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Adam is the editor of two autism-related websites, Awares (www.awares.org) and AutismConnect (www.autismconnect.org.uk) – both run by Autism Cymru, Wales's national charity for autism. He also leads the unique annual Awares international online autism conference, in which more than sixty leading world autism experts and thousands of delegates take part. Professor Simon Baron-Cohen, director of the Autism Research Centre in Cambridge, UK, has called the event 'the finest online conference on the planet'.

Adam is also the founder and editor of *Looking Up*, the international autism newsletter (www.lookingupautism.org), and contributed to the UK Medical Research Council's Autism Review.

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