



## Time, Just Flies

It's already April. The SENIA-Beijing Community kicked off the [1<sup>st</sup> Autism Awareness Day last Sunday](#). Led by our dear Stephenie, the event was the beginning of our neurodiversity celebration month. The outstanding work was done by plenty of *un-known* people. Our community is grateful for their time, kindness and expertise.



*On left, Stephenie Lee - SENIA-Beijing Marketing and her lovely brother.*

Their presence and heartfelt support made our community even bigger. Behind the scenes, ideas turned into action & collaboration. Parents, students and different professionals came together to show how [BLUE](#) a city can be when we open a space. I had a pleasure to be part of it. Witnessing tears, smiles and listening their stories. That's what makes life worthy it. Being there for you, for me, for us.



I hope you also enjoy our [Light SENIA-Beijing Newsletter](#). Released every week this month with bits and pieces of our awareness movement. [#senia-beijingcares](#)

*Juliane Karlsson*

*SENIA-Beijing Media*

Dear SENIA Beijing Community Members,

Welcome to the Spring of 2023. We have made it back to face-to-face events and weathered a storm that has changed us all. We now realize the importance of networking, more than ever. In the **upcoming weeks** we hope that you can attend one or both of our April events and keep up with what is happening with the local chapter around Beijing.

The first event is a networking event that brings **awareness to the topic of autism**. Come join us on April 2, 2pm in Shuangjing to meet individuals that are devoted to helping bring awareness. With over thirty generous sponsors, it is sure to be a good time for all with fun, food and games.

Our second event in April is for those interested in acquiring **new skills and information**. During the entire month of April, we will have one speaker per week for a period of four weeks giving online talks on various topics. In week one we will have a presenter speaking on neurodiversity. In week two the learning community will shift towards **learning about behavior**. In week, three we transition to **situational awareness** and finish in week four discussing **multilingualism** and its impact on autism. Please see the informational poster to register for these Zoom sessions.

A want to conclude our letter to you, our community, with two other brief points. SENIA has launched its new online learning platform, SENIA Academy (<https://seniaacademy.org/> ) with excellent coursework and certification pathways in the areas of inclusive education. It is well worth your time to explore. Finally, please continue to check our website at <https://www.seniachapters.org/beijing> for updated external expertise listings, updates on events, and a catalogue of upcoming and past newsletters.



Enjoy the warm weather.

*Gerald Anthony - SENIA-Beijing Chair*



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## Autism Awareness Month: Professional Development



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Milind Sonawane  
**4 Apr**

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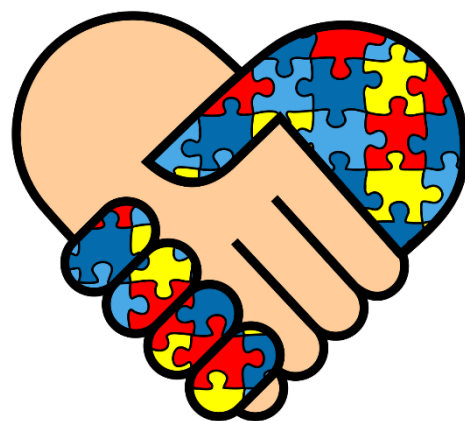
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