



WYCANN COMMUNICATION
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INTRODUCTION

West Yorkshire 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 info@westyorkshirecann.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 WYCANN Website at:
<https://www.cann-network.org/blog/>

WYCANN MEETING DATES

Wed 19th November 2025
10am-12pm
Phoenix Dance Theatre,
St Cecilia Street, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7PA

CHAIR COMMENTS

Welcome back — we hope you had a restful and restorative summer.

As we return to our shared mission of supporting families and children with additional needs, this is a valuable moment to reconnect, reflect, and re-energise. The work we do is often complex and emotionally demanding, but it's also deeply impactful — and the past few months have shown just how powerful our collective efforts can be. From successful transitions into education settings, to creative multi-agency collaborations, and families feeling more empowered and heard — we've seen some truly inspiring outcomes across the network. In this edition, we'll be spotlighting upcoming opportunities, and offering space to reflect on how we can continue to grow, learn, and support one another in the months ahead. We will also be asking you for your contributions and ideas as we start planning in earnest for our first CANN networks conference which will take place early next year. Happy reading everyone and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next in-person meeting on Wed 19th November at Phoenix Dance Theatre.

Lucy, Carmel and Miriam

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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://westyorkshirecann.org> will soon redirect to our new site, and our email addresses are updating too:

- info@westyorkshirecann.org → westyorkshire@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
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NEW MEMBERS

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

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

<https://www.westyorkshirecann.org/member-registration>

Please only use contact details that are for public use

RESEARCH

No research projects this month

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - ONLINE/NATIONAL/REGIONAL

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

SCAN ME



Registered charity: 1203866



Singing

Using Makaton

Moving your body

Making Sounds

**Using an
Eye-gaze/switch**



Accessible Inclusive Music (AIM)

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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

Registered charity: 1203866



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:



BoltBurdonKemp



The theme is “Hear, Inform, Empower.”

Our first announced speakers are Nicholas Hamilton & Paula Abramson.

"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>

Bringing Us Together Upcoming Online Courses

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@bringingustogether.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

Doing it Solo



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

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@bringingustogether.org.uk*

Doing Good Leeds Round-Up

Here's the latest round-up of news, events, jobs, training and other useful content shared on Doing Good Leeds over the last month.

<https://mailchi.mp/val/doing-good-leeds-sept-2023-round-up-4723847?e=2d3ba2f646>

SENDiVERSE Festival 2025 - Bradford and Keighley, Micro-commissions available

Good Afternoon,

We are delighted to announce plans for SENDiVERSE a brand new, district-wide festival celebrating all things SEND. Designed for children, young people and families SENDiVERSE is taking place over October half term (27th October to 1st November) and we are inviting your organisation to get involved.

What can you do?

There are two ways to be involved:

1. Host a SEND activity for children, young people or families between Monday 27th October and Friday 31st October.
2. Take part in the Big Bang event on Saturday 1st November. We will be releasing information about this in the coming weeks.

Hosting an Activity

We want to see a range of inclusive activities and events for SEND children, parents and carers and are inviting your organisation to get involved by hosting and running an event at your own location between 27th October and 31st October. The activity you offer might be something you are already planning, or you might like to create something specially for SENDiVERSE. Rap sessions, art class or drama workshop – we need a range of activities to inspire young people to participate during the week. This is a celebration of all things SEND. If you are a sports organisation you might want to put on introductory sessions, if you are a support organisation you could run a coffee morning and chat for parents/carers or if you are supporting young people into work and independent living you might like to host an inspirational talk, tour or activity. It's entirely up to you what you offer. We will provide you with a media pack so that you may promote and share your activity using SENDiVERSE branding. There is more information about this on our website.

Micro-commissions for Arts, Culture and Creativity Activities

We have financial support available for Arts, Culture and Creativity Activities. You can apply for funding upto £500 however we expect applications to average £250. This can include direct delivery costs (excluding salaries) room hire, materials, and contracted workshop leader/artist. Full details are available on our website.

For more information and to apply for a micro-commission please follow this link to our website:
[SENDiVERSE](#)

If you have any queries please contact us:

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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.

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.

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
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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).

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Invitation to collaborate- Hackcessible 2025 Challenger Opportunity

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Hackcessible, a student-lead initiative in a university in Sheffield where we invite students across different studies creating innovative solutions for individuals with disabled needs. I am writing to explore the possibility of partnering with your organisation to find a 'challenger' for our upcoming Hackcessible programme and we would really appreciate it if you can pass on this invitation to the relevant person or department.

Here is an overview of Hackcessible. It is a 6 week long competition where we find people with disabled needs, known as challengers, to share their problems and propose a challenge to students to build an assistive device or prototype to help with their needs. Hackcessible has been running since 2018. It has brought challengers, engineering students, designers together to co-develop impactful solutions. In the last Hackcessible, we had 67 participants, 8 challengers and all of them finished with a functional prototype where 5 of them are classified as ready-to-go.

Challengers can be individuals with disability, their carers, friends or representatives of charities. Where a specific need can be addressed by one of our student teams by designing and creating a customised prototype. They have to be okay with having the nature of their disabled need shared with students along with their first name or a pseudonym and to be okay with working with us to nail down a brief for the students. They may withdraw from the project at any time and we will provide assistance with travel costs if they would like to visit the university. By participating, challengers are not only contributing to a more accessible world but may also receive a functional prototype to help them with their daily lives. While we aim to complete a functional prototype, we cannot guarantee that one will be complete by the end of the event.

If you know anyone who might be interested, we'd be grateful if you could share the invitation with them or point us in the right direction. Alternatively, if they have decided to take part in Hackcessible as a challenger, can they please fill out this form? If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or contact us at hackcessible@sheffield.ac.uk. Thank you for your time and consideration, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Latisha
Secretary, Hackcessible

I asked for a little more info:

Hackcessible is a 6 week long event, which will run from October to February. There are 2 events that we would highly encourage challengers to be on campus with us, the opening event and the final make-a-thon. The opening event in October where challengers and students taking part in Hackcessible meet and talk about their specific needs and their challenge. (We are more than happy to help challengers to shape their challenge proposal.) As for the final make-a-thon, it is planned to take place in February. This is when students should have their prototype completed and it is challengers' to take home if they are happy with the prototype. Travel cost will be covered by Hackcessible for challengers to attend our events on campus. In between those 2 events, it would be ideal if the challenger can keep in touch with student teams to provide feedback to their designs every one or two weeks, either online or in-person.

In terms of age range, we welcome any age. If the person themselves do not feel comfortable joining us, they can have their carer/friends joining on behalf of them. We did have one challenge in this format last year.

Regarding maximum numbers, for previous years, we typically have 8-10 challenges. This year, we are aiming for about the same number with the potential to stretch to 12 challenges. If the response is more than we can accommodate, we will have to look into the complexity of challenges. (Hackcessible is limited due to it is only 6 weeks long event. Majority of student teams are formed by undergraduate students and each team usually have around 400-600 pounds budget to complete their prototype. The attached pdf is examples of what is possible through Hackcessible, hopefully that will give a better idea of what level of complexity we can explore.) Another possibility is we will narrow down by the variety of challenges. For example, if we have 2 challengers with hearing impairment who have similar needs, we will discuss with them to explore the possibility of having them together on one challenge. Moreover, Hackcessible is run annually. If

anyone is keen to join us, there will be chances again next year. We try our best to accommodate all challengers, it will be very unfortunate if we have to turn any challengers away.

I am more than happy for people to contact me (yylchau1@sheffield.ac.uk), please feel free to share my contact info. They can also email hackcessible@sheffield.ac.uk for more information. Alternatively, if they would like to become a challenger, they can fill out the google form, through [this link, https://forms.gle/XJu1WUVAuVFxDEWE6](https://forms.gle/XJu1WUVAuVFxDEWE6) After filling out the form, generally our lead and I will be in touch through email/ phone to understand more about their needs and to discuss their challenge proposal with them.

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

Free Interactive Workshop Opportunity for Young People Aged 14–25

The West Yorkshire Youth Commission is excited to offer free, peer-led workshops focused on Violence, Exploitation, and Accessing Support Services for young people aged 14–25.

These workshops are both educational and empowering, giving young people a platform to share their experiences and ideas directly with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership and the Mayor of West Yorkshire.

Through engaging activities such as games, quizzes, and group discussions, participants will explore key issues, highlight the barriers they face in accessing support, and contribute valuable insights on how services can better prevent and respond to violence and exploitation.

Each workshop lasts approximately 1 hour and can be tailored to meet the needs of your group.

If you're interested in bringing this session to your organisation or would like more information, we'd love to hear from you. Please email me on amber@leaders-unlocked.org

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](#) 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

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>

Communication Matters International AAC Conference



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/>



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.
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Scotland (SC038979) and Isle of Man (1334).

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - LEEDS

Made with Music Mini-Gig

Brudenell Social Club, Leeds, LS6 1NY
Sunday 21st September 2025

An accessible, family friendly gig at Leeds' best loved music venue! Three contrasting acts playing short sets on a Sunday afternoon for the whole family to enjoy. Doors open at 12noon with the first act playing at 12.30pm. Mobiloo toilet available for those who need it and different seating options for everyone (beanbags, chairs, mats etc)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/made-with-music/made-with-music-mini-gig/e-egvrov>

Harewood House Feedback on Accessible Playground Signage

We're sharing a fantastic opportunity from our friends at Harewood House to help shape the future of accessible play.

They're looking for feedback on accessible playground signage—your insights will help make play more inclusive for all children and families.

Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HarewoodPlayscapeSurvey>

Let's help make outdoor spaces more welcoming and accessible together!

#AccessiblePlay #InclusiveDesign #HarewoodHouse #CommunityVoices #CANNNetwork
#PlayForAll

Meet the Funder: National Lottery Heritage Fund with Voluntary Action Leeds

The next Meet the Funder event will be:

Meet the Funder: National Lottery Heritage Fund Grants, on Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm on zoom.

Meet Hazel Curtis, National Lottery Heritage Fund Engagement Manager, North and learn about funding of £10,000 to £250,000 available for all types of projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK.

You will be able to find out about the kind of projects that can be funded, eligibility criteria and how to apply.

National Lottery Heritage Fund grants will fund a broad range of projects. It can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations. This could include:

- nature and habitats,
- historic buildings and environments,
- or cultures, traditions and people's memories.

There is a focus on:

- Saving heritage
- Protecting the environment
- Inclusion, access and participation
- Organisational sustainability

Grants can be spent on e.g. Activities:

- to engage the wider community in your heritage such as guided heritage walks, sharing oral histories or workshops;
- Repairs and conservation;
- Digital outputs;
- staff;
- training;
- professional fees and so on

There is no deadline, and you can get advice before applying.

Funding is open to a range of not-for-profit organisations including charities, CIO's, voluntary and community groups, CIC's, Parish Councils, faith-based organisations or churches and partnerships.

For further information about the fund go to; [National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000 | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

For further details and how to book go to: [Meet the Funder: National Lottery Heritage Grants - Doing Good Leeds](#)

PHAB are looking for Volunteer Drivers!

URGENT

Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed!

We're seeking friendly, reliable volunteer drivers to transport members, both able-bodied and those with disabilities, to the PHAB Club at Prince Philip Centre Leeds 7. If you enjoy driving, making a positive impact, can spare a few hours each week, this opportunity is perfect for you!

What you'll do:

- Drive a fully accessible minibus
- Help passengers board safely
- Provide essential transport for social outings
- Join a team of dedicated volunteers

Requirements:

- Commitment to some Friday evenings
- Valid clean driving license
- Fit, aged 25-75

PHAB provides Safeguarding and Basic First Aid Training.

Join us, help others stay connected, enjoying meeting friends and having fun. Make a difference - apply today!

Contact Ann Hart on 01937 573 722
or email ann.hartphab@btinternet.com



Volunteer Window Display in Leeds Market

My name is Jordan and I'm based at the Volunteer Centre in Leeds Market (run by Voluntary Action Leeds).

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day is on 8th October, and we'd like to create a window display to showcase the volunteering opportunities at organisations across Leeds.

Do you have any volunteering posters we could share? If so, please send them back to me at this email address, and I'll put them on display.

There are a multitude of ways that we could help:

Social media

Please tag us in any posts about volunteering, and we'll like and share. We are:

- @VolunteerLeeds on Twitter
- Volunteer Centre Leeds on Facebook

- volunteercentreleeds on Instagram

VC Takeovers

You can set up a stall and spend the day (or a few hours over lunchtime) with us here at the market, talking to passers-by about your volunteering opportunities (we have tables and chairs you can use). Please let me know if you'd like to come down, and I'll get you booked in.

Doing Good Leeds

You can share your roles on our website, [Doing Good Leeds](#), which gets viewed by around 7000 people per quarter, looking for volunteering opportunities across the city.

Please let me know if there are any other ways we can support you. Please also share with any partners or colleagues who might be interested.

Kind regards,
Jordan Armitage
Volunteering@Val.org.uk

FREE Circle of Support Health and Wellbeing training course

for Support Workers who work with learning disabled / autistic adults

Date: Thursday 4 September | 9.30am-1.30pm - complimentary lunch included

Venue: The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, Gipton, Leeds LS9 6NL

Learn how to better support people to eat a healthy diet, manage their weight, be more active and to explore their emotional wellbeing.

The Healthy Lifestyles Team at People in Action has developed a FREE half-day training course for people who work with learning disabled and/or autistic adults. Our experienced team will take small groups through the need-to-know basics of health and wellbeing, tailor sessions to be specific to the people you support and offer help and advice on both specific and more general issues.

We will shortly also be running courses for family and friends of learning disabled and/or autistic adults.

For more information or to book your place please contact al.mayes@peopleinaction.org.uk or call 0113 244 3729.

Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund



Healthy Lifestyle Project

New!
For Support Workers and Family Members!

Circle of Support Training Session

PEOPLE IN ACTION
Registered Charity No: 701434

COMMUNITY FUND

People in Action is running a **FREE** training session for **family members, support workers, and other people who support learning disabled and autistic people.**

Learn how to more effectively support people to:

- Eat a healthy diet** (Icons: bread, water bottle, eggs, vegetables, fruit)
- Be more active** (Icons: person running, person stretching, person sitting)
- Manage their weight** (Icon: person on a scale)
- Explore emotional wellbeing** (Icon: person with thought bubbles)

This session runs both online or in person, whichever works for you.
If you're interested, please contact Al on 0113 2443729 or email al.mayes@peopleinaction.org.uk

Leeds City College Leaflets for Sept-Oct

Leaflet 1 - Leeds City College Quieter open event provides the time and space for anyone to have detailed conversations about starting college. We have multiple campuses open across different dates, you can find out more and book with details on the leaflet.



Quieter Open Events

Shape your future in a quieter environment

Designed to provide a supportive space to ask the important questions about your future, our quieter open events allow you to explore your future college **without all the hustle and bustle.**

Talk to us about your course options, meet your tutors and explore any support you might need when you study with us.

Visit the campus where your course will take place and get familiar with the facilities where you will study.



Limited visitor numbers ensure a quieter environment in which to start shaping your future.
Book your place online at: leedscitycollege.ac.uk/open-events



Tuesday 4 November 2025 | 4.30-6.30pm

Park Lane Campus

- Science
- Sport
- Leeds Sports Connect
- Future Pathways
- Step Up to A Levels (SUTA)
- A Levels (Leeds Sixth Form College)



Thursday 6 November 2025 | 4.30-6.30pm

Quarry Hill Campus

- Creative Arts
- Education & Early Years
- Health Science & Social Care
- Public Services

Tuesday 11 November 2025 | 4.30-6.30pm

Printworks Campus

- Animal Care & Land Management (some classroom delivery at Printworks Campus and practical learning at Temple Newsam)
- Business
- Catering & Hospitality
- Digital & IT
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair, Beauty & Media Makeup
- Sustainable Technologies & Motor Vehicle
- Travel & Tourism



Tuesday 11 November 2025 | 4.30-6.30pm

Somerville House

- Enterprise & Employability
- RE: (workshop delivery at Mabgate Campus)

A member of Luminate Education Group

Leaflet 2 – The Vine, in Burmantofts, is Leeds City College's specialist, purpose-built centre for learners with profound and multiple learning difficulties. You can find out more and arrange a visit by contacting us on the details on the leaflet.

The Vine PMLD Provision

A specialist PMLD provision for those learners with education, health and care plans and/or SEND.

The Vine provides personalised learning programmes to meet the needs of learners with severe and complex learning difficulties. Specialist support staff lead on behaviour and intervention, personal and medical care, mental health and wellbeing, physiotherapy & hydrotherapy.

Students will also be allocated smaller class sizes and a personal tutor who will provide them with pastoral support, information advice and guidance and help them to progress through their learning journey.

If you would like to book an individual tour and visit to The Vine please email:
vine-stakeholdervisits@leedscitycollege.ac.uk



Highlights of our Ofsted report include:

- Learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities are well supported by qualified staff.
- Learners with high needs benefit from inclusive and personalised learning pathways which enable them to develop their knowledge and skills alongside their resilience and their independence. Consequently, they are prepared well for further study or employment, including supported internships.
- Learners with profound multiple learning disabilities receive well-coordinated specialist support, including speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, that meets their needs and enables them to engage fully in their learning.

For more information contact:



vine-stakeholdervisits@leedscitycollege.ac.uk
0113 284 6680



A member of Limestone Education Group

What will the course offer?

Our bitesize curriculum offer supports with sensory stimulation and is split into the below strands:

• Social Emotional Development

For young people with SLD, PMLD and CLDD who experience a range of social emotional difficulties, which impact how they learn and interact with others. This curriculum develops; personal wellbeing, communicating needs and wants, making choices and expressing thoughts and feelings.

• Communication (Speech & Language)

Our communication curriculum is devised to encourage the development of; responding to social events and activities, interacting with others and intensive interaction.

• Sensory & Cognition

Helps learners explore their senses for learning and sensory stimulation that encourage the development of; motor/ gross motor skills, physical sensory skills, tactile awareness, position tolerance, sensory integrations and visual & auditory skills.

• Physical Interaction

Designed to allow learners who are physically impaired, or who are still learning to move, to engage in physical interaction in order to develop; body awareness, positional changes, mobility, grasping/ releasing and standing/walking.

As many of our learners have special educational needs or profound and multiple learning difficulties the offer of education is around appropriate learning to support life outcomes. This personalised approach is driven by the EHCP outcomes and their chosen pathway for learning.

In addition to their chosen pathway students will also benefit from English and maths sessions that will allow them to develop communication and number skills appropriate to them.

Leaflet 3 - Joseph Priestley Centre, situated in the suburb of Beeston and is the home to Leeds City College Foundation Studies (Preparing for Adult Life). We have 2 upcoming open events where you can find out more and book your place by contact us on the details on the leaflet.

Foundation Studies Preparing for Adult Life

**A specialist provision for those learners with Education,
Health and Care plans and/or SEND.**

Our Foundation Studies provision at Joseph Priestley Centre provides personalised learning programmes to meet the needs of learners with severe and complex learning difficulties.

Learning programmes are created around the individual learners EHCP outcomes alongside the development of life skills, communication and independence.

We support each learner to reach their potential and encourage them to be as independent as possible through a preparation for adulthood framework of delivery.

Visit us at one of our open events:

- Saturday 25 October, 10am-12pm
- Saturday 6 December, 10am-12pm

Joseph Priestley Centre, Beeston, Burton Avenue, Leeds, LS11 5ER

To book or ask any questions please email: eventsmarketing@luminate.ac.uk



Specialist Support

We understand that all learners' skills and needs vary and recognise that it is likely that learners will need a higher level of support throughout their lives. Foundation Studies benefits from a specialist 'Care Team' who support learners with varying levels of personal and medical care.

Students will also be allocated smaller class sizes and a personal tutor who will provide them with pastoral support, information advice and guidance and help them to progress through their learning journey.

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- Learners with profound multiple learning disabilities receive well-coordinated specialist support, including speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, that meets their needs and enables them to engage fully in their learning.

What will the course offer?

Our curriculum is split into strands of support with a bite size curriculum offer. The key strands are:

- **Independent Living and Community Inclusion**
A skill-based curriculum that allows you to develop a sense of who you are, whilst experiencing the wider community. Develop your basic cooking skills, learn household tasks, take part in enrichment events, manage a personal budget, and develop your communication skills for personal and social development.
- **Work/Employment**
Take part in real-life work experiences, both individually and in small groups. These courses include aspects of independent living, community living and working with others with a focus of progressing into voluntary or paid work.
- **Vocational Stepping Stones**
A destination led curriculum exploring vocational skills and knowledge, equipping you with the entry requirements to progress into wider college vocational courses.
- **Exploring and Securing Future Opportunities**
A skills-based curriculum where you explore the opportunities available post-college. You will visit communities and organisations, and take part in activities and/or work experience that will allow a smooth transition into your chosen destination.

For more information contact:

 eventsmarketing@luminare.ac.uk
 0113 284 6680

A member of Luminare Education Group

Relaxed sessions for Clarks Shoes

Good Morning,

I'm the store manager of Clarks Leeds Trinity. As this is our first year back in the city centre for a few years, we wanted to spread awareness of our quiet time appointment bookings for children/young adults with SEND or other additional needs and hoped that you could help make parents / guardians aware of this service.

We offer quiet time appointments that can be booked in-store or over the phone where we open the store for 1 family at a time to reduce over-stimulation and help keep nerves stable. It offers reduced noise, light and smell to help sensory needs and would mean a 0-wait time. As with every customer the family will be helped by a trained fitter who can measure and fit for school shoes, or any other shoes needed.

I have attached the poster for our quiet time and a storyboard we like to give to families who choose to use the service.

It would be great if you could share this with the families you work with and hopefully provides a bit of help from us 😊 Our phone number is 0113 5321555 & we are located on the middle floor of Trinity next to Primark, just up from Boots.

YOUR NEW SHOES STORYBOARD

 Hello My Name Is....	 Sit Down	 PLEASE TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES Shoes Off	 Measure	 Choose	 Wait	 Shoes On	 Stand Up
 Check	 Walk	 Stop	 Pay	 Book Next Appointment	 Goodbye	 Enjoy Your New Shoes	

Your Name:
Date:
Your Shoe Size:
Next Visit Will Be On:

Clarks

Carers Leeds Webchat

You can now chat to us via Webchat

Our webchat service is here for you every Monday – Wednesday 9am – 4:30pm.

If you need support, just head to our website and click the chat icon to talk directly with one of our carer support workers.

LPCF Coffee and ARFID Workshop



Coffee Morning and ARFID Workshop

Join us for a coffee, meet the LPCF team, chat with other parent carers and share your views!

Emma Smith, an Occupational Therapist, from the Juniper Tree will also be attending to give a workshop.

The aims of the workshop are to:

- support parent carers on their journey with food challenges and ARFID (Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder);
- explain the reasons behind ARFID;
- share any good practice and hints and tips which could help children; and
- let parent carers know they are not alone.

Wednesday 24th September 2025
10am - 12pm.
The Vinery Centre, 20 Vinery Terrace, Leeds, LS9 9LU.

Refreshments will be provided.
Book your space on Eventbrite (no charge)



STARS training (parent and professionals)

These workshops aim to provide information for parents to support their autistic child at home. Training sessions will be delivered through Teams

For parents to book please email send@leeds.gov.uk with your name, email and training date you would like to be booked on.

Emotional wellbeing

Friday 5th September 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health. We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms.

Preparation for adulthood: person centred planning tools
Wednesday 1st October 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to plan their pathway to adulthood using their strengths and interests as a starting point. This session will focus on planning from Early Years through to Year 13 (Key stage 5) and will explore a range of resources, strategies and approaches to aid understanding of needs and ongoing support.

Sensory support in the home
Wednesday 5th November 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session will give a brief introduction to sensory processing and regulation, exploring its importance in supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people. The session will also offer advice around sensory support strategies that can be implemented in the home.

Preparation for adulthood: friends, relationships and community
Wednesday 3rd December 2025, 9.45 till 11.15

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to develop healthy friendships and relationships. We will be exploring the factors that can present challenges for autistic and ND children and young people and how to effectively promote positive social inclusion, consent and how to navigate the social world safely in the early years through to early adulthood.

We will be exploring and sharing key resources and approaches to promote healthy social opportunities for children and young people.



SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Speak to services and receive information and advice:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Speech and Language Therapy Service

There will be a workshop available at each drop in

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 17 Sept	10.30 till 12.30	Plus Net, 17 Marlborough Street, Leeds, LS1 4PE
Wed 15 Oct	10.30 till 12.30	Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate, Otley, LS21 2DP
Wed 19 Nov	10.30 till 12.30	The Welcome Centre, Belle Isle Rd, Belle Isle, Leeds, LS10 3DN

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>



Little Hiccups Upcoming Events

Wellbeing for Parents Yoga Course

Wednesday 10th Sept - 22nd Oct

Wednesday 5th Nov - 17th Dec

[Book here >](#)

Little Hiccups Scarecrow Build at Harewood House

[26th Sept - Book here >](#)

Trip to Eureka

[28th Sept - Book here >](#)

Introduction to PDAers for Parents and Carers

[In Person: Sept 24th 10am - 1pm](#)

[Online: Sept 12th 10am - 12pm](#)

[Online: Sept 17th 7pm - 9pm](#)

NEW: FREE Lunch and Learn with:

Clarion Solicitors, Positive OT and Case Management and Stewarts Law

See below in 'Courses' for details on sessions

[Book here >](#)

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - BRADFORD

The Invite by Mind The Gap

Mind the Gap throws a surprise birthday party for a guest of honour who wants nothing more than to disappear.

The Invite is an immersive theatre experience set over one unforgettable night at the pub, where six friends gather to celebrate a birthday. Created especially for Bradford 2025, this funny, heartfelt and honest show blurs the lines between reality and fiction as it explores relationships, memories, fears – and what it truly means to be seen.

Blending music, movement and raw storytelling, *The Invite* is another unmissable show from Bradford's brilliant theatre pioneers.

About Mind the Gap

Mind the Gap is England's premier learning disability performance and arts company, breaking barriers and celebrating diversity. Based in Bradford, the company is committed to pushing boundaries, challenging perceptions and empowering individuals with learning disabilities and autism in the world of performing arts. For more than 30 years, Mind the Gap has been at the forefront of advocating for inclusion and diversity in the arts, and proud to have paved the way for individuals with learning disabilities and autism to access and excel in the performing arts sector.

Visit The Beacon in Lister Park

[The Beacon](#) is a custom-made touring venue for Bradford 2025.

From 28 August – 28 September, The Beacon will be at Lister Park.

Plan your visit below, or get in touch with us on ticketing@bradford2025.co.uk for more information.

Lister Park

North Park Road,
Bradford,
BD9 4NS

<https://bradford2025.co.uk/event/the-invite/>

ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DOWN SYNDROME BRADFORD

PLACES AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME AGED 18+

Both our adult support projects -

'I CAN WORK' and INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS ('I can shop, cook and clean')
have places available from September.

Both services can be funded through direct payments.

Please click on a leaflet to download or contact the office for more info.

ICANWORK [7015eb_d7ab3d99491243dc90b56fc7cf8f4798.pdf](#)

INDEPENDENTLIVINGSKILLS [7015eb_423c25878f9c4798ab0273612a0a1118.pdf](#)

DOWN SYNDROME TRAINING & SUPPORT SERVICE LTD - REPORTS on OUR SERVICES AND TRAINING

This year our Annual Progress Report and our feedback reports have been all placed on a page on our website.

VISIT: www.downsyndromebradford.com/team-1

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Read about everything we've been up to across all of our services and training, how we've funded this, your amazing fundraising efforts, and our challenges and successes of the year.

SERVICE REPORTS

The web page also includes collated feedback from recent evaluations:

- Early Development Groups Report
- Speech & Language Groups Report
- Training Courses Report
- Adult Services Report

INTRODUCTION TO DOWN SYNDROME

Face to face training at our centre (FREE or by donation)

Thursday 25th September 2025, 9.30 to 12.30

The session will take place in person at our centre in Bingley. It will introduce Down syndrome to people who have little experience of working with children and young people who have Down syndrome. They will cover society's view of Down syndrome, health implications, inclusion, the specific learning profile of people with Down syndrome highlighting strengths and weaknesses in the classroom and outlining ways to ensure your teaching meets their learning needs.

Promoting positive behaviour and managing behaviours will also be discussed. This is vital training for all involved in the education,

inclusion and development of a person with Down syndrome.

COST: FREE/DONATION

BOOK: [Training | Down Syndrome Training and Support Service Ltd](#)

STARTING 17th SEPTEMBER - WEEKLY ONLINE TRAINING FOR THOSE LIVING OR WORKING WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS DOWN SYNDROME

“ From September 2025 we will be offering our full range of training covering Introduction to Down syndrome, signing, teaching number skills, time and money, using visuals to teach communication skills and reading language intervention using weekly online one hour sessions. Each topic will be covered over several weeks.

“ At the end of each topic there will be a one hour online group consultation session.

“ There are 22 sessions in total and these can be booked individually at £5 per session or as a bundle for £80.

“ The sessions will run EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10am to 11am during term time, starting 17th September

“ Sessions will be recorded so that you don't need to miss any

WORKSHOPS

In addition we will continue to deliver our workshops on behaviour, toileting and sexuality relationships education—these will also be online and run for 2 hours per week over several weeks. Places will be limited.

AIMING TO BETTER MEET SCHOOL STAFF AVAILABILITY

We hope that offering our training in this way will enable more schools to access the training needed to fully educate and include a child with Down syndrome. Acting on feedback it will remove the time for travel and enable schools to better plan cover.

WE ARE DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE AND EDUCATE A CHILD WITH DOWN SYNDROME SO THEY ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL - WHATEVER THAT MAY BE.

DOWNLOAD OUR TRAINING BOOKLET HERE:

<https://simplebooklet.com/onlinetrainingfor2025to2026>

BROWSE AND BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE HERE: [Training | Down Syndrome Training and Support Service Ltd](#)

PLUS OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM

[Our newsletters | Down Syndrome Training and Support Service Ltd](#)

1ST September

FREE Disability Multisport Sessions

Starting Mon 1 Sept | 4:45–6pm

Horsfall Community Stadium

Open to children & young people with any disability 

Sign up: mathew.everett@bpafc.com

THE BRADFORD (PARK AVENUE) SPORTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS

WHERE WE ALL BELONG

FREE DISABILITY MULTISPORT SESSIONS
EVERY SPORT, EVERY ABILITY
AT THE HORSFALL COMMUNITY STADIUM
OPEN FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ANY DISABILITY
MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING 1ST SEPTEMBER
4:45PM-6PM



STADIUM PARKING AVAILABLE TO RESERVE
MATHEW.EVERETT@BPAFC.COM



Health education and wellbeing events for people with learning disabilities and/or are neurodivergent (aged 18+)

 **14** Wednesday 10th September, 10am-4pm (Talks from 10.30 am)
 Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley, BD21 3JD

 **14** Wednesday 17th September, 10am-4pm (Talks from 10.30 am)
 Bradford Bulls, Odsal Stadium, BD6 1BS

For adults aged 18+.

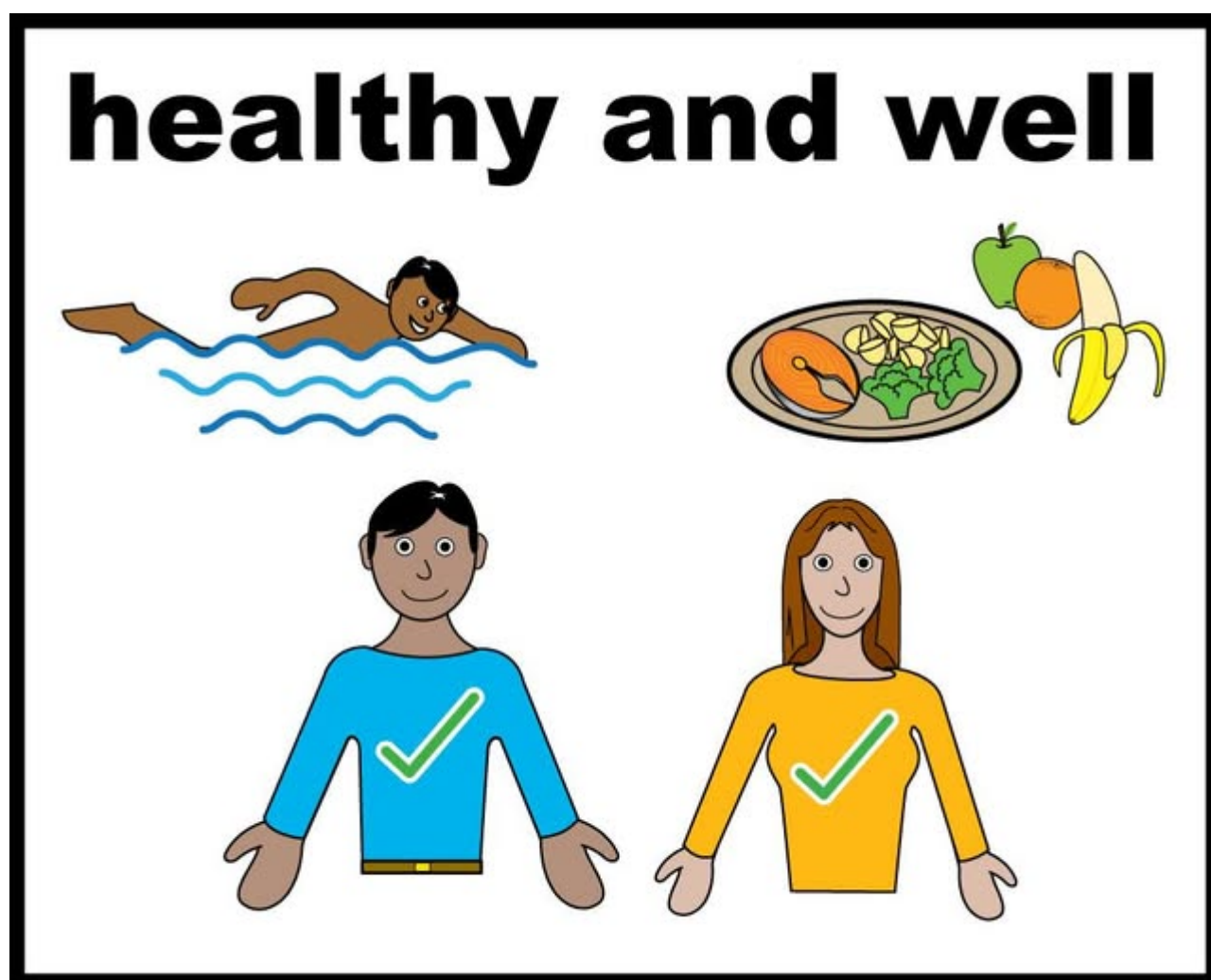
- ✓ Come and find out how to keep yourself healthy, carers welcome!
- ✓ Workshops and interactive activities. Learn about healthy eating, bowel, breast and cervical screening, stopping smoking, dental care, and how to get involved in mixed ability sports.
- ✓ These events are brought to you by the NHS, [People First Keighley and Craven](#) [Bradford People First IMAS](#)
- ✓ Don't forget to book your places - lunch and refreshments included.

- Contact Justine Joy on 07583 100098 or email: justine.joy@bradford.nhs.uk for more information or book online with Eventbrite

To book Keighley

eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-wellbeing-event-for-learning-disabilities-and-neurodiversity-tickets-1410384731699?aff=oddtcreator&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_source=Facebook

To book Bradford [Health & wellbeing event for Learning Disabilities and Neurodiversity. Tickets, Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



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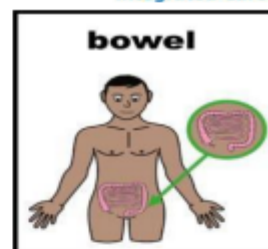
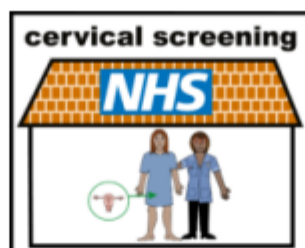
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- > These events are brought to you by the NHS, [@PeopleFirstKC](#) [@bradfordpeoplefirst](#) and [@MixedAbilitySports](#)
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Keighley event: [Health & Wellbeing event for Learning disabilities and Neurodiversity Tickets, Wed 10 Sep 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Bradford event: [Health & wellbeing event for Learning Disabilities and Neurodiversity. Tickets, Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



Health education & Wellbeing event

for people with learning disabilities and neurodiversity,



in association with Bradford People First

17th September 2025, 10am-4pm (Talks from 10.30 am)

At Bradford Bulls, Odsal Stadium, Bradford.



Come and find out how to keep yourself healthy - Learn about Healthy eating, Bowel, Breast and Cervical screening, Stop smoking, Dental, and getting involved in mixed ability sports!



contact

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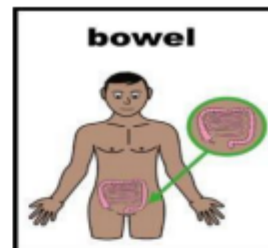
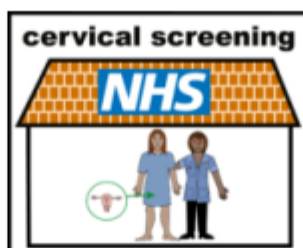
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INTERNATIONAL
MIXED ABILITY
SPORTS



Health education & Wellbeing event

for people with learning disabilities and neurodiversity

in association with Keighley & Craven People First

10th September 2025, 10am-4pm (Talks from 10.30 am)

At Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley, BD21 3JD



Come and find out how to keep yourself healthy - Learn about Healthy eating, Bowel, Breast and Cervical screening, Stop smoking, Dental, and getting involved in mixed ability sports!



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EVENTS AND INFORMATION - WAKEFIELD

SEND Futures and 'Next Steps' Careers Event in Wakefield

Save the date! Wed 1st Oct

SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday 1 October 2025 - 10:00-18:00

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WX Wakefield Exchange, Union Street, WF1 3AD



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