



NECANN COMMUNICATION

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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the latest North East CANN Update.

North East Children's Additional Needs Network shares information and helps to increase the reach of your services for children and young people in the region.

Regarding updates and information, if you have material or information that you would like forwarded to the members of the Network, or any updates, please ensure that you email it to Miriam on northeast@cann-network.org, before the end of the month.

Thanks to everyone who shared the information below for our latest update, which contains information and sessions for children and young people with additional needs and their parent carers.

You can find these Communications on the CANN Network site at:
<https://www.cann-network.org/blog/>

NECANN MEETING DATE

Next Meeting

Thursday 25th September 12-1pm

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 316 965 485 310 0

Passcode: QX2QA9w8

CO CHAIR COMMENTS

Hi I'm Bev, I have no doubt I know many of you but for those of you who don't this is me...

I've been in SEND provision all my working life, from residential care setting supporting adults with Autism to resettling people out of long stay hospitals into their own home within a supported living setting then in 2010 I had my first child, she joined us in a very dramatic way at 28 weeks, I feel that set the scene for who is my now my complex, very awesome but very sassy 15 year old. I suddenly thrust into life as a parent of a SEND child and not just supporting in that world, hospitals, operations, schools followed.

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Over the years it has become important to me to come together and share our experiences, supporting parents, families, and professionals. I don't want families fighting and having to reinvent the wheel, I want to support professionals to understand the challenges of our day to day lives. Serving our community is far more important than it ever has been, I am the Family Coordinator at The Chronicle Sunshine Fund, the co-chair of Gateshead Parent Forum and the SEND Governor at my daughter's previous school. NECANN is an opportunity to come together, share and become a collaboration of groups and services that support our children in the North East and that is the goal for all of us. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with you all.

Thanks

Bev

Best wishes

Bev, Tracey and Kerry

NECANN Co-Chair's

ADMIN COMMENTS

Exciting News from The CANN Network!

As we continue to grow, we're moving from regional websites to a single national hub:

www.cann-network.org

This means <https://northeastcann.org> will soon redirect to our new site, and our email addresses are updating too:

- info@northeastcann.org → northeast@cann-network.org
- General enquiries → admin@cann-network.org

We're currently transferring all the information, so both sites will run side by side for a while. But it's a great time to update your mailing lists and contact details now. We'll send reminders as updates come through.

All social media links will remain the same as regional.

Thanks for being part of our journey—here's to expansion and better connection across the UK!

Miriam Watson-Pratt

Administrator

admin@cann-network.org

NEW MEMBERS



**DAISY
CHAIN**
Autism & Neurodiversity

Daisy Chain Project

Adult Autism Support

A needs-led service available to individuals living in Tees Valley who are 16+, Newcastle who are 18+ and Durham who are 16+.

Autism Support Service is commissioned by North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care

Board (NENC ICB) and delivered by Daisy Chain. The service is designed to be needs-led rather than diagnosis-led, meaning individuals on the waiting list for an autism assessment can also access support.

<https://daisychainproject.co.uk/autism-support-service/>

If you know of any groups that may be interested, please get them in touch!

If you are not yet on the NECANN website, you can be added by completing this form:

<https://northeastcann.org/member-registration>

Please only use contact details that are for public use

RESEARCH

No research projects this month

INFO AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NATIONAL / ONLINE

AIM online Choir

Online choir starts back FREE Tue 9th Sept

Inclusive Choir

Tuesday 5pm online
(term time only)

Scan to join us for
FREE

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Registered charity: 1203866



Singing

Using Makaton

Moving your body

Making Sounds

**Using an
Eye-gaze/switch**



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Contact us



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[@accessible_inclusive_music](https://www.instagram.com/accessible_inclusive_music)



[@aimwestyorks.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/aimwestyorks.bsky.social)



www.accessibleinclusivemusic.org.uk

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H.I.E. Conference - Thursday 14th May 2026

Tickets are on sale for our first H.I.E. Conference, taking place on Thursday 14th May 2026 at The Lowry, Manchester.



H.I.E. CONFERENCE

14th May 2026
The Lowry, Salford Quays

Kindly supported by:



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The theme is **“Hear, Inform, Empower.”**

Our first announced speakers are Nicholas Hamilton & Paula Abramson.

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"Nicolas is a disability ambassador and hugely inspiring speaker. Born with Cerebral Palsy, following an H.I.E. event at birth, Nicolas and his parents were told that he would never walk, or talk, but this did not stop him for achieving his dream of becoming a successful racing driver."

Paula Abramson will be joining us on the 14th May 2026, and we hope you will too. Paula is a psychotherapist and training facilitator, specialising in providing bereavement support to families and training for professionals, following the death of a baby or child.

Conference tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hie-conference-tickets-1434277846649>

Me, Myself and School workbook

I am just reaching out to share this workbook I have created to help primary aged children (particularly those whom are autistic and those experiencing Emotional based school non attendance) to explore their feelings about school.

Research and practice suggests that all too often pupil voice can be difficult to obtain and is left out of SEND processes. It is intended that this workbook will provide a platform for parent/carers and professionals to open up discussions about what matters from the unique perspective of the child.

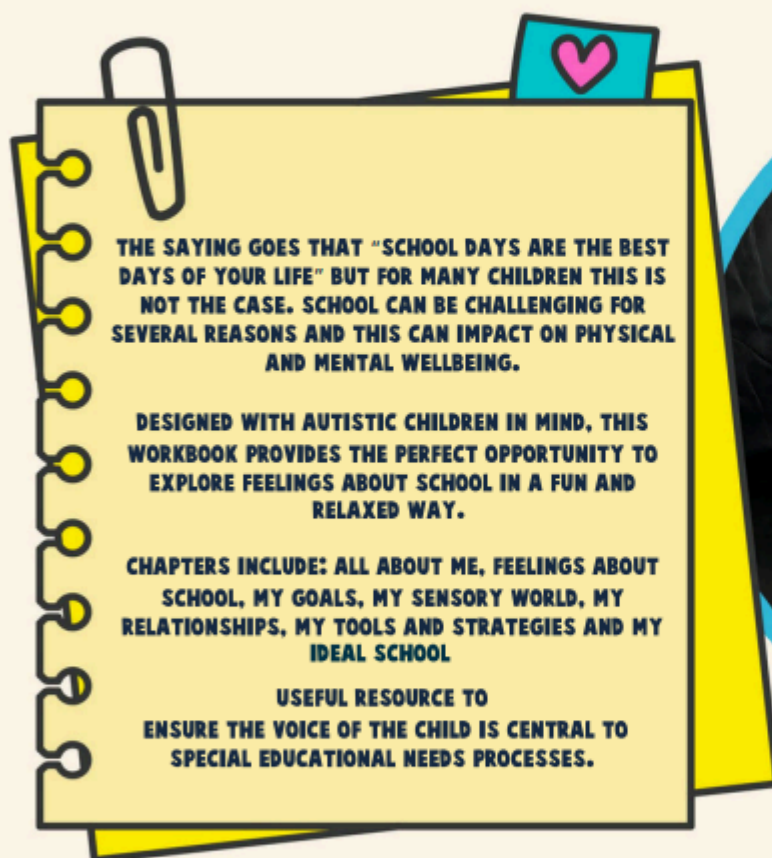
Please feel free to share with anyone whom you feel would benefit.

Kindest regards

Kerrie Highcock
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ME, MYSELF AND SCHOOL

A WORKBOOK FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



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Kerrie@infinite-ed.co.uk



Bringing Us Together

Workshops for Individual Employers and those receiving Direct Payments

We welcome you to our new series of FREE online sessions on Zoom delivered by Bringing Us Together and Adult Social Care Warriors with Guest Speakers. Funded by Skills for Care.



**Wednesday 3rd September 2025
at 1.30pm to 3.30pm**

**Welfare Reform – Managed
Migration and Universal Credit**

Guest Speaker : Gail Ward

Gail Ward is a disabled activist with many years of experience in campaigning for a fairer system for disabled people and their families.

In this session, Gail will be providing an overview of :

- The process of Managed Migration to Universal Credit.
- Transitional Protection
- An update on recent changes to the Universal Credit Bill.

Attend this workshop to make sure you're clear how the changes may affect you and what you need to do about it.

Learn together, share ideas, and meet other like-minded people who employ Personal Assistants/Carers. Resources will be provided.

for info and booking email: karen@bringingus-together.org.uk



**ADULT SOCIAL
CARE WARRIORS**



Doing it Solo



A Bringing Us Together lone parents project for parents of disabled children, young people and adults

Transition to term time workshop



Date:

Monday 8th September 2025

Time:

7.00pm - 9:00pm

Our next workshop will be a relaxed conversation all about the transition back to term time.

Led by Steering group member Noreen, this will be your chance to share the highs and lows of the first week back, what's worked well and any challenges you'd like help with. Our team will share their top tips and we'd love to hear yours so we can all learn from each other.



For more info and booking, email tony@bringingustogether.org.uk

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Summer 'Drop-in' session

A Conversation with The Doing It Solo team.

*Sharing our journeys and our learning
so far*



Date:

Friday 29th August 2025

Time:

10.30am - 12 midday



Our next drop-in session will be an opportunity
for everyone to share our tips for keeping going.
How do we find real support that works for us?

Chat to our team about some of the challenges
we all face and how we can avoid burnout by
coming together.



*For more info and booking, email
tony@bringingusttogether.org.uk*

Signposting Network of Inclusive Support

We would like to build an inclusive network of support for the families and patients with congenital heart defects, whilst delivering our family support service we have identified that often there is so much more that our families need support with and this is something we can help with on our own and want to call on the other fabulous services across our region to build a safe and reassuring network of support and guidance

Would you be happy to share our “ASK” project flyer with your contacts please, those who are interested can be as active as they are able all we ask is that we can share their service logo along with website and contact details on our website, this would illustrate and inform our families of the partnerships we have to ensure they have a safety net of support and services they can contact to meet their individual needs

We may also ask those services to attend events share resources and support us to identify ways we can be more inclusive as a service, but this is not a requirement

All professionals need to do is email me at – sarah.cherry@chsf.org.uk with their logo, names contact and service contact details

I am more than happy to chat about this further

Very best wishes

Sarah



Sarah Cherry
Head of Family Support
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Film project for deaf/hearing impaired child

We are casting a beautiful film set in present-day Scotland, where far-right vigilantes patrol rural communities and enforce their ideology with violence, a 10-year-old deaf girl is torn from her protective older brother during a brutal raid. Escaping into the wilderness, she must navigate an unforgiving, dystopian landscape — relying on her senses, her wits, and the memories of their shared games — to find her way back to him. But when she finally reaches their secret meeting place, the reunion she’s fought so hard for will shatter her heart forever.

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We are trying to find a young deaf actor / hard of hearing for the role of

Amna - ethnicity would be Asian/Mediterranean or mixed ethnicity.

Below I have some more details about the character:

Amna

Female

Playing age of 10-12 years old (actual age must also be above 10)

Must be deaf / hard-of-hearing

Fluent in BSL (Basic or Intermediate considered)

Please email hello@thedramamob.com

Let me know if you need any further information.

Shoot dates: SEP 29th - 3rd Oct.

Helpful resource for autistic children's oral health

A new useful resource regarding autistic children's oral health toothPASTE which is now live:
autismtoothcare.com.

toothPASTE is a free, online resource developed with parents and professionals to support autistic children's oral health and also relevant to many children with additional needs.

It includes small, practical steps to help with toothbrushing, reducing sugary foods and drinks, and attending dental appointments.

The resources are autism-informed, non-judgemental, and easy to use.

(Just to clarify, toothPASTE and autismtoothcare.com are the same project. The website name was chosen based on likely search terms and input from the research).

Sarah Firth

Communications and Insight Manager (SEND)

Healthy Children and Families

Email: sarah.firth@bradford.nhs.uk

LinkedIn: [Sarah Firth | LinkedIn](#)

Website: www.bdcpartnership.co.uk

Direct Payment Support Group Some Dates for your diary 2025 - 2026

Liz Leach from Imagineer Development UK CIC & Support Brokerage Network and Katie Clarke from Accessible Calderdale are pleased to announce a new series of workshops.

Our workshops are for people who already receive a Direct Payment or Personal Budget, or those people who are interested in this option.

These sessions help people to develop a greater understanding about the assessment process, financial assessment, support planning and recruiting and training of Personal Assistants.

Workshops will help attendees know their rights as a Direct Payments recipient.

Our sessions are a safe place to come together with like-minded people, learn together and share what works, what doesn't work and what we can do to make employing our own team/s easier.

Thanks to Skills for Care we are running the following sessions:

- 16th September at the Kings Centre, Halifax 10am to 3pm Recruitment Top Tips
- 15th October online 6pm to 8pm Guidance and Legislation
- 12th November online 6pm to 8pm Not Another Assessment
- 3rd December online 6pm to 8pm Support Planning for Individual Employers
- 12th January online 6pm to 8pm Managing your own PA/s
- TBC February online Disability Related Expenses workshop
- 2nd March full day workshop 10am to 3pm What Does Good Support Look Like?

We will be running 3 outreach workshops for family and disabled led organisations so do get in touch if you want us to join one of your sessions.

We run a closed group for anyone receiving Social Care to share ideas, knowledge, and support.

For more information on the Direct Payment Support Group please contact katie@visitsunlimited.org.uk and follow us on social media @AccessibleCalderdale

For bookings contact lorraine.accessiblecalderdale@gmail.com

Keep Connected: Understanding & living with an acquired brain injury (ABI) in children

This online support event is for parents and carers who suspect their child has an acquired brain injury (ABI) following meningitis.

Date: 16 September 2025

Time: 10.30 am - 12 pm

What topics will the course cover?

Does your child have long-term after-effects from meningitis, such as fatigue, memory problems, changes in behaviour, or sensory issues?

Do you think they have an acquired brain injury (ABI), but you are struggling to get this recognised? Do you need support to get a diagnosis?

What strategies can you give your child to help with their after-effects? And how can you get the support your child deserves in school?

We are delighted to have Dalia Chowdhury, Educational Service Manager at the Child Brain Injury Trust, join us for this online event, to talk us through the journey of getting an acquired brain injury (ABI) diagnosis and the issues your child might be experiencing.

Dalia will also discuss accessing support for your child in school and ways you can support them. Find out more about Dalia [here](#).

This online event, presented over Zoom, will be hosted by Community Support Officer, Paul Blackburn and a member of Meningitis Now staff as tech support.

Interested?

Please book [here](https://www.meningitisnow.org/get-support/support-events/online-support-events/keep-connected-understanding-living-with-an-acquired-brain-injury-abi-in-children/) and we'll be in touch after registrations close on 1 September 2025 to confirm your place.

<https://www.meningitisnow.org/get-support/support-events/online-support-events/keep-connected-understanding-living-with-an-acquired-brain-injury-abi-in-children/>

Any questions?

Email Community Support Officer and event lead Paul Blackburn at paulb@meningitisnow.org

Forever Weekend – Northampton

Join us for our Forever Weekend, a bereavement event for adults aged 18+ who have lost a loved one to meningitis, at Sedgebrook Hall, Northampton.

Event information

Date: Friday 10 October 2025 - Saturday 11 October 2025

Location: Sedgebrook Hall, Pitsford Rd, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8BD

Key Information

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Date: Friday 10 to Saturday 11 October 2025

Time: 10am on Friday to Saturday afternoon

Location: Sedgebrook Hall, Pitsford Rd, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8BD

We are pleased to announce that our next Forever Weekend will take place at [Sedgebrook Hall](#).

Sedgebrook Hall is located in the picturesque village of Chapel Brampton, in the heart of the beautiful Northampton countryside. Set in idyllic country gardens, Sedgebrook Hall seamlessly mixes Victorian heritage with modern comforts. The hotel has a Gym and Pool which you can use and a beauty Spa which you can book.

Whether your loss happened recently or some time ago, by attending this event you will have the opportunity to:

- Have time away in safe and supportive surroundings
- Talk about your loved one
- Understand grief, bereavement and its impact
- Share experiences with others who understand
- Find comfort, hope and reassurance that you are not alone
- Access support from our Meningitis Now support team

Throughout the weekend you can join in the suggested programme of supportive discussion groups and creative activities – but also take time to relax and reflect with others who understand. Please join us for this warm and supportive weekend

What's included?

Attendance; including your accommodation, full board and attendance to all sessions.

If you would also like to stay at the hotel on Thursday 9 October please let us know and we will provide your room and breakfast on the Friday morning. Please arrange your own dinner for Thursday evening.

If you are unsure about attending or have any aspects you would like to talk over, please contact the event lead Esme Lee (Community Support Officer) on esmel@meningitisnow.org or call 07468476068.

Travel is not included but if the cost of travel is a barrier to you attending, please contact us.

To register, please follow the link below

Please find terms and conditions [here](#).

<https://www.meningitisnow.org/get-support/support-events/forever-events/forever-weekend-norhampton/>

[Contact our meningitis Helpline | Meningitis Now](#)

[Meningitis support in the community | Meningitis Now](#)

Health Conference - Principles for Delivering Clinical Tasks in Education Settings for Children and Young People with EHCPs.

A conference from the Newcastle upon Tyne Pilot and other regional variations in partnership with MiSS (Medicines in Specialist Schools), Regional NHS England, ICB's, DfE.



Health Conference 21st November 2025

Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road,
Central London, NW1 2BJ - 9:30am - 3:15pm

Principles for Delivering Clinical Tasks in Education Settings for Children and Young People with EHCPs.

A conference from the Newcastle upon Tyne Pilot and other regional variations in partnership with MiSS (Medicines in Specialist Schools), Regional NHS England, ICB's, DfE.

£149
+VAT

A new Health Support Assistant Role for Specialist settings to deliver medications and enteral feeds with full job protection, training and clinical supervision.

"We want to share our journey in bringing Health Governance into an educational setting."

Principles

- The importance of the principles of Health delegation to schools.
- The interpretation of the current Children & Families Act 2014.
- The importance of developing the foundations, creating new systems, including governance, data and partnership working.
- The awareness that skills already lie in the people that are in the service and understanding what a change in the system can offer in terms of opportunity.
- The importance of partnership work agreeing and sharing responsibilities.

This conference is an opportunity for colleagues in Education and Health to learn from the Newcastle Pilot and other regional groups' journeys to meeting the Health Care Needs of our Children and Young People with EHCP's.

- How do we audit the Health needs in our EHCP's?
- How do we commission Health Care from the ICBs?
- How do we ensure Local Authorities provide governance of Health in Education?
- How do we secure job protection in new Health roles in partnership with the unions?
- How do we ensure clinical supervision remains with Health?

These and more questions will hopefully be answered.



Health Conference Programme

9:00

Registration, coffee and networking
Welcome and Introduction

9:45 - 10:15

Benedict Coffin (DfE SEND Unit)

Identifying the areas specialist settings are experiencing.
Separation of 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' advice
vs entitlement.

10:15 - 11:00

Principles - The Newcastle Pilot - Sharing
one set of principles; one model.

11:00 - 11:20

Tea/Coffee and networking

11:20 - 11:40

Leeds

11:40 - 12:00

Bradford

12:00 - 12:20

Cumbria

12:20 - 13:10

Lunch and networking

13:10 - 13:50

MP for Newcastle upon Tyne North – Catherine McKinnell
Minister of State for School Standards

13:50 - 14:10

Greater Manchester

14:10 - 14:30

Pharmacy Team

14:30 - 14:45

Tea/Coffee and networking

14:45 - 15:15

MISS (Medicines in Specialist Schools)

15:15 - 16:00

Q&A and networking



For more information please contact admin@equalsoffice.co.uk

Equals national conferences are usually oversubscribed so early booking is recommended.
To book a place, please email admin@equalsoffice.co.uk or you can ring using 0191 272 1222.
There is also an online form on the equals website at www.equals.co.uk



Changing Faces Workshop for Children and Families - Supporting your child

Our Supporting Your Child online workshop is full of advice and top practical tips to support parents and carers of children and young people, who have a scar, mark or condition on their face or body that makes them look different.

Read on for more details about the workshop and to find out how to register.

Key details

- Date: Tuesday 21st October 2025
- Time: 7.15pm – 9:00pm
- Location: Zoom
- Who is it aimed at? Parents and carers

About the day

The workshop will include:

- How to handle staring and awkward social situations
- Building confidence for you and your child
- The opportunity to listen to guest speakers talking about their own experiences of living with a visible difference

To make sure everyone feels comfortable, we will be capping attendance at around 22 parents or carers. Partners and co-parents are also welcome to attend together.

Once a participant has registered for the workshop, a member of our Wellbeing Team will get in touch to arrange a short, informal pre-workshop call on Zoom to meet you.

Register Here:

<https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/services-support/workshops-for-children-families>

Guide Dogs My Time to Play Virtual Sessions for children with a visual impairment aged 0-4



Guide Dogs My Time To Play Virtual Sessions 2025 for children with a vision impairment aged 0-4

We offer fun and supportive group sessions to help your child develop the practical skills and confidence to explore their world – all through the power of play. You will meet other parents and pick up skills from our expert staff that will help you support your child's early development with confidence.

Sessions run for seven consecutive weeks starting dates are:

Friday 31st January 10.00-11.00 a.m. - with Heather & Maria
Monday 3rd March 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Imogen and Lauren
Friday 2nd May 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Maria & Celina
Wednesday 2nd July 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Sophie & Victoria
Friday 5th September 10.00-11.00 a.m. - with Sharon & Abbie
Friday 23rd October 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Rebecca, Alice and Machala

Give them the best possible start in life and sign up for our My Time to Play virtual programme by calling 0800 781 1444 or by using the online enquiry form <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/getting-in-touch-form/>



Guide Dogs is a working name of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Registered Office: Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3YG.
A company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (291646) and a charity registered in England and Wales (209617),
Scotland (SC038979) and Isle of Man (1334).

Communication Matters International AAC Conference - Early Bird Discount ends 11th July

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7-9 September 2025 at the University of Leeds

Registration is now open for the UK's only in-person event that brings together AAC users, their families, carers, researchers, professionals, and suppliers for four days of learning, networking, socialising, and celebrating Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). The conference is expected to welcome 500+ attendees from the UK and beyond.

Here's a glimpse of what you can expect:

Hear from keynote speaker Professor Bronwyn Hemsley, Head of Speech Pathology, University of Technology Sydney, speaking on "Identity and Connections: AAC, AI & Authorship"

80+ presentations and workshops covering research, clinical practice, and personal stories

Visit the exhibition featuring leading AAC and AT suppliers

Attend the biennial AAC Awards including dinner and dancing

Join the Research Study Day with parallel sessions on "The Future of AI in AAC" and "Becoming an Aided Communicator"

To learn more visit <https://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/conference/>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

Grace House Bespoke Workshops for Parent/Carers

We are very excited to have secured Dr Katherine Uher psychotherapist, author, and researcher specialising in autism, trauma, and systemic harm to offer a bespoke workshop for our parent carers.

Positive Behaviour Workshop will run for 3 consecutive Mondays - 15th, 22nd and 29th September 10am-2pm

Pilot Stay and Play will run for 2 consecutive weeks. Tuesday, 23rd and 30th September 9:30am-11am

Dr Katherine Uher will be coming in to do a presentation/workshop for parent carers regarding 'Supporting Autistic and ADHD Families in Systems Not Built for Us'. This will be on Tuesday, 11th November 9:30-12:30pm

We are expecting all of these to be popular based on what we are hearing from our families so booking will be essential.

Kindest regards
Kellie Moore
Grace House Family Support

Coffee Afternoon at Hadrian School

Hadrian School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 26th September from 1:00pm.

All CANN members are warmly invited to attend — it's a great opportunity to enjoy some refreshments, connect with others, and see the school in action.

Chris.Rollings@hadrian.newcastle.sch.uk

North East Sight Matters Annual Review

North East Sight Matters have produced an excellent Annual Report for review. Looks like a fantastic year was had!

Daisy Chain Adult Autism Support Service

Hello,
I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Amy Jordison, and I am the Adult Autism Support Lead for Newcastle. I'm reaching out to introduce myself and share information about the new Adult Autism Support service delivered by Daisy Chain.

This service is designed to support individuals aged 18+ in the Newcastle area who are either on the waiting list for an autism diagnosis or already have an autism diagnosis.
Our Adult Autism Support in Newcastle is now accepting self-referrals.

We offer a range of needs-led and accessible support, including:

- Peer support drop-ins
- One-to-one appointments
- Workshops to help individuals better understand their diagnosis and what it means for them

You can find out more here: <https://daisychainproject.co.uk/newcastle-autism-support-service-2/>

 Email: adult.support@daisychainproject.co.uk

We are also delighted to invite you to a networking event where professionals can connect, share ideas, and learn more about the Daisy Chain Newcastle Adult Support Service.

Event Details:



Friday, 26 September



9:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Recovery College, Newcastle, NE1 6UF



Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to welcoming you.
Thank you for your time and support.
Warm regards,

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Amy Jordison (she/her)
Adult Autism Support Lead
amy.jordison@daisychainproject.co.uk



Newcastle Autism Support

Designed to provide support at every stage of your autism journey, from the beginning of your diagnostic journey and beyond.

Is this service right for me?

- ✓ Are you over the age of 18?
- ✓ Do you have, or are you awaiting an autism diagnosis?
- ✓ Do you live in Newcastle?

What will the service offer me?

-  Information and advice
-  Weekly drop in sessions
-  Bookable 1:1 appointments
-  Understanding Myself workshops
-  Connecting to local support

How do I access support?

-  Call the team on 01642 531248 (option 2)
-  Email
adult.support@daisychainproject.co.uk
-  Visit our website by scanning the QR code.

SCAN ME



Events at Useful Vision July - Sept 2025



July - August - September 2025

**Activities for visually impaired children
across the North East**



www.usefulvision.org.uk

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info@northeastcann.org

How to book

Get in touch with our friendly team via one of the following options.

CALL: 0191 264 1959

EMAIL: usefulvision@hwn.org.uk

ONLINE: usefulvision.org.uk/events

Once you have booked you will receive a confirmation email.

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Events at a glance...

July:

Sunday 6 July	Border Reivers Archers
Sunday 13 July	The Art Room
Sunday 20 July	Elswick Community Swimming Pool
Wednesday 30 July	NUFC Tour

August:

Saturday 2 Aug	Lilidorei & Alnwick Garden
Wednesday 6 Aug	NUFC Tour
Tuesday 12 Aug	Useful Vision's Fun Morning
Wednesday 13 Aug	Stepney Bank Stables
Saturday 16 Aug	Air Trail at Tees Barrage
Tuesday 19 Aug	Creative Music Session
Thursday 21 Aug	Humbles Wood Animal Activity Farm

September:

Saturday 6	Gutterball Bowling
Saturday 27	Lakeside Swimming Pool

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Special offer for CANN members - DRIFT from Interplay Theatre

Interplay Sensory Theatre have some available dates on our tour for £800 a day, and groups can get in touch with me to find out more. There's also a QR code there to recommend us to a school.



You are invited to book...

DRIFT

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**THE INTERACTIVE ARCADE INSPIRED SHOW FOR
AUDIENCES WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, PMLD
AND/OR AUTISM**

We tour into Charity Settings and Schools nationally,
and have availability in the North East

**Contact kirsty@interplaytheatre.org.uk for more
information**

Cost: £800 per day
Shows: 2 shows per day
Capacity: 30 people max
Space required: 6m x 6m
Discounts available for
consecutive days

If this show isn't right for your
setting, but you'd like to
reccomend us to an SEN
School, please send them this
flyer, or give us their contact
information here:



Dates available in the North East

Tuesday 23rd September
Wednesday 24th September
Thursday 25th September
Friday 26th September
Saturday 27th BOOKED

North Tyneside Autism Hub

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For parents / carers of children who are awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in North Tyneside.

We have the following dates available:

Riverside Family Hub
NE29 6DQ

02/09
07/10
04/11
02/12

Howdon Family Hub
NE28 0AL

09/09
14/10
11/11
09/12

Shiremoor Family Hub
NE27 0TA

16/09
21/10
18/11



Supporting your autistic child workshop

The workshop will cover:

- worries and action planning
- common misconceptions
- differences in autistic children
- practical strategies to use in everyday life

These sessions will run 10-12 and must be pre-booked.

One to one appointments

These appointments are for families that have questions or would like to discuss any issues in confidence.

These appointments are available between 9-10 and 12.30-4 and must be pre-booked.



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Newcastle Autism Hubs

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autism society

For parents / carers of children who are on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in Newcastle



We have the following dates available:

Nunsmoor Centre, Studley Terrace, NE4 5AH	Galafield Centre Newbiggin Ln, NE5 1LZ	Byker Sands 19 Raby Cross, NE6 2FF	Fawdon Childrens Centre, Cairns Way, NE3 2SN
03/09	10/09	17/09	24/09
01/10	08/10	15/10	22/10
05/11	12/11	19/11	26/11
03/12	10/12		

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Durham Autism Hubs

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For parents / carers of children who are awaiting a referral to the neurodevelopmental diagnostic team, on the diagnostic pathway or post diagnosis of autism.

Children must be living in Durham.

We have the following dates available:

Stanley Family Hub
Clifford Road, DH9 0AB

07/08
04/09
02/10
06/11
04/12

Willington Family Hub
Chapel Street, DL15 0EQ

14/08
11/09
09/10
13/11
11/12



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ZOOM WEBINARS

SUPPORTING THE EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN

30th September
25th November
1.00 - 3.00pm

Please note this course is suitable for parents / carers of children 7 and over who are experiencing low level emotional wellbeing difficulties.

Places are limited and must be pre-booked.

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Parents/carers only. You only need to attend one date for each course, they are repeat sessions.

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