

Transcript of non-speakers' S2C interview, as recorded for the 5th annual Autism Acceptance Festival, Thursday 26 March, 2026.

FALLON

All I want to say is I would not be able to communicate if I did not have S to C. I want to make sure that everyone is equally entitled to a method of communication no matter what it is.

SAM

Hello, I am glad to be here. I am twenty and I wish to study, but as it stands I cannot because my method of communication is not accepted. Instead I am rotting in day services that bore me to death as they do not presume competence in me.

MAX

So high tech uses devices. They are insanely difficult to use with all the different buttons and tabs and the visual screen is awful. We will eventually move to keyboards, but I will do it for myself, not to prove my communication is mine.

Advice on getting started?

Get in touch with Anna, Adrienne or I-ASC [International Association of Spelling for Communication <https://i-asc.org/>] to get started. You will never look back.

Have you found the community receptive?

Mostly. We have just published Action 82 which should help inform public services more. [<https://nda.ie/action-82>]

Thank you.

SAM

Thanks for listening today.

FALLON

Thank you and welcome to a new way of thinking about non-speakers.