



SYCANN COMMUNICATION
March 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, 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

Celebrating 10 Years Of
Impact: **The CANN
National Knowledge
Exchange**

Online Webinar

Thursday 30 April 2026
10:00am - 12:30pm



NATIONAL CANN CONFERENCE

Celebrating 10 Years of Impact: The CANN National Knowledge Exchange

April 30th
10am - 12.30pm

Book here now for free to secure your space

Please do share with other non-profit leaders and statutory service providers that may be interested.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Dear SYCANN folks,

Hi everyone! It will be great to see you all at our upcoming SYCANN meeting as we start to enter spring and leave the darker nights behind us. What a perfect time for us to come together for the first time in 2026. We are really excited to dive into our theme of 'House, Home, and Hubs' on **Tuesday 24th March 2026 from 10am - 12pm** —and explore fresh ideas and hear inspiring examples from our speakers on new ways that we can create spaces where people feel supported, connected and truly at home.

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,

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Nina Rose and Maxine Beckett
SYCANN Co-Chair's
South Yorkshire CANN
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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 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

RESEARCH

Online Experiences Project

A PhD student from the Centre for Neurodiversity and Development at Durham University is seeking participants for a research study on the online experiences of children and young people with Down syndrome (aged 9-25) who have not attended university.

Parents and carers are asked to complete a short survey (around 20 min) about their child/young person's online experiences, including online vulnerability.

If you're able to help, please complete the survey here.

https://durhamuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1OkArEDipRjUWQ6

Your Voice Matters: Are you a parent/carer of a child living with neurodivergence

Link is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDNitWoPU7-R_qjVDsYeOSfLrJCpsvxREsVpkMBokf9ukscw/viewform




Your voice matters!

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person living with neurodivergence?

Maybe you have a diagnosis, maybe you are on a waiting list, maybe you are just starting to think about additional challenges your child may be facing.

Please take just 5 minutes to complete the survey and tell us what you think.

For any queries, please email:
neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk

Family Action – Neurodiversity Sheffield

We want to hear from you!

At Neurodiversity Sheffield we want to support as many families as possible and we need your help to understand what support you are looking for, and when and how you need that support.

Scan for more info 

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INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NATIONAL/ONLINE

Webinar: Creating Accessible Places and Spaces

Summary: Join Activity Alliance for a one-hour online event focused on removing the societal, physical, and psychological barriers that prevent disabled people from being active. This session introduces the "Access for All" guide, co-produced with accessibility experts and partners like the Nene Park Trust and The Wave Project.

Who is it for? Ideal for anyone in our network who organises events, manages a space, or supports disabled children and adults in staying active.

How to join: Sign up as a "supporter" on the Activity Alliance website (it's free!) to receive the booking link and access to the webinar.

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

Link: [Activity Alliance Event Page](#)

Supporting Children with a Visible Difference

We are pleased to share an upcoming online workshop from our partners at Changing Faces, UK.

Is your child or young person living with a scar, mark, or condition that makes them look different? This "Supporting Your Child" workshop is designed specifically for parents and carers to provide practical tips and a supportive community.

What to expect:

- Strategies for handling staring and awkward social situations.
- Advice on building confidence for both you and your child.
- The chance to hear from guest speakers with lived experience of visible difference.

The Details:



Date: Tuesday 17th March 2026



Time: 7.15pm – 9.00pm



Location: Zoom (Online)



Who: Parents and carers (partners and co-parents are also welcome to attend together!)

To make sure everyone feels comfortable, attendance is capped at around 22 people. After registering, a member of the Changing Faces Wellbeing Team will get in touch for a short, informal pre-workshop call to meet you.

Find out more and register here:



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

CP Teens Naidex Meet Up

Are you going to Naidex 2026?

What is Naidex?

Naidex is the UK's leading event dedicated to disability, accessibility, and independent living. It brings together disabled people, carers, healthcare professionals, and industry experts to explore the latest products, services, and innovations that support everyday life. The event features a wide range of exhibitors, live demonstrations, expert-led seminars, and community-focused discussions, all aimed at improving inclusion, independence, and quality of life for disabled people.



Are you going to Naidex 2026? Meet us at Wetherspoons in the NEC for chats and lunch, coffee, drinks, snacks - whatever you fancy!



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

Join us for our first H.I.E. Conference
14th May 2026, The Lowry, Salford Quays

South Yorkshire CANN
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We're bringing the community together for a very special day, our first H.I.E. Conference. It's something we've wanted to do for such a long time: creating a space where families, professionals and organisations can come together to listen, learn and support one another.

Why come along?

- Hear from families about their experiences following an H.I.E. event, sharing honest and powerful stories.
- Be informed by researchers and healthcare professionals on efforts to reduce instances of H.I.E., improve outcomes and enhance support.
- Feel empowered to contribute to meaningful change.
- Explore exhibitor stands with helpful information from charities, professionals and organisations.
- Connect with others who understand fully what life after H.I.E. means, and the importance of compassionate, collaborative care and support.

Who is it for?

Parents / carers and family members, healthcare professionals, researchers, charities, community organisations, legal and advocacy professionals – in fact there really is something for everyone!

What can you expect?

A day of sharing and learning, as well as being supported and feeling heard.

We've a wonderful line up of speakers; lived (living!) experience stories, research insights, workshops and legal clinics. There's a dedicated parent / carer room with peer support available, so as well as having the opportunity to network, there's also space to pause and reflect. We're here to make the day as safe and enjoyable as possible, for everyone.

For those who might find events like this a little overwhelming, please do get in touch. We can arrange to meet people on arrival if preferred, or help facilitate introductions with others. The Peeps team will be on hand throughout the day to answer any questions and ensure everything goes smoothly.

We would love you to join us if you can, to really put H.I.E. on the map, doing even more to raise awareness and offer support.

Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#), or you can email info@peeps-hie.org if you'd like to make a group booking or pay by invoice.

Please share with your friends and networks too – the more people we reach, the bigger the difference we can make.



H.I.E. CONFERENCE

14th May 2026

The Lowry, Salford Quays

Kindly supported by:



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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:

- 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

INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

Neurodiversity Sheffield Drop-in Cafe Sessions in March

Please find attached the flyers for our drop-in café sessions for Foxhill Forum (S6 1BT) on Friday 6th March 9:30am-12pm and Woodhouse Community Hub and Library (S13 7GD) on Wednesday 18th March 9:30am-12pm. Please do feel free to share these with colleagues and the families you work with.

As ever, we would be delighted to see you at either, or both, of these events or any of our other drop-in café sessions (Scotia Works S1 4SE on Thursday 30th April 4:30pm-7:00pm, Sharrow Community Forum S7 1DB on Wednesday 13th May 9:30am-12:00pm and Lowedges Community

Centre S8 7HN on Tuesday 23rd June 9:30am-12:00pm). We would love to know if you are planning to come along, but do feel free to just turn up if you suddenly find you can make it.



NEW!
**Neurodiversity
Sheffield 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?

Come along to our new S6 drop-in!
Delivered by Family Action and supported by Sheffield Parent Hub, Sheffield Family Hubs, Foxhill Forum, 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.

✉ neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk

☎ 0114 2412733 or 07824 483 366

📍 Foxhill Forum, In-volve Community Hub,
31-33 Wolfe Rd, Sheffield S6 1BT



FoxhillForum

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Come along to our new S13 drop-in!
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Come along for help, support, advice and information... you will be in good hands.

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📍 **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.

✉ neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk

☎ 0114 2412733 or 07816 408019

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

At Scotia Works:

10.00am – 11.30am on

Tuesday 13th January,
Tuesday 17th March,
Thursday 21st May

**No diagnosis or
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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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📍 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**
Lowdges Community Centre, Gresley Road,
Sheffield, S8 7HN

At Lowdges Community
Centre:

Tuesday 3rd February,
9.30am-12.00pm

Tuesday 23rd June,
9.30am-12.00pm

**No diagnosis or
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Barnsley CVS Newsletter 26th February 2026

Hi South Yorkshire,

Here is our newsletter packed with news, funding, training and events available for VCSE organisations and their clients across Barnsley!

To feature in the newsletter, please email our Communications and Engagement Officer, Sakura, at sakura.singh-corke@barnsleycvs.org.uk

If you know what you are looking for, skip ahead to that part of the newsletter:

- [Barnsley CVS News](#)
- [Sector News](#)
- [Funding](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Events and Webinars](#)

We are moving! We are still on the look out for organisations that need event space, hot desks or co-working spaces to join us in the heart of Barnsley. If you are interested please email jamie.noble@barnsleycvs.org.uk

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.](#)

Full newsletter: <https://aidemail.co.uk/campaigns/barnsleycvs/lvxgGP7z72ZBw04Kn6LU0GGXA>

SYFAB SOUTH YORKSHIRE FUNDING ADVICE BUREAU

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NOW
AVAILABLE**

SYFAB FUNDRAISING COURSES

Upcoming events

**SEPT 2025 -
FEB 2026**

**OCT
10**

**MAKING A GOOD APPLICATION (BID-WRITING) TWO HALF DAYS 10TH OCT & FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
10.00AM-1.00PM**

**NOV
11**

**CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEGAL STRUCTURE FOR YOUR GROUP OR ORGANISATION
10.00am-1.30pm**

**OCT
14**

**NATIONAL LOTTERY REACHING COMMUNITIES MASTERCLASS FOR LARGER NLCF GRANTS
09.30am-2.30pm**

**JAN 2026
22**

**SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY MASTERCLASS
09.30am-2.30pm**

**OCT
21**

**MAKING THE ASK: MAKING THE MOVE - HOW TO GAIN BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT FOR YOUR GROUP OR PROJECT
10.00am-3.30pm**

**JAN
27**

**THE ESSENTIALS OF GOOD BOOK-KEEPING FOR COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY GROUPS AND CIC'S
09.30am-1.00pm**

**OCT
23**

**SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY MASTERCLASS
09.30am-2.30pm**

**FEB
3**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO BUDGETING FOR FUNDRAISING
10.00am-1.30pm**

**NOV
4**

**MEET THE FUNDER WEBINAR WITH THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND
10.00AM-12.00PM**

**FEB
10**

**UNDERSTANDING AIMS, OUTCOMES AND IMPACT IN FUNDRAISING
09.30am-2.30pm**

**NOV
5**

**FUNDING FROM MAJOR TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS
9.30 am-1.00pm**

**FEB
12**

**INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING FOR BEGINNERS
09.30am-2.30pm**

Book online at www.syfab.org.uk

**FREE PLACES FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
contact enquiries@syfab.org.uk or call 07395 023887**



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Company No: 7545536



Junior Learn to Paddle with WheelPower

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2026, 10:00am or 1:00pm

Location

Manvers Waterfront Boat Club
The Boathouse, Station Road
Wath-upon-Deerne, Rotherham
S63 7DG

Our Junior Learn to Paddle event is for anyone aged 10 - 17 with a physical disability. Highly skilled coaches will introduce you to this super adaptable and accessible sport at Manvers Lake, Yorkshire. In this beautiful setting you will be equipped with everything you need to live your best active life on the water. Calm conditions, stunning wildlife and nature, and good times await, so don't delay, register now!

<https://www.wheelpower.org.uk/activities/junior-learn-to-paddle>



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

Please add 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.