



**SYCANN COMMUNICATION**  
**February 2026**

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## INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the latest South Yorkshire CANN Update.

South 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 [southyorkshire@cann-network.org](mailto:southyorkshire@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 SYCANN Website at:**  
<https://www.cann-network.org/blog/>

### SYCANN MEETING DATES

*Please let us know if you need any support accessing the meetings*

#### **Upcoming Meeting:**

SY CANN Quarterly Meeting  
House, Home and Hubs

on Tuesday 24th March 2026 from 10am - 12pm

Hosted by Irwin Mitchell,  
Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield S3 8DT

#### **Future dates:**

30th June 2026  
24th November 2026

10am to 12pm  
Irwin Mitchell's offices in Sheffield  
Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield S3 8DT

#### **CANN Conference**

April 30th  
10am - 12.30pm

## CHAIR COMMENTS

Dear SYCANN folks,

Thank you for being part of the network this year. Our numbers are steadily rising, and we are so glad when others join our ranks—please do keep spreading the word! We can't wait until we get together on **Tuesday 24th March 2026 from 10am - 12pm** to talk around the subjects of House, Home, and Hubs. By then, you'll have made it through all the snow, storms, and floods, and we can look forward to a much brighter time together.

**While we look forward to seeing you then, please also pop Thursday 30th April (10:00am–12:30pm) into your diaries for our very first national online CANN conference.** We are so excited to bring together charity and statutory leaders alongside professionals for a line-up of inspiring speakers. It's going to be a brilliant opportunity to look at new ways to survive this difficult climate and find ways for us all to flourish into the future. More details will follow soon, but for now, I'm wishing you all safety and warmth.

Best wishes,

Nina Rose and Maxine Beckett  
SYCANN Co-Chair's  
South Yorkshire CANN  
chair.southyorkshire@cann-network.org

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## NEW MEMBERS



### Astor Bannerman

With over 30 years' experience, Astor Bannerman are experts in the design and manufacture of specialist bathing and care equipment. We provide solutions to cater to the complex care needs of your family , and clients both within the home, schools , care homes or hospices etc .We

offer in-depth knowledge and technical expertise is used to design and manufacture innovative products that can be customised to suit your individual requirements.

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

South Yorkshire CANN  
www.cann-network.org  
southyorkshire@cann-network.org

*If you are not yet on the CANN website, you can be added by completing this form:  
<https://www.cann-network.org/member-registration-form/>  
Please only use contact details that are for public use*

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## RESEARCH

### **Have Your Say: Mental Health & Wellbeing Support in Sheffield**

#### **Partnership: Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Integrated Care Board, and Chilypep**

Sheffield City Council and the Sheffield Integrated Care Board want to know what mental health and wellbeing support is needed for young people aged **11–25 years old** living in Sheffield.

Your feedback is vital in shaping future services. The Children and Young People's Empowerment Project (**Chilypep**) will be collecting the data and sharing the results directly with the Council and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to drive change.

#### **Take the Survey**

- **Time Required:** Only 10 minutes.
- **Who can take part:** Young people in Sheffield aged 11–25.
- **Link to Complete:** [Click here to complete the survey](#)

Sheffield City Council + Sheffield Integrated Care Board want to know **what mental health and wellbeing support is needed** for 11-25 years olds in Sheffield

**CLICK TO COMPLETE**

**(only 10 mins)**



Chilypep will share the survey results with the Council and ICB.



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## Sun Safety, Sunburn & Tanning Survey: We Want Your Views!

*Organised by: Chilypep (Children and Young People's Empowerment Project)*

Are you a young person aged **11 to 25 living in Sheffield**? We'd love your help!

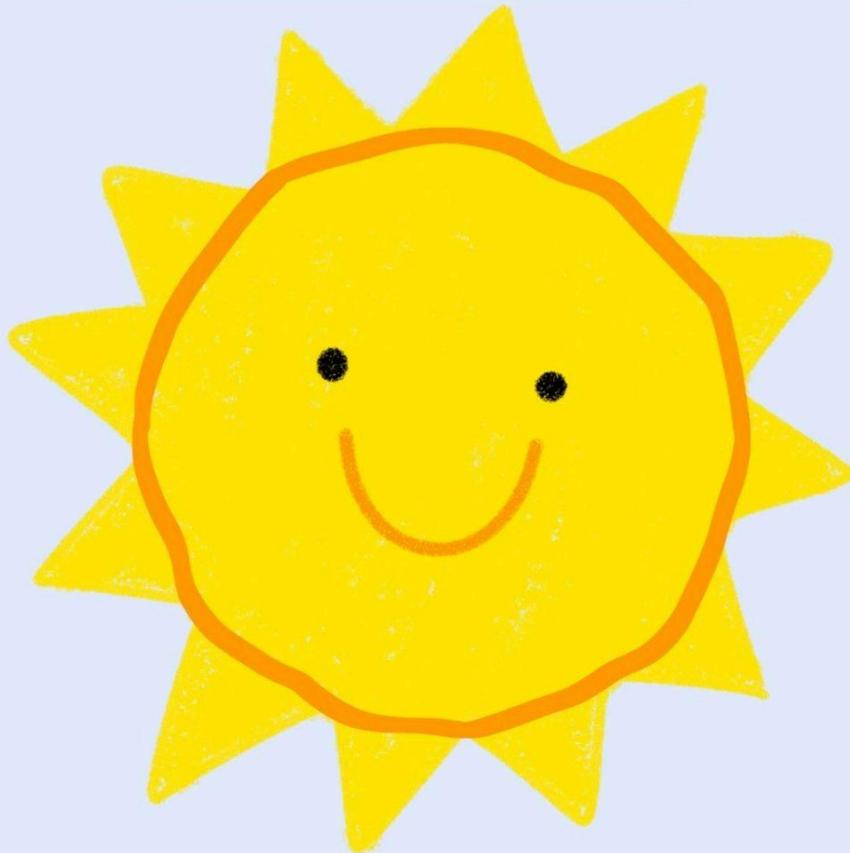
**Chilypep** is conducting a survey to gather views on UV safety, sunburn, tanning, and the use of sunbeds. Your voice is essential and will be used to help shape future sun safety messages and support for young people just like you.

### Take the Survey

- **Who can take part:** Young people in Sheffield aged 11–25.
- **Link to Complete:** [Click here to complete the Sun Safety Survey](#)

# Sun Safety, Sunburn & Tanning Survey

We Want Your Views!



Are you a **young person aged 11 to 25 living in Sheffield?** We'd love **your help!**

**Click to complete our survey about UV safety, sunburn, tanning and sunbeds.**

**Your voice will shape sun safety messages for young people just like you.**



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**INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NATIONAL/ONLINE**

**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.

The poster features a central white circle containing the event details. Above the circle are three stylized chevron arrows pointing right, colored yellow, teal, and yellow. The background of the poster is teal with yellow and white curved accents on the sides. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold black and white fonts on colored rectangular backgrounds.

**H.I.E.  
CONFERENCE**

**14<sup>th</sup> 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.

"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>

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### **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:

- 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](mailto:katie@visitsunlimited.org.uk) and follow us on social media @AccessibleCalderdale

For bookings contact [lorraine.accessiblecalderdale@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.accessiblecalderdale@gmail.com)

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## INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

### Barnsley CVS Newsletter

Barnsley CVS and BMBC Safeguarding will be working together during 2026 to understand the needs of the VCSE sector in relation to Safeguarding for both Adults and Children. This survey is a starting point for us to find out what would help you. The intention behind the survey is to determine our planning and design of a workshop for the sector. [Complete the survey here](#). Closes 16th January.

We are hosting a Health on the High Street Consultation Event in partnership with the Public Health team at Barnsley Council. If your organisation works in health, wellbeing or prevention we want to hear your views. During the session you will hear the vision for Health on the High Street, explore and discuss how VCSE organisations could get involved. It is being held on 11th February, 1pm-3.30pm at Redfearns Sport and Social Ground. Tickets are limited to 2 per organisation. [Book your tickets here](#).

Barnsley CVS are moving and we have co-location, hot desk and room hire opportunities available in the heart of Barnsley. By sharing space, you'll be part of a collaborative environment that supports partnership working. Please email [jamie.noble@barnsleycvs.org.uk](mailto:jamie.noble@barnsleycvs.org.uk) to find out more.

Leaders about Barnsley (LAB) has been officially launched! LAB is a new, vibrant, confidential support and development network for VCSE leaders to connect, learn, and shape the future of our sector. In order to join you must be the operational lead, your organisation must turn over at least 100k or more and attendance is personal so no deputies. [Find out more or join here](#).

Did you know we have a venue available to hire in Monk Bretton? Whether this is for your staff meeting or community event we could host you! [Find out more!](#)

We have a dedicated team of community accountants who are here to help do your accounts, payroll and bookkeeping. Why not take one thing off your to-do list? [Find out more here](#)

### Plus their relevant sector news

Give your community the gift of a free Defibrillator! Applications for a BHF-funded defibrillator are now open. They are expected to close in February 2026. [Apply here!](#)

South Yorkshire Community Celebration awards open for nominations! Enter at: [www.sycf.org.uk](http://www.sycf.org.uk). The deadline for entries is 28 February 2026

Crafting intervention support for people with learning and health difficulties. [Find out more here](#).

If you want to be involved email [James@employmentisforeveryone.org](mailto:James@employmentisforeveryone.org)

300 lions are set to go wild across South Yorkshire in summer 2026 as the Pride of Yorkshire roars into action! This new, free and HUGE sculpture trail will see dazzling designs and amazing artwork from artists, schools and community groups go on display as part of a South Yorkshire-wide art event.

Find out more about how your school or community group can get involved in this roar-some campaign by visiting [prideofyorkshire.org](http://prideofyorkshire.org)

NCVO want to hear from you if your organisation has volunteers or voluntary workers and/or works with asylum seekers, refugees or migrants.

[Fill in this form](#) by 9am on Thursday 22 January 2026. They'll use this evidence to inform a strong, representative sector response to the consultation, to be submitted by 12 February.

Positive Futures, a new joint project that is free to access, delivered by Autism Plus Specialist Employment Services and Speakup, supporting neurodivergent young people aged 16–24 in South Yorkshire who may be facing barriers to education, training or employment. Anyone can refer into the programme via this link - [Referral Form](#).

Barnsley mental health community connectors team are there to support people around building confidence and around anxiety provoking situations. To find out more email [community.connector@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:community.connector@swyt.nhs.uk)

Disability Services Advocacy Team are hosting Personal Independence Payment Awareness Sessions for professionals. [Find out more here.](#)

A useful document for charities around dealing with the rise of racism. [Read it here.](#)

A new report from NCVO explores impact of rise in extremism and social division on the voluntary sector. [Read it here.](#)

Fully Funded Exercise Sessions are to support young people aged 16–25 who are neurodiverse or have a learning disability. [Find out more here.](#)

The annual AI survey from [CAST](#) (the charity that helps UK charities use digital for social good) is now live! For the third year running, CAST is gathering AI views, experiences and needs from across the sector, in order to help shape the most relevant and useful support - and influence the wider sector response.

Free support package for Social Enterprises in Barnsley! Barnsley Council have just launched Be Well @ Work: SME+, a FREE package of support, training and development exclusively for SME employers with 250 employees or less! Only available till March 2026! [Find out more here.](#)

Family Action events for 2026



# Neurodiversity Sheffield Early Help Drop-in

- Do you have a child or young person who is living with ADHD or Autism?
- Is your child waiting for a diagnosis of neurodivergence?
- Do you need advice or support around behaviours in your child or young person which might be indicative of neurodivergence?

Delivered by Family Action and supported by Sheffield Parent Hub, Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield City Council.

Our informal drop in coffee sessions are a chance to have a chat with other parents/carers who are experiencing similar concerns. You will also have the chance to meet staff from **Neurodiversity Sheffield**, Sheffield Family HUBS, Ryegate, and other agencies who support families with neurodivergence.

**Come along for help, support, advice and information... you will be in good hands.**

 [neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk](mailto:neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk)

 0114 2412733 or 07816 408019

 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**  
Sharrow Community Forum, South View Road,  
Sheffield, S7 1DB

**At Sharrow Community Forum:**

**Wednesday 13th May,  
9.30am-12.00pm**

**No diagnosis or  
booking required!**

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# ADHD Drop-in Information session

Come along to our Information session to learn more about how to support your child with ADHD.

In our information sessions, we discuss the basics of ADHD and provide advice for managing ADHD. Following the session, materials will be provided as well as signposting to other services.

*Please arrive on time for the session and note that children cannot attend.*

In the event of snow/ice please check our Facebook page for updates, or phone ahead to check whether the session has been cancelled.

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 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**  
Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, Sheffield, S1 4SE

**At Scotia Works:**

10.00am – 11.30am on

**Tuesday 13th January,  
Tuesday 17th March,  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**No diagnosis or booking required!**

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 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**  
Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, Sheffield, S1 4SE

**At Scotia Works:**

**Thursday 30th April,  
4.30pm–7.00pm**

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# NEW! Neurodiversity Sheffield Drop-in

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### Come along to our new S5 drop-in!

Delivered by Family Action and supported by Sheffield Parent Hub, Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield City Council.

- Have a chat with other parents/carers who are experiencing similar concerns, and
- Meet staff from **Neurodiversity Sheffield**, Sheffield Family Hubs, Sheffield Parent Carer Forum, Ryegate, and other agencies who support families with neurodivergence.

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☎ 0114 2412733 or 07816 408019

📍 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**  
Meynell Rd, Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield S5 8GN



**At Meynell Primary School:**

**Thursday 15th January,  
9.30am- 12.00pm**

## No diagnosis or booking required!

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Lowedges Community Centre, Gresley Road,  
Sheffield, S8 7HN

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**At Lowedges Community  
Centre:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February,  
9.30am-12.00pm**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June,  
9.30am-12.00pm**

**No diagnosis or  
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## SYFAB FUNDRAISING COURSES

# Upcoming events

**SEPT 2025 -  
FEB 2026**

<b>OCT 10</b>	<b>MAKING A GOOD APPLICATION (BID-WRITING) TWO HALF DAYS 10TH OCT &amp; FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 10.00AM-1.00PM</b>	<b>NOV 11</b>	<b>CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEGAL STRUCTURE FOR YOUR GROUP OR ORGANISATION 10.00am-1.30pm</b>
<b>OCT 14</b>	<b>NATIONAL LOTTERY REACHING COMMUNITIES MASTERCLASS FOR LARGER NLCF GRANTS 09.30am-2.30pm</b>	<b>JAN 2026 22</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY MASTERCLASS 09.30am-2.30pm</b>
<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>MAKING THE ASK: MAKING THE MOVE - HOW TO GAIN BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT FOR YOUR GROUP OR PROJECT 10.00am-3.30pm</b>	<b>JAN 27</b>	<b>THE ESSENTIALS OF GOOD BOOK-KEEPING FOR COMMUNITY &amp; VOLUNTARY GROUPS AND CIC'S 09.30am-1.00pm</b>
<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY MASTERCLASS 09.30am-2.30pm</b>	<b>FEB 3</b>	<b>AN INTRODUCTION TO BUDGETING FOR FUNDRAISING 10.00am-1.30pm</b>
<b>NOV 4</b>	<b>MEET THE FUNDER WEBINAR WITH THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND 10.00AM-12.00PM</b>	<b>FEB 10</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING AIMS, OUTCOMES AND IMPACT IN FUNDRAISING 09.30am-2.30pm</b>
<b>NOV 5</b>	<b>FUNDING FROM MAJOR TRUSTS &amp; FOUNDATIONS 9.30 am-1.00pm</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING FOR BEGINNERS 09.30am-2.30pm</b>

**Book online at [www.syfab.org.uk](http://www.syfab.org.uk)**

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/southyorkshirecann>

Please share SY CANN links with your followers and encourage them to follow too.

Please add [southyorkshirecann@cann-network.org](mailto:southyorkshirecann@cann-network.org) to your Contact list to stop it going into junk.

*To ensure our digital presence remains a safe and inclusive space that reflects our core values, the CANN Network has made the decision to step away from X (formerly Twitter) and will now be focusing our community engagement on our other social media platforms.*