

autistic lead initiatives in the Netherlands

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↳ Main findings

- ✧ Autistic Self-advocates have been active since 90's
- ✧ goals:
 - ✧ self-understanding,
 - ✧ improving image,
 - ✧ access to appropriate social activities, employment and services
- ✧ they have achieved some goals
- ✧ barriers:
 - ✧ lack of support from other organisations
 - ✧ problems with governance
- ✧ Better support and equal coalitions with other groups could help them to be more effective

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- ✧ mail-groups (1990's - 2001) → PAS & Outsider Forum
- ✧ Vereniging Personen uit het Autisme Spectrum PAS (2001...)
- ✧ Outsider forum (2001...)
- ✧ Autisme Ten Top work-related image campaign
 - ✧ LinkedIn forum for autistics & care/support-professionals
 - ✧ AutSpoken: speakers academy
- ✧ lets Drinken (2011...)
 - ✧ monthly networking event using standard format (15 cities)
- ✧ Autisme Ambassade (2013..) autistic colleague change agents
- ✧ Autminds (2014...) yearly conference
- ✧ AntiRoze (2016...) LGBTI intersectional group (6 cities)

main autistic lead initiatives in NL

- ↳ 2001 formed as student group. joined and left NVA
- ↳ >500 paying members
- ↳ Self-advocacy
 - ✎ identify and vocalise needs before others do
 - ✎ participate in initiatives, R&D groups
 - ↳ Care-Standard Autism
 - ↳ Academic Workshops Reach-Aut & Samen Doen (AWA)
 - ↳ Investigates research needs according to non-professionals
- ↳ Social Activities
 - ✎ networking events (20 cities)
 - ✎ self-help groups (16 cities)
- ↳ Knowledge development
- ↳ Information & Education

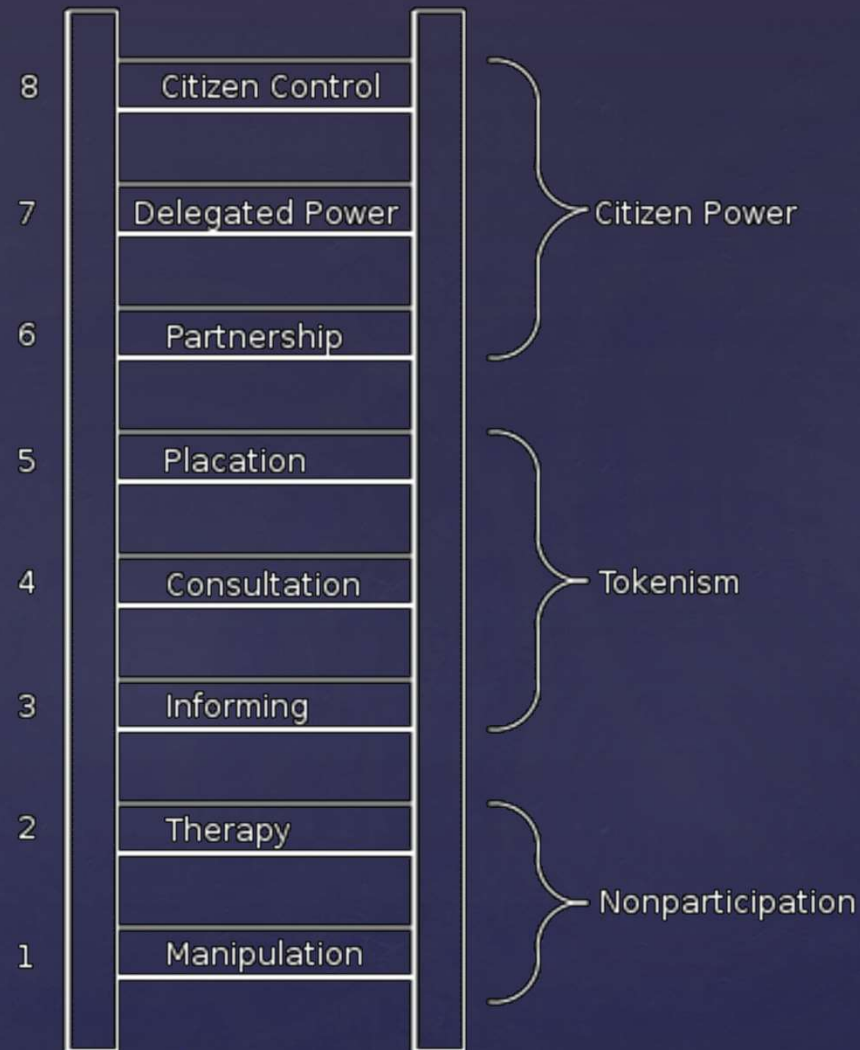
PAS (Society of Adult Autistics)

- ⌘ conference run by and for autistic adults
 - ⌘ theme, subjects and content
 - ⌘ boundary conditions (accessibility)
 - ⌘ inclusivity for non-autistics
 - ⌘ 3 year growth 60 → 150 participants
- ⌘ Platform for sharing of ideas and knowledge
 - ⌘ voice
 - ⌘ practical experience
 - ⌘ knowledge & science (preferably -non-medical aspects)
 - ⌘ 15 lectures, workshops, discussions etc
- ⌘ modelled after Autscope
- ⌘ collaborating with HvA (higher education social work)

Autminds

- ⌘ flexibility in communication & cooperative styles
- ⌘ variability in energy/loadability
- ⌘ managing conflicting needs
- ⌘ not access to government funds for patient-organisations
- ⌘ scarcely positions in / access to board levels
- ⌘ tokenism is not recognised by most autistics

it's not simple to work with autistics



Ladder of citizen participation

(Sherry R. Arnstein, 1969)

