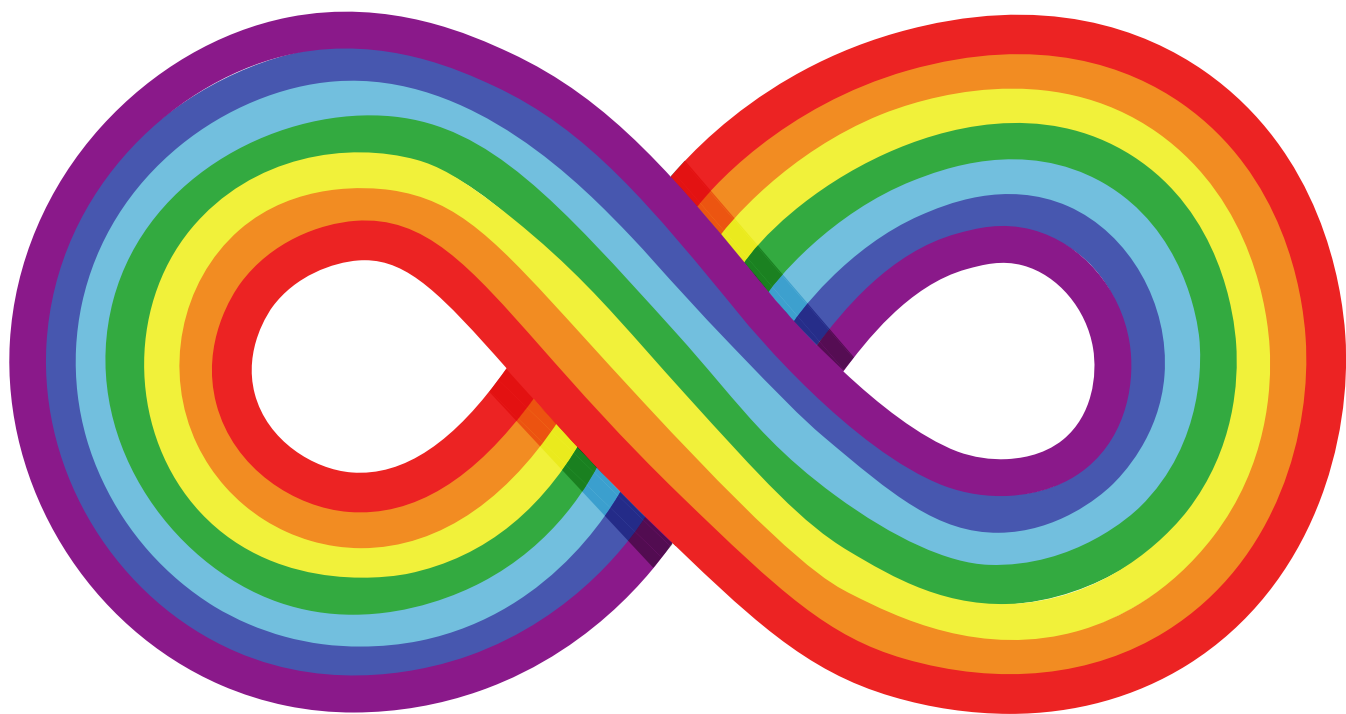


THE WORLD OF

ACTUALLY AUTISTIC CULTURE

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AUTISTIC PEOPLE GROW UP ALWAYS
BEING TOLD THEY'RE WRONG

"STOP FIDGETING!"

"GET OVER IT!"

"NOBODY CARES
ABOUT THAT!"

ADAPTED FROM C.L. LYNCH'S ARTICLE ON 7
COOL ASPECTS OF AUTISTIC CULTURE

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THEN WE EVENTUALLY FIND OUR
WAY TO THE AUTISTIC
COMMUNITY, AND THEY
UNDERSTAND US...

WE USE THE HASHTAG
#ACTUALLYAUTISTIC
TO FIND EACH
OTHER



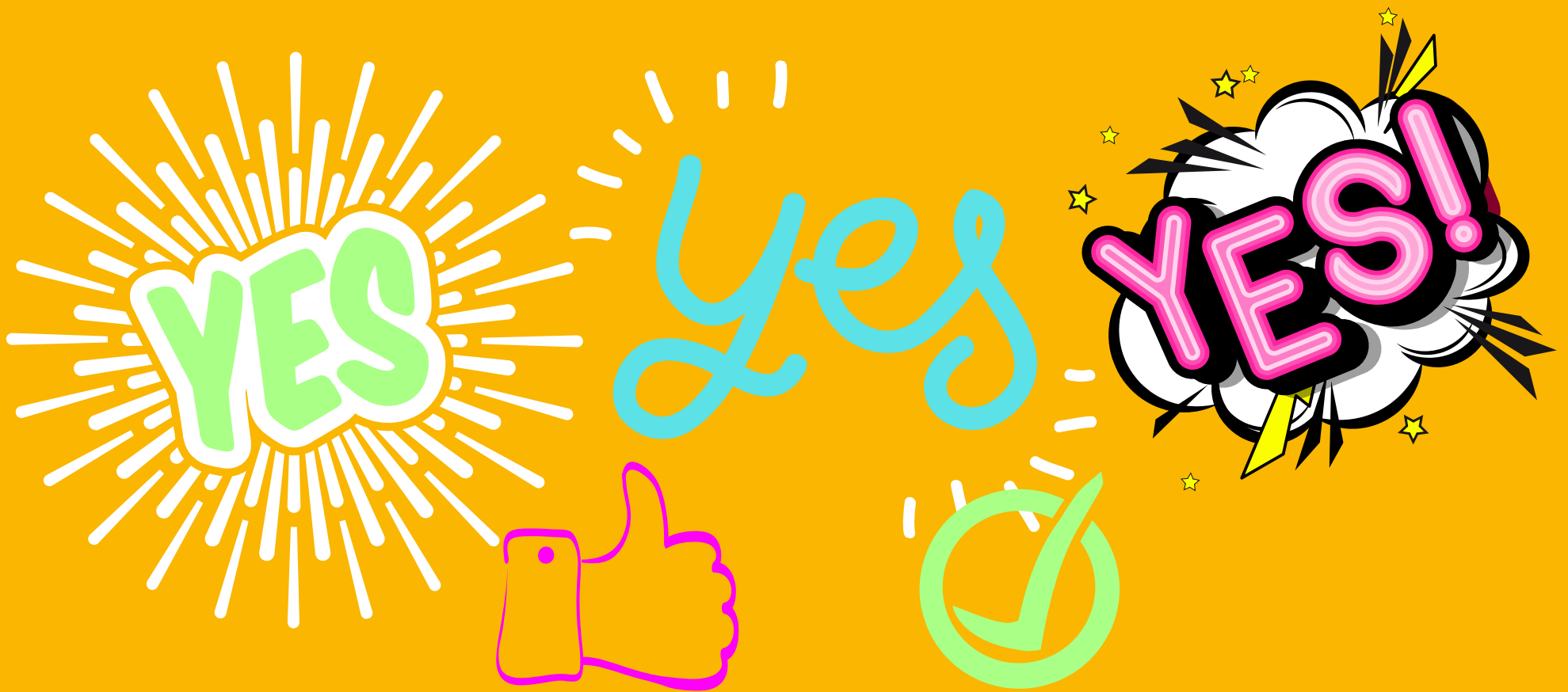
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AUTISTIC AND NON-AUTISTIC PEOPLE
CAN SURVEY THE COMMUNITY USING
THE #ASKINGAUTISTICS HASHTAG



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WE CAN START QUESTIONS WITH
"DOES ANYONE ELSE..."



AND FINALLY NOT BE ALONE ANYMORE.

WE ALSO HELP PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, &
CAREGIVERS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT
AUTISM.

WE TALK ABOUT STIMMING,

SPECIAL INTERESTS
(OR SPINS FOR SHORT),

THOSE FOODS WE EAT
OVER & OVER, WE
CALL #SAMEFOODS,

AND WHAT CAUSES
US TO TAKE A TRIP
TO SENSORY HELL



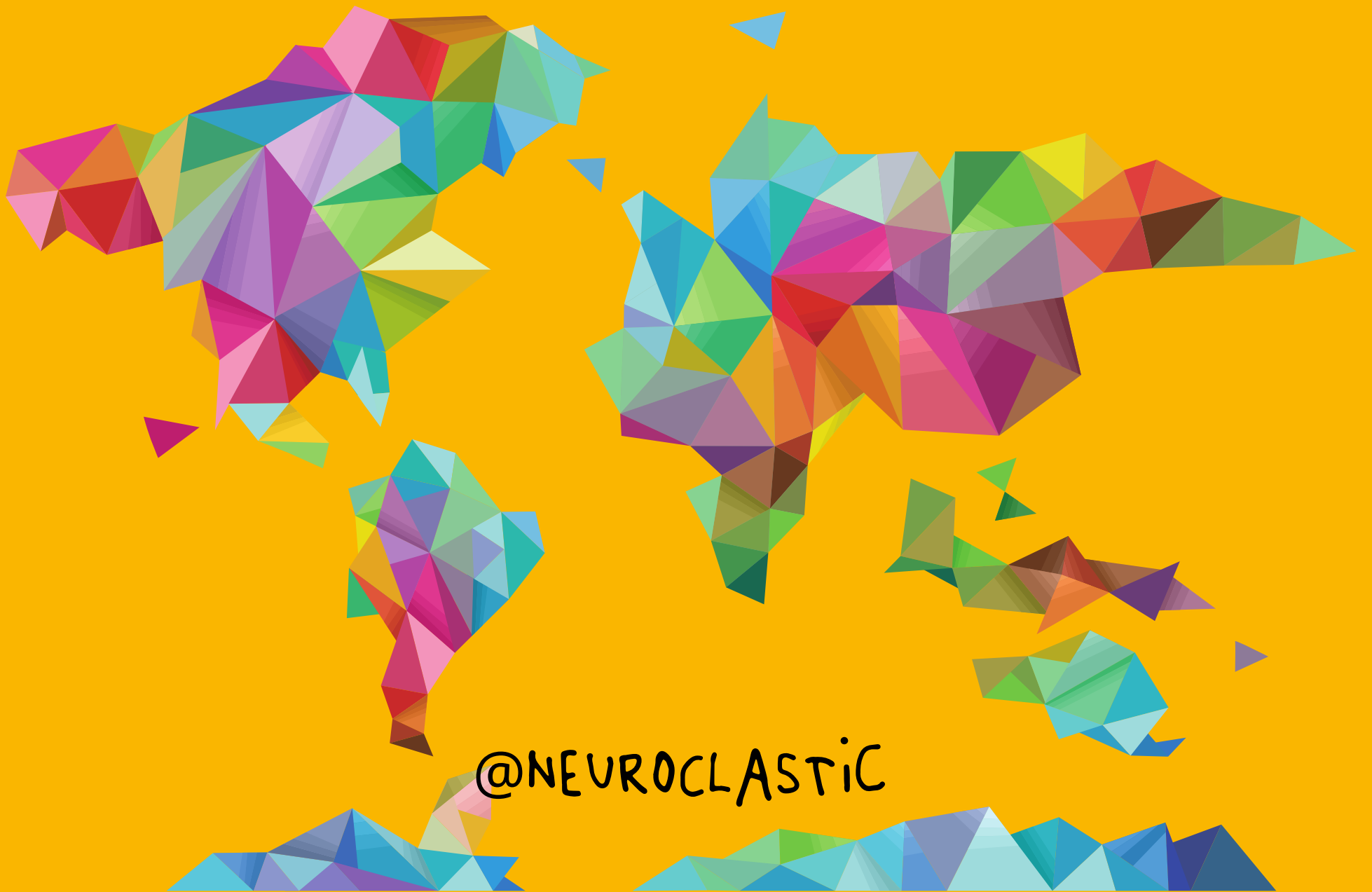
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WE TALK ABOUT THE INTERSECTIONS OF AUTISTIC IDENTITY

BECAUSE NONSPEAKERS, BLACK,
INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, BLIND,
DEAF, QUEER, AND OTHER IDENTITIES EXIST
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HAVE UNIQUE
CIRCUMSTANCES AND BARRIERS



WE ARE CATALOGING THE NUANCES
OF THE AUTISTIC EXPERIENCE THAT
HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND
PATHOLOGIZED BY RESEARCHERS



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THE VAST MAJORITY OF US AGREE ON A FEW THINGS:



- ABA therapy is abuse
- autism speaks is horrifying
- We prefer identity-first language (Autistic person) over person-first (person with autism)
- we oppose restraint & seclusion
- we prefer the infinity symbol & are offended by the puzzle piece



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