



WYCANN COMMUNICATION
January 2026

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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

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

Future Dates for 2026:

11th March

10am - 12pm

Guide Dogs, Unit 4 Bramley Grange, Skeltons Ln, Thorner, Leeds LS14 3DW

1st July

2nd December

Venues to be confirmed

CHAIR COMMENTS

As we step into a new year, it's a perfect moment to reflect on the incredible resilience and dedication shown across our network in supporting children and young people with additional

needs. 2026 brings fresh opportunities to strengthen partnerships, share knowledge, and champion inclusive practices that make a real difference for families in West Yorkshire. Last year, we saw inspiring examples of collaboration—schools, health services, voluntary organizations, and families working together to ensure every child has the chance to thrive. This year, our focus will be on building even stronger connections, streamlining access to support, and amplifying the voices of children and parents in shaping services.

In the coming weeks we hope to share some exciting news with you regarding the very first National CANN conference so watch this space for updates.

We know challenges remain—whether it's navigating complex systems or addressing gaps in provision—but together, we can turn these challenges into solutions. Let's commit to:

- Listening deeply to the experiences of families
- Sharing best practice across sectors
- Innovating to meet diverse needs in creative, sustainable ways

Thank you to every member of this network for your passion and commitment. Your work transforms lives every day. Here's to a year of progress, partnership, and positive change for all children and young people in West Yorkshire.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and hopeful New Year!

Lucy Owen and Carmel Gallagher
chair.westyorkshire@cann-network.org

NEW MEMBERS

Wakefield Whirlwinds Wheelchair Basketball Club



Whirlwinds is a wheelchair basketball club, a sports club, but it's also much more. We provide opportunities for those with physical disabilities/difficulties, their friends and families to take part in wheelchair sport. It needn't be competitive, (although we do have 2 National League teams, 2 Women's League teams, 2 Development, Junior League, U-15's and U-14's, where the lower age is flexible ... 'if you can, then why not do it!') but we encourage people to use wheelchair sport for health and well being, encourage social activities and also break down the barrier of isolation. The club is open to all ages .. if a child is able to self propel a wheelchair then they are able, through the club, to get on a pathway that might eventually lead to them representing their country at the

Paralympics or European and World Championships, but that pathway can also be signposted as 'a sport for life' where you're never too old! The club has a stock of sports wheelchairs for

newcomers and/or for outreach, which can be one-to-one sessions in schools, PE sessions for a small group to a whole school, 'have a go' sessions, corporate and community events, a thriving junior 'Saturday Club', the always popular 'glow-in-the-dark' wheelchair basketball, holiday activities, coaching camps, etc. Our motto is 'Once a Whirlwind, always a Whirlwind' and although we encourage players to go as far as they can in the sport, (and several have gone on to play in professional leagues in Europe) we always welcome them back (and they're often great role models for the younger players.)

wakefieldwhirlwindswbc@gmail.com

<https://wakefieldwhirlwindswbc.teamapp.com/?webpage=v1>



Activity Alliance

Activity Alliance is the leading voice for disabled people in sports and activities. Established in 1998 as a national charity, we were previously known as the English Federation of Disability Sport.

“We all belong in sports and activities. Yet many disabled children and adults don’t feel that they do. At school, in the local park or working out in a nearby gym, we all have the right to welcoming, inclusive, and accessible opportunities. The right

to choose how we want to be active. Be that taking part, spectating, employment or volunteering.” Honorary President, Tanni, Baroness Grey-Thompson

<https://www.activityalliance.org.uk/>

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.cann-network.org/member-registration-form/>

Please only use contact details that are for public use

RESEARCH

No new research this month.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - ONLINE/NATIONAL/REGIONAL

Breastfeeding a baby with Down syndrome

Wednesday 28th January | 12.00 pm

In this webinar, our Breastfeeding Coordinator Sarah, talks again, about supporting families who wish to breastfeed their baby with Down syndrome.

The session aims to equip you with the facts and the lived experience of the families supported by DSUK and leave you confident in the support you give.

It talks about some of the challenges that are faced in establishing breastfeeding and what successful support looks like.

Note: To sign up, please ensure you tick the box of the upcoming webinar before completing and submitting your details.

[Register for the January Webinar here](#)

‘Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy’.

Please share with colleagues, allied sectors, partners.

Over the coming months will be opportunities to explore the Strategy, both on line and in person. Do look out for dates.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-ambitious-plan-to-tackle-youth-isolation-crisis-and-deliver-real-life-opportunities>

links to

Youth Strategy Final – summary report

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/693880d1cfacd5e888491cd5/DCMS_Youth_Strategy_FINAL.pdf

Youth Strategy – full

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-matters-your-national-youth-strategy/youth-matters-your-national-youth-strategy>

An accessible, mobile-friendly version of the summary report for Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/youth-matters-your-national-youth-strategy-summary-report>

To support the NYS there are several report -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-matters-state-of-the-nation>

- Youth Matters: State of the Nation' Annex
 - National Youth Strategy Research Project
 - National Youth Strategy Young People's Report
 - National Youth Strategy Research Project Annex (Data Tables)
 - National Youth Strategy Research Project Annex (Methods)
 - The Big Ambition Analysis for the National Youth Strategy
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Time to get quizzical with the CP Teens UK Virtual Quiz Night!

Please note: the CP Teens UK Virtual Quiz Night is different to the annual CP Teens UK Quiz, which is an in-person event, is open to the public and is a fundraiser. The Virtual Quiz is online and is only open to youngsters 14-25 with Cerebral Palsy/a physical disability.

A fun and social quiz evening to kick off your weekend.

Who Can Join?

- Open to participants **aged 14 to 25** with **Cerebral Palsy/physical disabilities**
- Physically based in **England, Wales, or Scotland only** (due to insurance requirements)
- **New to CP Teens UK?** You'll need to complete a one-time **ID check** before joining – this is part of our safeguarding process.

Accessibility & Participation

- A **chat box** is available for anyone who is non-verbal, has speech difficulties, or prefers written communication.
- Don't feel pressured to speak - you're welcome to just listen and participate in the quiz
- We kindly ask that webcams are kept on where possible so everyone feels connected
- We respectfully ask that you do not Google to get the answers to questions

Prizes

- Prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- League - A league will be kept throughout 2026. Prize at the end of the year for the overall winner (must have entered at least 3 of the quizzes)

Book here: <https://www.cpteensuk.org/events>

BSL Training

Expert training in British Sign Language that bridges communication gaps, boosts confidence, and fosters inclusive connections.

<https://bslcommunication.co.uk/>

Government launches national conversation on SEND Reform

The Schools White Paper will be published early next year and will set out our proposed reforms to the SEND system. Building on extensive engagement over the past year, the Department for Education has launched a national conversation on SEND reform.

DfE wants to hear views, experiences and insights from as many people as possible in the coming months. The national conversation encourages everyone from parents to those working in schools, colleges and early years to get involved and help build a consensus on what works to help deliver lasting reform. Every voice will help shape the system our children and young people deserve.

This will be followed by a period of formal public consultation and further engagement following publication of the Schools White Paper early next year.

How you can get involved

Online events

Join one of five sessions and submit your questions on the key principles guiding SEND reform. You can attend as many as you like. [Sign up here](#).

Share your views online

Contribute ideas and feedback directly online at www.gov.uk/dfe/SEND-conversation

[National conversation on SEND reform Stakeholder toolkit](#)

Child Brain Injury and Early Years Education Conference

Guiding those who support children with birth and brain injuries through the early years' SEN and EHCP process.

Open to parents, families, and professionals. Free to attend.

Date:

Thursday, 29 January 2026

Venue:

Stewarts

5 New Street Square

London, EC4A 3BF

Schedule:

- Lunch: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- Presentations & Questions: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Drinks & Discussions: 5:00 PM onwards

Additional Info:

- CPD points available
- Opportunity to network and gain expert insights

Speakers include:

- Dr Ruth Kent – Consultant in Neurological Rehabilitation
- Dr Angela Simcox – Consultant Neuropsychologist
- Emily Neal – Special Education Advisor
- Jennifer Wright – Solicitor from Roeb Irwin Sweeney
- Launa Randles – Headteacher, The Children's Trust

Registration:

[https://sites-stewartslaw.vuturevx.com/25/1542/landing-pages/rsvp-\(blank\).asp?sid=blankform](https://sites-stewartslaw.vuturevx.com/25/1542/landing-pages/rsvp-(blank).asp?sid=blankform)

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[Register Here](#)

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<https://www.theautismpage.com/dla-guide/>

A promotional poster for the WheelPower Sports Festival Yorkshire. The background is blue with white text. At the top left, a circular inset shows a young man in a blue t-shirt celebrating with his arms raised. Below it, another circular inset shows a woman in a pink t-shirt playing table tennis. The main image shows a man in a blue t-shirt and a green cap sitting in a wheelchair, holding a volleyball. The text on the poster reads: 'WHEELPOWER SPORTS FESTIVAL YORKSHIRE' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says '29 JANUARY 2026' and 'ENGLISH INSTITUTE OF SPORT SHEFFIELD'. At the bottom left is a QR code. At the bottom center is the website 'wheelpower.org.uk/yorkshire' and the charity number '265498'. At the bottom right is the 'WheelPower' logo with the tagline 'British Wheelchair Sport'.

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>

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 and follow us on social media @AccessibleCalderdale

For bookings contact lorraine.accessiblecalderdale@gmail.com

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - LEEDS

VAL Roundup

Read their Newsletter here:

<https://mailchi.mp/val/doing-good-leeds-sept-2023-round-up-4724237?e=2e9a155a10>

PHAB is looking for voluntary drivers.

It is the first time we have been in this position. The following regular voluntary drivers joined after 'early retirement' and now must retire. One is 81 at Christmas, one 79, one 78 and the other 'in his 70's. They bring PHAB members in from all over Leeds using the three PHAB vehicles.

ann.hartphab@btinternet.com

Fridays are phab!

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
- Enjoy taking PHAB members on interesting outings.
- Join a small team of voluntary drivers

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



Safe Phone (formerly known as Teen Connect) update

Good afternoon,

I am getting in touch to share some news about Safe Phone (this helpline service was previously known as Teen Connect).

We have had some changes to the opening hours of Safe Phone, so wanted to provide you with up-to-date details:

Safe Phone (formerly known as Teen Connect)

Call: 0808 800 1212 (freephone)

Text: 07984 436680

Online support: <https://www.lslcs.org.uk/services/cyp-services/safe-phone/>

Open from 3:30pm to 8pm, every day of the year

Safe Phone provides emotional support and signposting by phone, online chat or text for anyone aged 11-18, including parents and carers who are living in Leeds, WF3, WF10, BD4 and BD11 needing someone to talk to.

Please reply if you would like us to:

- Send you some of our new Safe Phone leaflets when available.
- Send you information about our other services for children, young people and families, Safe Zone (our in-person crisis service) and West Yorkshire and Barnsley Night OWLS.
- Add your email address to our mailing list.
- Attend a team meeting (in-person or virtual) to let your team know more about our services for children, young people and families.

Many thanks for your time. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any queries about our services.

Best wishes,
Ammarah
cyp.engagement@lslcs.org.uk

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair 2026

Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair returns to first direct bank arena Leeds on Wednesday 11th February 2026. Free tickets are available to book anytime between 1pm-7pm.

You'll have the chance to talk to major employers from a wide range of sectors, including accounting, business and administration, catering and hospitality, construction, creative design, care services, digital, education, engineering, finance, hair and beauty, health, law, protective services and many more.

Over 100 exhibitors will be there on the day offering information, advice, guidance and live vacancies. You'll have the opportunity to find out about apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, as well as higher and degree apprenticeships.

You can find out more about the event [here](#).

Free tickets can be booked via this link: <https://bit.ly/larf26>

If you have any questions please email esemployers@leeds.gov.uk

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS

LEEDS

APPRENTICESHIP

RECRUITMENT FAIR

Wednesday 11 February, first direct arena Leeds

Looking for an apprenticeship?



Book today: www.bit.ly/larf26



first direct bank arena

SEND parent carer information drop

- Date: Wednesday 14th January 2026
- Time: 10.30am till 12.30pm
- Venue: Swarcliffe Community Hub, Leeds, LS14 5LS

Speak to services and receive information and advice:

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

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>

If you have any questions please contact LLO@leeds.gov.uk

SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 14 th January	10.30 till 12.30	Swarcliffe Community Hub, Leeds, LS14 5LS

Services in attendance:

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

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attending the drop in

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



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email
LLO@leeds.gov.uk



SEND and Inclusion Transformation Update

New update from Mariam Haque, Interim Strategic Lead and Chief Officer – SEND at Leeds City Council, on the next stage in improving our statutory SEND services.

The update includes information on:

- SEND transformation programme.
- The upcoming SEND inspection.
- Mainstream Practice (IMP) guidance.
- National changes.

The update can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/SENDTransformation> under the Senior Leader Communications drop down.

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SNAPS - Spaces Available for Next Term

Inclusive Football at Broomfield

SNAPS offers friendly, inclusive football sessions for children with additional needs and their siblings, aged 4–16. All abilities are welcome, with a focus on fun! Sessions run every Saturday between 9:30am and 1:30pm at the Broomfield site, with four one-hour classes tailored to different age groups and abilities.

Archery at Brierley

Children can also enjoy archery using safe inflatable equipment. This session runs on Saturdays from 9:30am to 10:15am at the Brierley site.

For more information or to book a place, email Jo at jo@snapsyorkshire.org.

Made With Music Accessible Mini-Gig

Made with Music are hosting an accessible, family friendly Mini Gig on **Sunday 18th January, 12-3pm at the Brudenell Social Club (LS6 1NY)**. It is an afternoon of live music with real bands in a real gig venue. Made with Music prides itself on being inclusive and accessible and want more families to be able to attend live music events.

Here are **some** of the things they do to make their gigs accessible:

- Changing places trailer at each event (an accessible toilet with changing bench, hoist and attendant)
- Pre-information available including a photo guide
- Access to the space before the event to check it out
- Clear signage around the building
- Strict timings which are available before the event
- Level access, suitable for wheelchairs
- Variety of seating available (benches, mats, chairs, beanbags)
- Black out tent if you need to dampen all other senses but still want to listen to the music
- Ear defenders available to borrow
- Friendly staff around the room to answer any questions you have
- We keep some tickets back for families who can't decide until the day
- Offer a "Pay if you stay" ticket on the door if you want to try the gig but for any reason you or your young person can't stay for the whole thing.

If there is anything they can do to help you more specifically, please do get in touch on hello@madewithmusic.co.uk or find them on social media.

If the event is shown as sold out, get in touch with them as they have a handful of tickets available on the door for families with additional access needs so please email if you would like, and cannot get, tickets.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/made-with-music

Little Hiccups Upcoming Events

Register interest:

[Trial for "Ready for Physio" Balance & Coordination Group](#)

Laura The ND Nurse - *Funded by Leeds Parent Carer Forum*

Intro to Autism & the Autistic Community

[In person: Jan 14th, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): Jan 16th, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): Jan 21st, 7pm >](#)

All Things Waking Up and the Morning

[In person: Feb 4th, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): Feb 11th, 7pm >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): Feb 13th, 10am >](#)

Moving with Purpose: Understanding Dyspraxia and the Body–Mind Connection

[In person: 4th Mar, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 11th Mar, 7pm >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 20th Mar, 10am >](#)

Rethinking Hygiene: Inclusive Strategies for Neurodivergent Wellbeing

[In person: 22nd Apr, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 24th Apr, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 29th Apr, 7pm >](#)

Shifting Gears: Helping Young People Through Everyday Transitions and Routine Changes

[In person: 6th May, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 13th, 7pm >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 15th, 10am >](#)

Tuning In: Building Interoception Together

[In person: 3rd Jun, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 10th Jun, 7pm >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 12th Jun, 10am >](#)

Say it Differently: Using Declarative Language to Connect and Support

[Online \(evening\): 1st Jul, 7pm >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 3rd Jul, 10am >](#)

[In person: 8th Jul, 10am >](#)

Speaking Up at School: Communication with Education Staff

[In person: 16th Sept, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 18th Sept, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 23rd Sept, 7pm >](#)

Supporting Your Young Person in Distress & Reframing Challenging Behaviour

[In person: 7th Oct, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 9th Oct, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 14th Oct, 7pm >](#)

Balancing Acts: Supporting Siblings and Finding Space for Self-Care

[Online \(daytime\): 6th Nov, 10pm >](#)

[In person: 11th Nov, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 18th Nov, 7pm >](#)

Free Drop-In Legal Clinic with Stewarts - Funded by Stewarts Solicitors

Tues 3rd March 2026

[Book a slot here >](#)

Juniper Tree Therapy Sessions - Funded by Juniper Tree

Online: Tues 3rd Feb 2026, 9.30am - [Better Bedtimes](#)

In Person: Tues 28th April 2026, 12pm - [Encouraging Eating](#)

In Person: Tues 30th June 2026, 10am - [Comfortable Care](#)

Lunch & Learn - Funded by Stewarts Solicitors, Clarion Solicitors & Positive OT

All sessions will be online 12pm-1pm

Tues Jan 20th: [Deputyship: Helping families understand how the Court of Protection works when financial decisions need to be made for children who lack capacity.](#)

Tues Feb 10th: [A Guide to Catastrophic injury Claims](#)

Tues Mar 17th: [Preparing for Adulthood – Employment Rights & Support for Young People with Additional Needs](#)

Tues Apr 21st: [Employing Support in the Home – What Parents Need to Know](#)

Tues May 19th: [Wills - How parents can make provision for children](#)

Tues June 16th: [Panel Discussion \(Q&A overview\)](#)

Other Courses

Tues Jan 13th 2026: [AAC: A Parent's Perspective – Online Workshop with Laura Brown](#)

Fri Feb 6th: [Paediatric First Aid Course](#)

Wed Apr 29th 2026: [Makaton Taster Session](#)

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - BRADFORD

Bradford district's Special Educational Needs newsletter

Give the latest SEND Local Offer Newsletter a read: [Bradford Local Offer | Local Offer Email Newsletters](#)

The SEND Local Offer team are here to help with lots of information and advice about SEND services and support.

- Find Bradford district's parent/carer support groups [here](#).
- Bradford district family hubs [latest timetables](#). Sensory rooms available to hire.
- EBSA sessions start 14, Jan 2026 at Barkerend Hub. E-mail: EBSA@bradford.gov.uk
- Interested in becoming a SEND [ambassador](#)? Email: SENDT&C@bradford.gov.uk
- If you are the main carer for a disabled person you can also get a [free flu jab](#).
- From January 2026 young children will be able to get a free [chickenpox vaccination](#).
- Read about the [SEND support in Bradford district family hubs](#).
- Self-refer to support - SEND Together, EarlyBird and Cygnet programmes, [here](#).
- New One Minute Guides on [carer wellbeing](#) and those [new to SEND \(ages 0-25\)](#)
- Upcoming toilet training workshops in January. Email: sendtoilettraining@bdct.nhs.uk
- [SEND One Plan](#) parent/carer engagement - Email: supportnews@PFBA.org.uk

Save the Date - Bradford district's 'SEND One Plan' parent/carer engagement sessions

Bradford's SEND and Inclusion Partnership has created a clear and joined-up plan called the [SEND One Plan](#). It brings together everything from the district's [SEND Strategy](#), [the Written Statement of Action \(WSoA\)](#) from the last inspection, and advice from the Local Government Association.

Join the team at an upcoming parent/carer engagement session.

Friday, 16 January 2026, 10am - 12pm (in-person)

Friday, 13 March 2026, 10am - 12pm (online session)

Friday, 15 May 2026, 10am - 12pm (in-person)

Friday, 3 July 2026, 10am - 12pm (in-person).

To book, email: supportnews@PFBA.org.uk

SEND support at Family Hubs

[SEND support](#) is available in Bradford district's family hubs. Monthly SEND events are now taking place. Come along and speak to specialist services that can provide advice and support with, Autism, ADHD, Sleep issues, speech and language development, Information on Education and/or relationship issues.

The sessions are planned for the last Monday of the month:

26 January 2026 (2pm - 4.30pm) - [Reevy Hill Family Hub](#).

23 February 2026 (9.30am - 12.30pm) - [Rainbow Family Hub](#).

30 March 2026 (1pm - 3pm) - [Barkerend Family Hub](#).

27 April (9.30am - 12.30pm) - [Farcliffe Family Hub](#).

Supporting dads with Bradford City Football Club's evening parenting sessions

*Register now - Starting 13 January 2026.

*Evening session (6pm - 8pm) with light tea.

*Taking place at Bradford City Football Club, Valley Parade.

The 'Time Out for Dads' programme in Bradford is a free parenting course for dads or male carers of children aged from birth to 19 years of age. It consists of weekly 2-hour sessions over five weeks, focusing on building confidence, developing positive relationships, and learning strategies for conflict and anger management in a supportive environment.

Topics include:

- Parenting goals, the impact of own fathers and aspirations of being a dad.
- Children's temperaments and needs along with building emotional security.
- The importance of time and family life.
- The power of words and recognising children's feelings.
- Discipline and setting boundaries.
- Different parenting styles and positive parenting.
- The importance for time for yourself, letting off steam and handling conflict.

For more information, email: samantha.gamble@bradfordcft.org.uk

Time Out for Dads is one of a number of parenting programmes, find out more and apply on Bradford Families and Young Person's website.

https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/practitioners/a-z-of-parenting-programmes?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#timeout

Find support using the Bradford district SEND Local Offer

The Bradford district SEND Local Offer can help you find information, services and activities for children and young people aged from birth to 25 years, with Special Educational Needs, and/or Disabilities (SEND) or who are neurodivergent.

Here's how to find support and keep in touch with the latest news:

- Visit the website: [Bradford Local Offer](#)
- [Sign up](#) to receive a monthly SEND Newsletter

- Find us on [Facebook @LocalOfferBd](#)

Do you work or volunteer at a school, nursery, after school club or community centre? You can really help us reach more families and young people who might need support by printing and displaying a poster: www.bradford.gov.uk/SENDnoticeboard



EVENTS AND INFORMATION - WAKEFIELD

No information this month

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - KIRKLEES

Sensory World Events



Sensory World
Old Westgate
Dewsbury
WF 13 1NB.

£90.00 per Person.

**Paediatric
First Aid Training.
28th september 25 and 8th
March 2026.**

Lunch and drinks
available from the on-
site cafe.

*To book your place
ring or Message Linda
07801065589.*

On successful continuous assessment delegates are awarded
a certificate valid for three years and is in line with EYFS and meets
the needs of Ofsted.
Suitable for Childminders.

BOOKINGS

07801065589

Children £15.00 including play
Adults £20.00

Sensory World
Christmas dinner.

or
Caribbean
Cuisine

Licenced.



DECEMBER 25,
1:00 PM-5PM

Old Westgate
Dewsbury
WF 13 1NB

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