

World Autism Month April 2020



Dear Open Learners

In this special month for autism awareness, I would like to send greetings to all of you who have enrolled on *Understanding autism*, or who are contemplating enrolment. Since launch in September 2018, the course has consistently attracted very high numbers, and the feedback that lots of you have so kindly provided illustrates the many professional, family and personal settings in which our course is proving a helpful resource.

During the first week of World Autism Month, we passed the important milestone of 24,000 enrolments! Although most of our learners are in the UK, we also have an estimated 1900 learners in countries across six continents worldwide. So a special welcome to our international community of learners.

Currently, coronavirus is posing sizeable challenges for all of us. But there may be particular challenges for all who engage with autism in their personal, family or professional lives. Nonetheless, it is clear that many of you are taking time from busy and complicated lives to study *Understanding autism*.

Profound admiration, thanks and good luck from me and from the *Understanding autism* team.

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