<u>Presentation:</u> Supporting student self-advocacy in education

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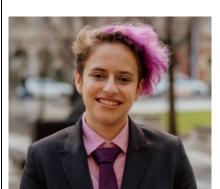
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About the presenter

Shadia is the proud owner and founder of Autism Actually and enjoys presenting and consultancy. They are also an ambassador of the Autistic-led organisation <u>Yellow Ladybugs</u>.

Shadia is currently studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours), and recently completed a Cert IV in Animal Behaviour and Training. They have professional interests in Autism, communication access and supports, and animal-assisted services.

Shadia was formally identified with Autism at the age of three, Generalised Anxiety Disorder at 14, and ADHD combined type at 23. Being non-binary, they enjoy discussing the intersectionality of Autism and the LGBTQIA+ community.

As an Autistic person with experience accessing therapeutic supports, Shadia is passionate about sharing how to view Autism from a neurodiversity-affirming perspective

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