



International Conference For Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

On 2nd & 3rd April 2026
**Venue : Niagara Falls Convention Centre,
Ontario, Canada.**

**Free Registration
for Parents and
Individuals on
Spectrum**

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Keynote Speaker
Dr. Temple Grandin
Author, Speaker and
Autism Rights Activist, USA

Voices of Autism:

Personal Journeys, Professional Insights
Join us to hear from individuals on the autism spectrum and parent-professionals as they share their personal journeys and expert insights, merging lived experience with professional knowledge.

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 **2nd April, Thursday & 3rd April, Friday 2026**

 **Niagara Falls Convention Centre, Ontario, Canada.**

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What is ICAN?

The International Conference for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ICAN) is a distinctive global gathering where voices from every stage of the autism journey come together. More than just a platform for exchanging ideas, ICAN is where lived experiences meet expert knowledge, fostering authentic connections between individuals with autism, parents, caregivers, therapists, educators, and medical professionals. Following the success of previous ICAN Conferences in Dubai - UAE, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania, and Orlando, Florida - USA, we are proud to bring our 4th international event to the Niagara Falls Convention Centre, Ontario, Canada, **featuring 50+ global speakers who are pioneers, practitioners, parents, advocates, and individuals on the spectrum**

Why ICAN Matters

Direct Dialogue: Connect with **50+** top-tier experts and pioneering voices in the field of autism, all under one roof. An opportunity to engage one-on-one with them.

Collaborative Exchange: Share and learn from both clinical insights and lived experiences.

Global Perspective: Unite across countries and cultures to elevate autism care and understanding.

Local Perspective: Discover what's accessible in your region. ICAN helps bridge global knowledge with local realities, offering insights that can be implemented close to home.

Holistic Vision: Discover integrative approaches, where science, compassion, and community care converge.

ICAN CANADA, 2026:

On World Autism Awareness Day - 2nd and 3rd April, 2026

Join us to embrace **emerging research, holistic therapies, and systemic change**, reflecting ICAN's mission to push boundaries in care and inclusion for individuals on the Autism Spectrum. We believe in more than progress; we believe in **possibility**.

This conference is a space to share knowledge, amplify lived experiences, and remind every parent, professional, and individual that hope isn't just at the finish line, it walks with us, step by step.

OUR KEYNOTE

Speaker

Dr. Temple Grandin

A Rare Opportunity

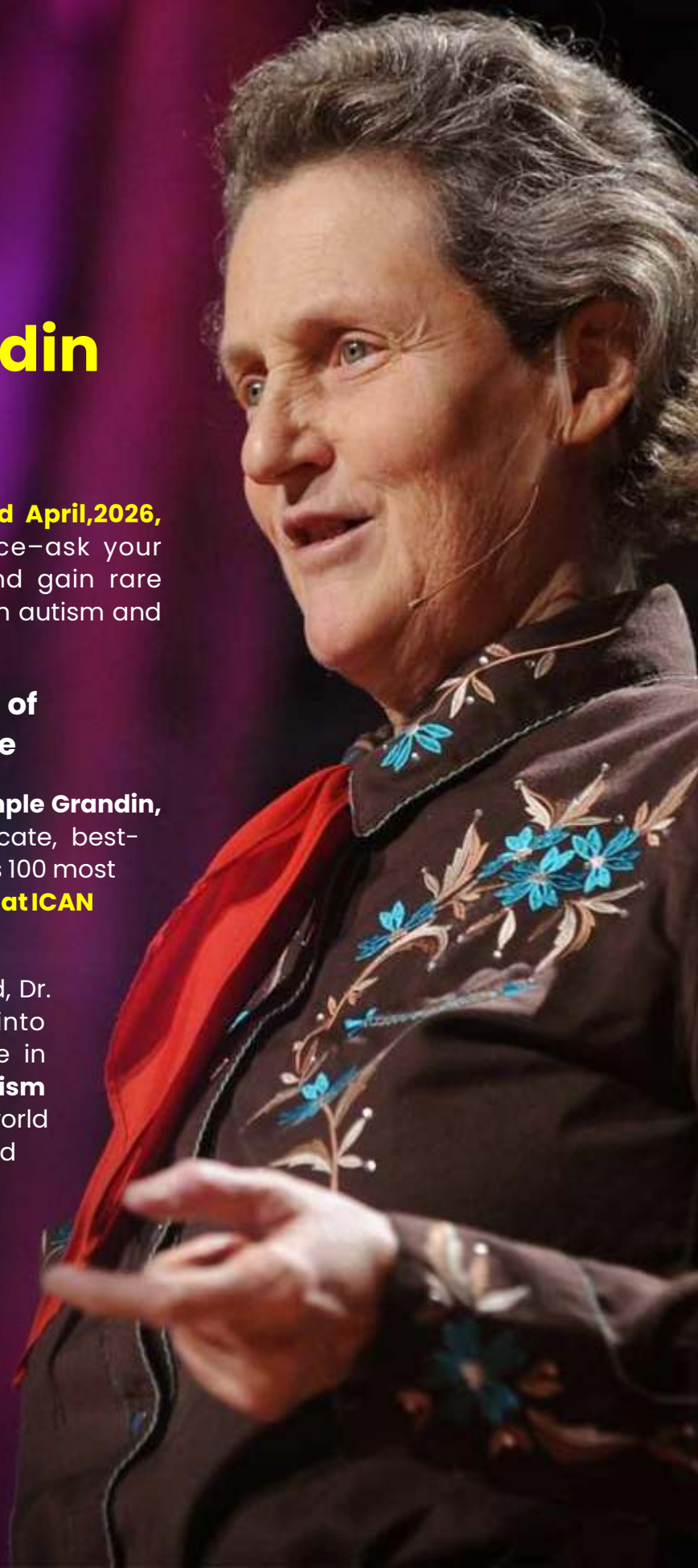
This **World Autism Awareness Day, 2nd April, 2026**, meet **Dr Temple Grandin** face-to-face—ask your questions, hear her powerful story, and gain rare insights from one of the greatest minds in autism and neurodiversity.

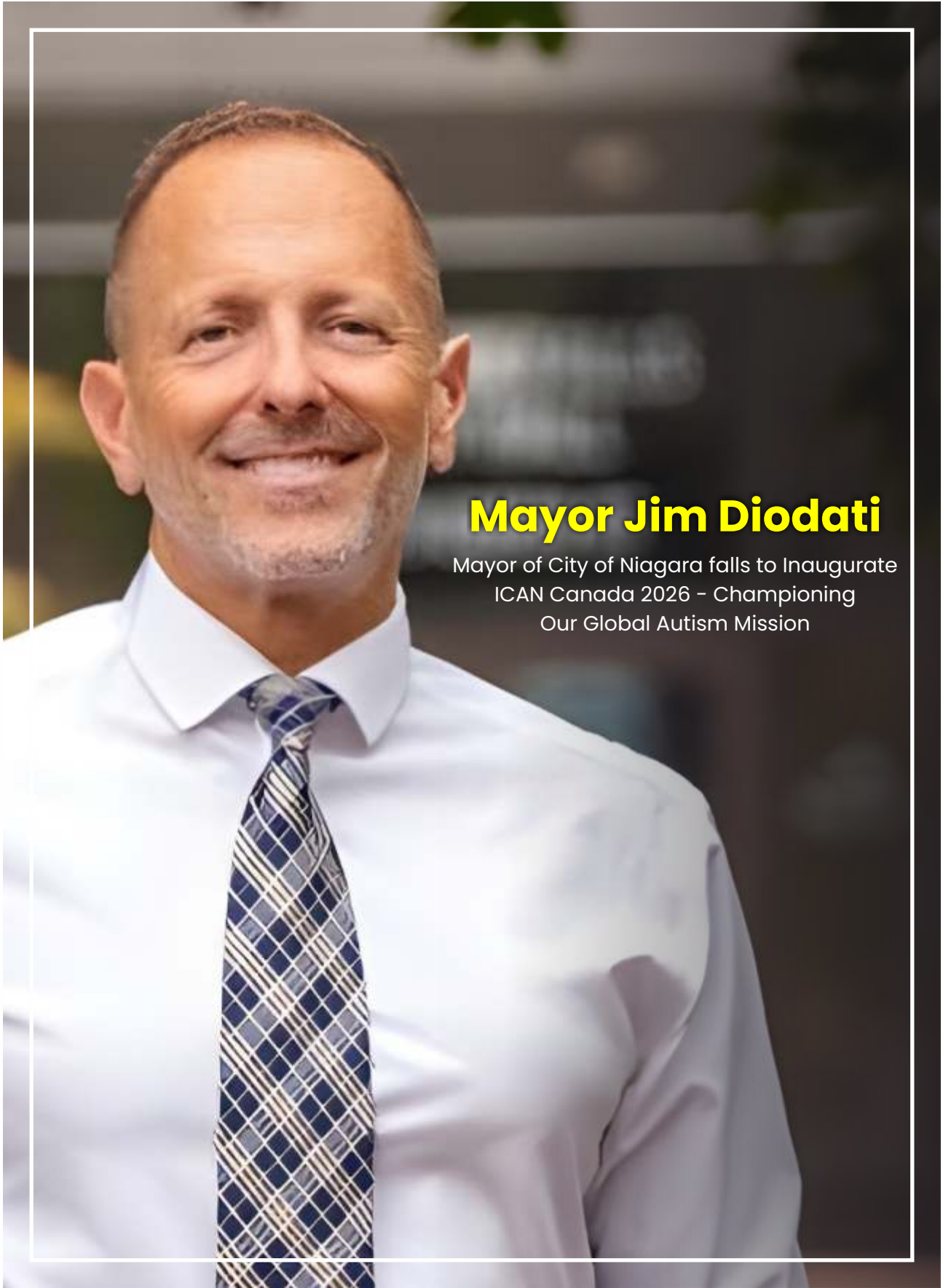
Dr. Temple Grandin: A Global Icon of Neurodiversity, Innovation & Hope

We are honored to welcome back **Dr Temple Grandin**, world-renowned scientist, autism advocate, best-selling author, and one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential people, as the **Keynote Speaker at ICAN Canada 2026**.

Diagnosed with autism in early childhood, Dr. Grandin transformed her challenges into strengths, becoming a pioneering voice in both **animal behavior science and autism advocacy**. Her work has shaped how the world understands neurodiversity and inspired generations to see ability through a new lens.

Join us on the **2nd & 3rd of April, 2026**, as we honor her legacy and celebrate the strength, identity, and voices of the autism community.





Mayor Jim Diodati

Mayor of City of Niagara falls to Inaugurate
ICAN Canada 2026 - Championing
Our Global Autism Mission

Voices of Plenary



Dr. Alok Sharma

India
Neurosurgeon



Dr. Teykia Deveaux

Bahamas
Board-certified pediatrician & Assistant Professor in the Bahamas. Passionate about autism care, pediatric mental health & supporting underserved communities.



Dr. Richard Boles

USA
Medical Geneticist, Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics, and Clinical Biochemical Genetics

Voices of Professionals



Fakhshad H Bhetasi

Canada

Director of the
Niagara Autism Centre



Dr. Jennifer Brunton

USA

Autistic Writer, Editor,
Consultant, Speaker



Dr. Joe Datt

UK

Consultant Paediatrician and
Neonatologist with an interest in
Rare Diseases and neurodevelopmental
Disorders



Dr. Sonya Doherty

Canada

Naturopathic Doctor,
FMAPS (Cand.)



Dr. Carissa Doherty

Canada

Naturopathic Doctor



Dr. Thiago Dutra

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Pediatrician & Postgraduate
in Child and Adolescent
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Director of Development,
College of Agricultural Sciences



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Founder and
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Dr. Nandini Gokulchandran

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Canadian Filmmaker,
President & Producer at
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Voices of Professionals



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Dietitian, Nutritionist
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Dr. Mylene Juneau
Canada

Physician at West Parry
Sound Health Centre



Krishnaveni Kannan
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Psychologist
Masters in Clinical Psychology
PG Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology
Clinical Hypnotherapy | ABA Candidate



Dr. Zohraida Karim
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Owner of Julia's Place Music
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Jill Leonard
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Advocate of the Family
Support Network for Employment



Aksana Kavaliyova-Moussi
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Certified Music Therapist (MTA),
Registered Psychotherapist (RP),
Neurologic Music Therapist (NMT)



Lyndsy Moffatt
USA

Certified GAPS Coach, Holistic
Nutritionist, Executive Director of
Autism Biomedical Research Foundation



Rosetta Walker-Iland
Ireland

Queen of Inspiration / Autism
Advocate, Certified Life Coach,
Spiritual Counselor, Entrepreneur



Natalie Pelto
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Nutritional Therapist



Voices of Professionals



Jason Pottinger

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Neurotechnology Executive
Early Autism Detection
Objective Brain Mapping



Erin Porter

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Autism Family Coach



Dr. Natalie Rahr

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Naturopathic Doctor,
Autism & Special Needs Specialist



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Spelling to Communicate (S2C)
Practitioner and Speaking Co-ordinator
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Clinical Psychologist,
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Dyslexic Therapist / Certified S2C
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Voices of Individuals on the Spectrum and Parents



Dr. Sylvia Mochabo Akinsiku
Kenya



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WHO World Rehabilitation
Alliance - ER member



Yasmeen Alqallaf
Kuwait



Autism Specialist and
Autism Mom



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President & Founder of
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Author, Video influencer
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Dr. Sonali Kataria
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Autistic Speech Pathologist,
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Mercy Mbogori Kairichi
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Autistic CEO helping parents
better understand their
children and futures



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Functional Health
Practitioner

Voices of Individuals on the Spectrum and Parents



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Neurodiversity Educator,
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Founder: Journey2ADHD



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Autistic Self-Advocate with
Apraxia. Communication
Beyond Speech.



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Founder and Executive
Director of the Thorncliffe Park
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Chris Weakly
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Autistic Advocate for
Neurodiversity &
Founder of Logical-A



Dr. Zee
Canada

Physician, Researcher,
Technologist with Autism



END KEYNOTE

Speaker

Thomas Iland

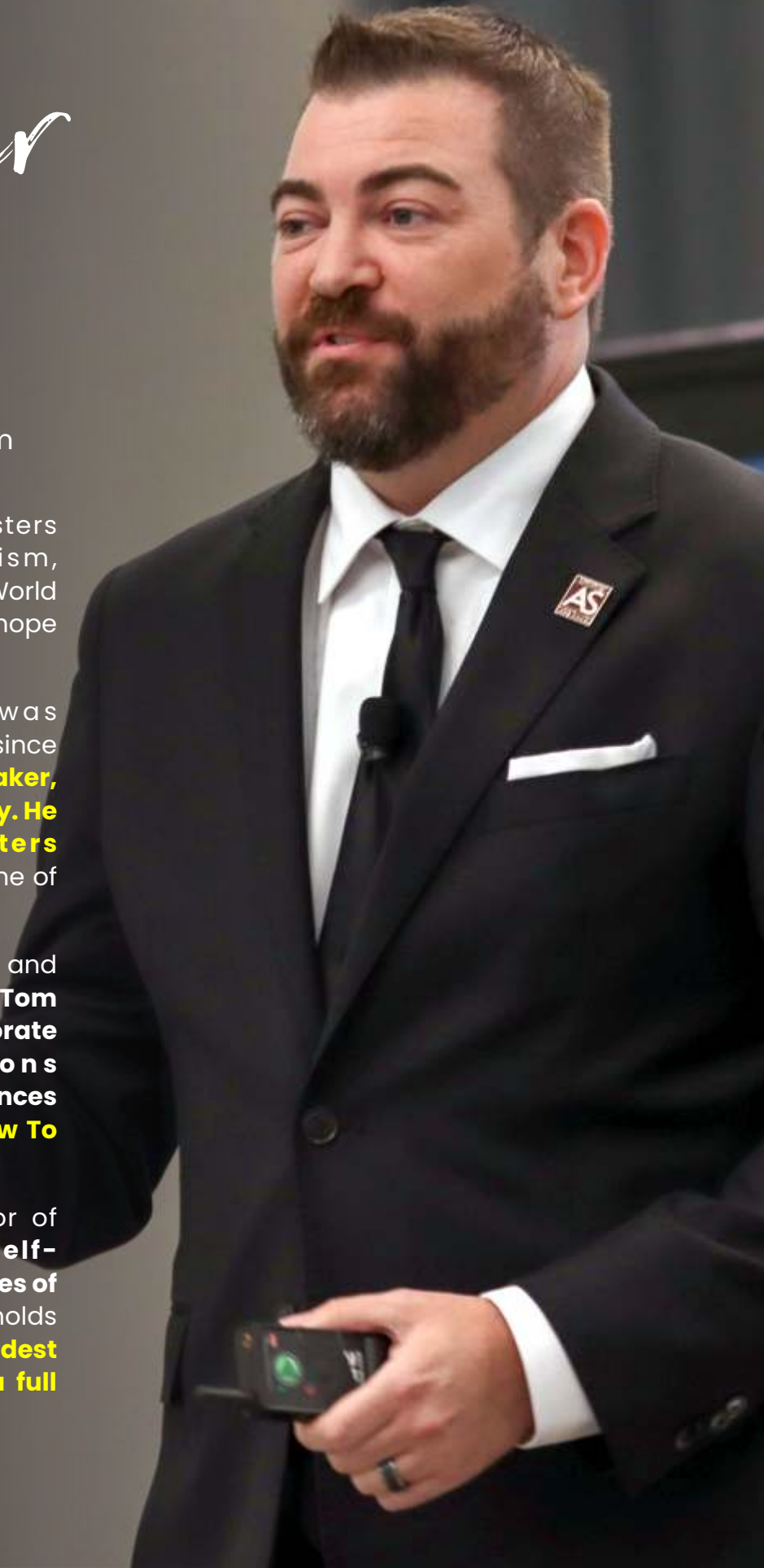
International Speaker,
Award Winning Author with Autism

Meet the world's first Toastmasters Accredited Speaker with autism, bestselling author, and Guinness World Record holder—an inspiring voice of hope and empowerment.

Thomas Iland (Tom Iland) was diagnosed with autism at 13 and has since become a celebrated **author, speaker, and leader in the autism community. He is the world's first Toastmasters Accredited Speaker with autism**, one of only 90 globally.

A Certified Human Potential Coach and Diversity & Inclusion Consultant, Tom delivers powerful keynotes, corporate trainings, and consultations nationwide. He has inspired audiences on the TEDx stage with his talk "How To Come To Life."

Tom is the award-winning author of **Come to Life! Your Guide to Self-Discovery** and **My Glass Is Full: Stories of Putting Mental Health First**. He also holds a **Guinness World Record as the oldest person with autism to complete a full Ironman Triathlon.**



Autism Connect

Autism Connect is an association of parents and professionals formed to disseminate scientifically validated information about all the therapies, resources, and management options for Autism. We at Autism Connect have a single goal, which is to help millions of parents and caregivers of children with Autism, with the right information, so that they can make the right informed choices.

We offer easy access to professionals, schools, associations, rehabilitation centers, and autism centers via our global directory, along with management options, resources, webinars, blogs, newsletters, seminars, and workshops, podcast – The Dolly Show, ICAN – International Conference for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, This wide range of offerings helps parents make informed choices for their children. At Autism Connect, we don't just imagine a better world for people with Autism; we endeavor to create it. "We Believe In Action".

Key Features of Autism Connect:

Worldwide Directory: Access over **50,000+** professionals, special schools, rehabilitation centers, and autism centers across the globe – **continually updated to keep information current.**

Therapy Options: Explore a range of therapies, from standard practices to newer methods and approaches, to assist you in finding what best supports your child's unique needs.

Blogs: Dive into **300+ articles** authored by parents, professionals, and individuals with ASD, offering insights and inspiration – **with new posts published regularly.**

Webinars: Learn from parents, professionals, and individuals on the spectrum through our engaging **library of 400+ webinars happening twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays**, these sessions offer real-life experiences and expert insights.

Resources: Discover a curated collection of assistive **mobile apps, books, podcasts, toys & therapeutic accessories**, and more tailored to meet your needs.

Newsletters: Stay updated with our newsletter, packed with the latest updates, clinical research, and uplifting stories of inspiration and recognition – **delivered right to your inbox every fortnight.**

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Bridging the gap between parents and professionals, and between information and action.

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Podcast – The Dolly Show

Introducing "TDS – The Dolly Show"

A Unique Autism Podcast, Connecting Parents & Professionals

Streaming on  YouTube

Get ready to change the conversation around autism with "TDS – The Dolly Show"! Hosted by Dolly Thakkar, this one-of-a-kind podcast dives into raw, real conversations that matter. It's packed with breakthrough moments and a whole lot of inspiration, bringing together parents of children with autism and leading professionals in every episode.

Expect powerful insights and heartfelt stories as we explore the unique journeys of autism care—where personal experiences meet professional expertise. Each episode is designed to give parents and caregivers the tools and knowledge they need to make informed decisions about therapies and treatments.

Let's "Navigate Autism Together, One Story At A Time" and create a community of learning, understanding, and collaboration. Discover the conversations you won't want to miss!

A Unique Autism **PODCAST** Connecting Parents & Professionals



**Navigating Autism Together,
One Story At A Time!**

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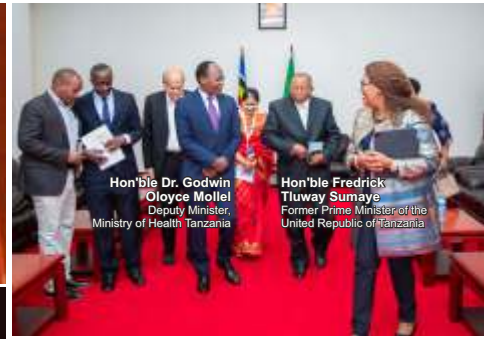


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Glimpse of ICAN Tanzania 2023



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