announced during
AUTCON 2026

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16–21 March 2026

Screening & Jury Evaluation

Evaluation Process

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Stage 1 – Screening

All entries will undergo eligibility and ethical screening.

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Stage 2 – Jury Evaluation

All eligible entries will be evaluated by appointed judges. From these, the Top 10 reels will be shortlisted.

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Stage 3 – Delegate Voting

The Top 10 shortlisted reels will be made available for viewing by registered delegates during the conference.

Judging Criteria:

Relevance to autism & participation	25%
Scientific responsibility / evidence alignment	20%
Creativity & innovation	20%
Clarity of message & advocacy value	15%
Visual/audio quality	10%
Engagement impact	10%

Delegate Voting Details

- Each registered delegate may vote for one reel only
- Voting will be conducted via a secure Google Form
- Login using registered email ID will be required
- Voting will be open for a specified time window

Delegate voting will contribute up to 20% of the final score. Judges' evaluation will remain the primary component of scoring.

Certificates, Awards & Disqualification

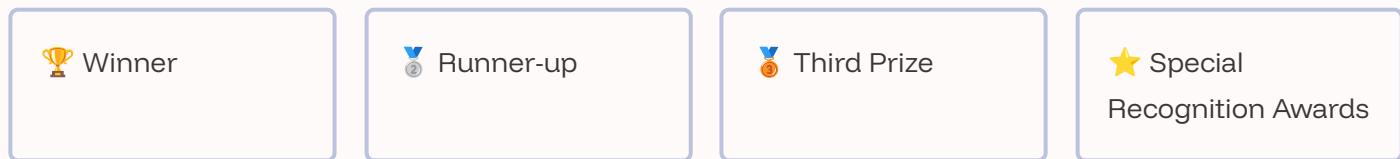
Certificates

Each valid entry will receive one certificate.

- For individual entries, the certificate will carry the individual participant's name.
- For team entries, a single certificate will be issued containing the names of all team members (maximum 3) as submitted in the official entry form.
- The order and spelling of names will be printed exactly as provided.
- No changes to names or additions will be permitted after submission

Awards & Recognition

Awards may include:



Winners will receive:

- Certificates
- On-stage recognition at AUTCON 2026
- Prizes (as decided by the Organising Committee)

Usage Rights

By submitting an entry, participants grant AUTCON 2026 permission to:

- Display shortlisted reels during the conference
- Share selected reels on official AUTCON platforms with due credit

Participants retain ownership of their content.

Disqualification Criteria

Entries may be disqualified if they:

- Miss the submission deadline
- Fail eligibility requirements
- Violate ethical guidelines
- Contain plagiarism or copyright infringement
- Misrepresent facts or make unsupported claims
- Fail to maintain active unlisted YouTube access

The decision of the Organising Committee and Judges will be final.

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