



# Introducing The A List

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# Welcome to The A List!

Introducing The A List - Australia's first national online information and social activities hub developed with, and for, young autistic people.

**We're excited to meet you!**





# Why The A List?

**100,000+**

young autistic people have NDIS funding to achieve a social goal

**32%\***

have no friends other than family & paid staff

**67%\***

have not been actively involved in a community or social event in the last year

**38-40%**

under 15 yrs cannot make friends with people outside their family

Stats taken from NDIS Quarterly Reports.  
\*of autistic youth aged 15-24 yrs

# What is The A List?

**A national online platform.**

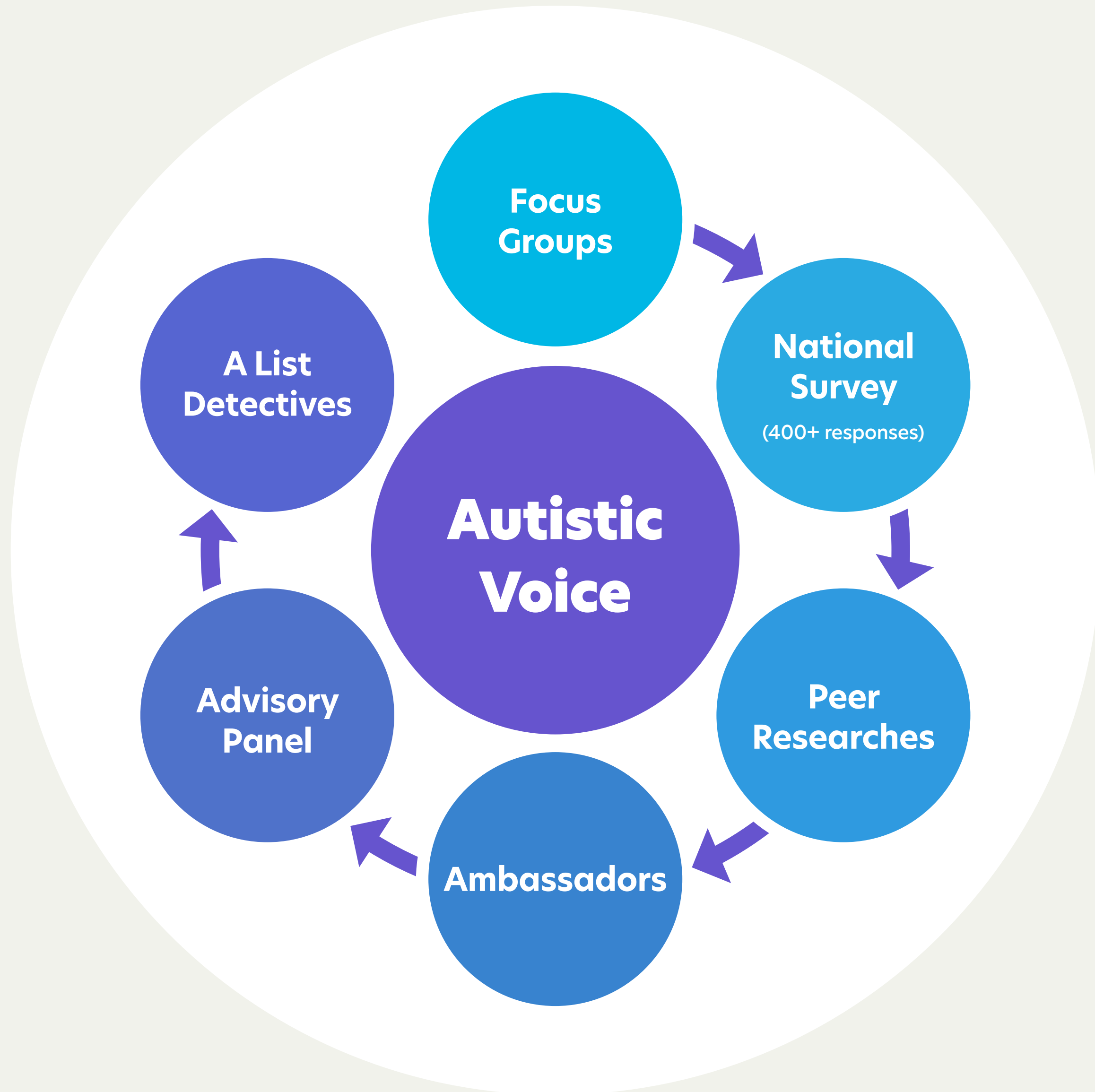
For young autistic people & their families.

To browse, book & pay for “autism friendly”  
social options  
- in the one location.

With free training videos to develop social skills.

The opportunity to connect with like-minded  
autistic young people, get support, find peers,  
build a community.





# Guided by the autistic voice

Developed with young autistic people for young autistic people, The A List places the autism voice at the centre of all that we do.



## **Summer Farelly**

14 year old Summer is passionate about breaking down stereotypes and encouraging other young teens to learn to embrace their “authentic selves”.

Living with her family of multiple autistic members, each with their own complexities, Summer has a diverse perspective on the autism community.

# **Walking the talk: Meet The A List Ambassadors**

Ensuring authenticity, relevance and connection, The A List has brought together a team of already established, active young autistic people as our ambassadors.



## Richard Habelrih

Richard recently launched “Timmy The Turtle”, an animated movie featuring an all autistic voice over cast. Inspiring friendship and inclusion, the story parallels Richard’s own experience growing up with constant bullying.

Despite doctors telling his mum that Richard would never speak, he now presents all around Australia for Autism MATES.



## George Drakoulis a.k.a Spike

George has a love for all things movies. He spends his time acting (he’s currently filming an NDIS training video), runs a podcast and is an avid filmmaker.

George, or rather ‘Spike’ is also a talented voice actor, having recently been ‘Shane the Shark’ in the “Timmy the Turtle” animation.