

The Autistic Community mourns the death of Genevieve Edmonds

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Washington, DC - 2/18/08 – The autistic community mourned the loss of Genevieve Edmonds, a UK-based advocate and author on the autism spectrum who committed suicide this past week. Genevieve was a leader in advocating for increased visibility and support for adults on the autism spectrum. She authored four books: *The Asperger Social Guide: How to Relate to Anyone in any Social Situation as an Adult with Asperger's Syndrome*, *The Asperger Personal Guide: Raising Self-Esteem and Making the Most of Yourself as a Adult with Asperger's Syndrome*, *Asperger Syndrome And Employment: Adults Speak Out About Asperger Syndrome* and *A Self-Determined Future with Asperger Syndrome*. Her work with the ASPECT group at Sheffield Hallam University resulted in numerous strides forward in autistic representation and a comprehensive study on the needs of adults with Asperger's Syndrome in the United Kingdom.

Genevieve will be remembered for her contributions to our community and commitment to improving the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum. Her death is a tragedy and we mourn the loss of one of our own. Those wishing to express their condolences to the Edmonds family can direct their thoughts to <http://www.blackpooltiggers.co.uk/contact.pl>

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