



WYCANN COMMUNICATION
June 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 westyorkshire@cann-network.org, before the end of the month.

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

You can find these Communications on the CANN Website at:

<https://www.cann-network.org/blog/>

WYCANN MEETING DATES

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

1st July 2026

10am - 12pm

John Charles Centre, Leeds

2nd December 2026

10am - 12pm

Venues to be confirmed

10 Years of CANN: Reflecting on the National Knowledge Exchange

Recently, we marked a decade of the Children with Additional Needs Network (CANN) with our National Knowledge Exchange. It was a privilege to see so many professionals from the third sector and charity world come together to celebrate how far this voluntary network has come.

A huge thank you to Irwin Mitchell for hosting us and for their continued support of the network. It was fantastic to gather in a space that fosters such important conversations.

Our chair for the morning, Lucy Owen (Chief Executive, SNAPS Yorkshire CIO), set the tone perfectly by reflecting on the far-reaching impact of CANN over the last ten years. As Lucy highlighted, even when time is short, the importance of carving out space for peer support and shared information is vital for our sector's wellbeing.

We were also honoured to welcome back Karen Hoe OBE, one of the original founders of the network in Leeds, who shared her expert perspective on the changing landscape of charity leadership and innovation.

The morning provided real, "Monday-ready" insights from our brilliant speakers:

Michael Guy on honest prioritisation: "When everything is important, nothing is important."

Sophie Lowe on resilience and why we should "be more zebra."

Mark Armstrong on using AI for "more mission, less admin."

Vic Hancock Fell on the essential power of networking and community.

This event feels like a new step for the CANN network—a commitment to even better communication and support across the third sector.

We need your feedback!

To help us decide if this should become an annual event, please take a moment to fill out our short feedback form:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKBH038mbGIGSuto5zpm2q_wxm2zoVbVPbkyP89iaqJ9Uh7w/viewform

Missed the live session?

You can read the full summary and watch the webinar recording on our website:

<https://www.cann-network.org/news/cann-national-knowledge-exchange-reflecting-on-10-years-and-looking-ahead/>

CHAIR COMMENTS

As we move into June, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our members—both longstanding and those who are newly joining WYCANN. It's fantastic to see our network continuing to grow, bringing together such a breadth of experience, insight, and shared commitment across the region.

To our new members in particular, welcome. We look forward to getting to know you, hearing about your work, and exploring how WYCANN can support collaboration, shared learning, and positive impact across services.

With the half-term holiday now upon us, I hope many of you are able to take a moment to pause and recharge. The recent arrival of some much-needed sunshine certainly adds to the sense of a seasonal shift—hopefully bringing renewed energy as we head into the summer months.

Looking ahead, a reminder that our next meeting will take place on 1st July. This will be a valuable opportunity to reconnect, share updates, and continue our important discussions and collective work. Further details will follow, but please do make a note in your diaries.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing engagement and contribution to WYCANN. I look forward to seeing many of you in July.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Harry's Pals



Harry's Pals is a charity supporting parents in England whose child has a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Our work is centred on reducing isolation, improving wellbeing, and creating meaningful support networks for families navigating complex and often overwhelming circumstances.

Created by Harry's mum and founder, Hayley Charlesworth, Harry's Pals was built through lived experience and a deep understanding of the challenges families can face when caring for a seriously ill child. Harry, the charity's namesake, remains at the heart of the organisation and its commitment to ensuring families feel seen, supported, and connected.

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



National Deaf Children's Society

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) is the leading UK charity dedicated to supporting deaf children, young people, and their families, regardless of hearing loss level. They provide free, expert information, local support groups, advocacy, and online resources covering education, health, and technology to empower families and remove barriers to childhood

We're here for deaf children and everyone who cares about them. Whatever the question or challenge, we help find a way through.

We empower families to connect and drive change in their communities, and we campaign to make sure deaf children get the support they need.

We lead the way, sharing insight and knowledge in the UK and internationally.

<http://www.ndcs.org.uk>



The Movement Centre

At The Movement Centre, they provide specialist paediatric physiotherapy for children with movement difficulties. They are proud to specialise in Targeted Training, an evidence-based and life-changing

therapy designed to help children and young people with movement disorders including Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, acquired brain injuries and genetic disorders.

Through a structured course of therapy, children can develop new physical skills, develop strength, and improve postural control, leading to improved independence and confidence; changes that can have a profound and lasting impact on daily life.

They offer a fully-funded 12 month course of physiotherapy, with check-ins in person with our expert team and ongoing support and guidance so that therapy can be carried out safely and effectively at home.

<https://the-movement-centre.co.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

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - LEEDS

Parent and carer session: Home to School Transport

The Leeds Local Offer is running a workshop for parents and carers of children with SEND.

Date: Tuesday 16th June 2026

Time: 12pm till 1pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

This is an information session for parents and carers to provide an overview of Home to School Transport for pre-16 students attending specialist settings.

The session will be delivered by the Children's Transport and Passenger Transport teams. A recording of the session will be made available after the session.


You can book your free place [here](#).

Modular seating and wheelchairs - from assessment to solution

Irwin Mitchell are hosting an insightful session on modular seating and wheelchairs, exploring the latest innovations in specialist equipment and postural care. This is a brilliant opportunity for families, carers, and healthcare professionals to learn how tailored mobility solutions can maximise independence and comfort.

We are also thrilled to share that Linsay, the founder of one of our wonderful network charities, Little Hiccups, will be presenting at the event to share her vital insights and experience!

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your place.

 **Find out more and register here:**

<https://events.irwinmitchell.com/Modulareseatingandwheelchairs>

Workshop for parents and carers of children with SEND

Date: Thursday 21st May 2026

Time: 11am till 12pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

The session will cover:

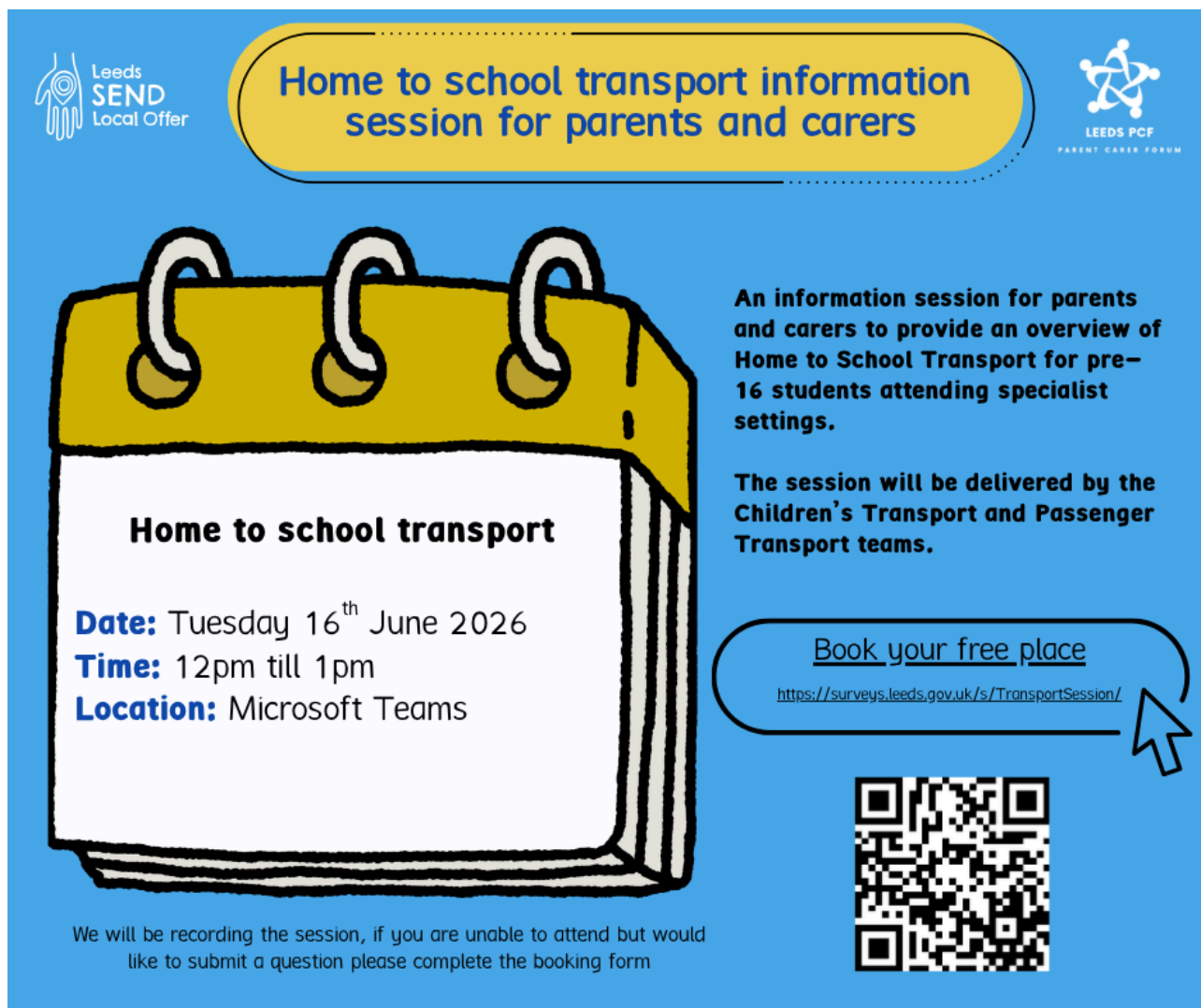
An overview of the CYPMHS service

Information about the teams in CYPMHS and what they offer (including support for mental health and ADHD medication)

How to access support from CYPMHS

a recording of the session will be made available after.

Book your free place here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/HealthWorkshop/>



The poster features a blue background with a yellow banner at the top containing the title. On the left is the Leeds SEND Local Offer logo, and on the right is the Leeds PCF Parent Carer Forum logo. A central illustration of a yellow calendar page with three rings at the top displays the event details. To the right of the calendar, there are two paragraphs of text describing the session and the delivering teams. Below this is a call to action with a URL and a mouse cursor icon, and a QR code at the bottom right. A small note at the bottom left explains that the session will be recorded and provides instructions for those unable to attend.

Leeds SEND Local Offer

Home to school transport information session for parents and carers

LEEDS PCF PARENT CARER FORUM

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Book your free place
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/TransportSession/>

We will be recording the session, if you are unable to attend but would like to submit a question please complete the booking form

Spectrum Festival 2026

Spectrum Festival is back – a SEND-friendly, fully inclusive live music event in Leeds.

Following the success of last year’s festival, this event returns on Friday 12 June, 6:00pm–11:30pm at The Attic Leeds. It is open to young people aged 14+ and aims to create a real, vibrant gig experience for everyone.

- Headlined by Mr Wilson’s Second Liners, bringing their brilliant brass band take on classic rave tunes, plus
- 10+ live performers across 2 stages
- Learners from the 16+ team have helped plan and promote the festival and will also be involved on the night.
- Tickets from £15 (special offer – 2 for £15 for the first 100 tickets)
- Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spectrum-festival-2026-tickets-1988461415622>

If the discounted tickets have sold out but cost is a barrier, support may be available. Also, for any questions about SEND accessibility or individual needs, please get in touch with the organisers.



Parent Carer Event – Leeds

Join the LEEDS PCF and the Voice, Influence and Change Team for a supportive and informative morning where your views really matter.

The event is aimed at representatives from support groups, however all SEND parent carers are welcome to attend as individuals.

- ✓ Learn how to share your views and feedback using Padlet
- ✓ Take part in the Leeds Parent Carer Forum annual survey
- ✓ Find out more about Short Breaks and Fun Activities in Leeds
- ✓ Learn about RADAR and give feedback directly to services



Monday 22nd June 2026



10am – 12.30pm



Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA



Register now: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCFEvent/>

PARENT CARER EVENT

Join the Leeds Parent Carer Forum and Voice, Influence and Change Team to:

- Learn about how to share your views and feedback via Padlets.
- Take part in the Leeds Parent Carer Forum annual survey.
- Hear about the Short Breaks and Fun Activities offer in Leeds, and share your feedback directly with services.
- Learn about RADAR, and share your feedback directly with services.



LEEDS PCF



Monday 22nd June 2026



10am till 12.30pm



Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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



Free suicide Prevention training

- Free for professionals in Leeds working with children and young people (limited spaces available until Sept 2026).
- Training available either online or in-person.
- Funded by Leeds City Council Public Health.

- Delivered by experienced workers from Leeds Survivor-Led Crisis Service with lived experience of mental health.
- Based on person centred and trauma informed approaches to mental health support.

This specialist training is designed for professionals in Leeds across education, health, social care, youth work and community services who want to:

- Gain insight and understanding of suicide thoughts and feelings include suicidal intent.
- Recognise warning signs and risk factors for suicide in children and young people.
- Learn practical techniques for early intervention and support.
- Build confidence in having safe and compassionate conversations around suicide.
- Strengthen your own internal procedures and policies and find out about referral pathways and signposting options.

The training supports schools to approach suicide prevention responsibly, and in alignment with recent national guidance. It builds on the mental wellbeing curriculum by strengthening staff confidence in recognising suicidal signs and behaviours alongside developing the skills to engage in meaningful conversations about suicide. This course provides practical tools you can apply immediately in your professional role.

This program is delivered in one 5 hour training session held at Tech North in Chapel Allerton:

Monday 8th June – 10am – 3pm

Thursday 16th July – 10am – 3pm

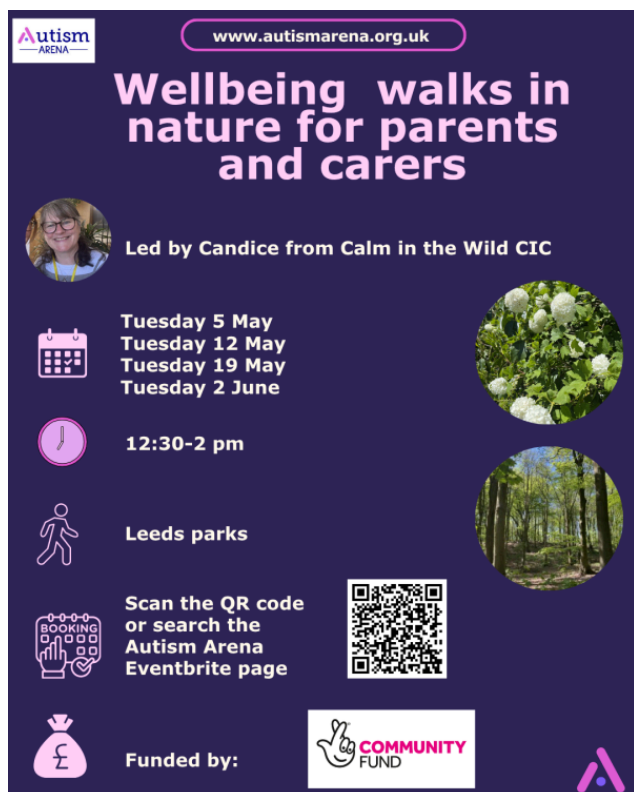
Wednesday 16th September – 10am – 3pm

Please note there are only 10 face to face spaces so once all sessions are full there will be a waiting list.

To book by email natalie.kirby@slcs.org.uk

Please note - the training content is the same so please only book on either online or in-person.

Autism Arena wellbeing events for parents and carers



The poster is for 'Wellbeing walks in nature for parents and carers' organized by Autism Arena. It features a dark blue background with white and pink text and icons. At the top left is the Autism Arena logo and the website www.autismarena.org.uk. The main title is 'Wellbeing walks in nature for parents and carers'. Below this, it says 'Led by Candice from Calm in the Wild CIC' with a small circular photo of Candice. The dates are listed as Tuesday 5 May, Tuesday 12 May, Tuesday 19 May, and Tuesday 2 June. The time is 12:30-2 pm. The location is 'Leeds parks'. There are two circular images: one of white flowers and one of a forest path. A QR code is provided for booking. The text says 'Scan the QR code or search the Autism Arena Eventbrite page'. At the bottom, it says 'Funded by:' followed by the Community Fund logo and the Autism Arena logo.

Both can be booked via our Eventbrite page for a small donation:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-arena-cic-85286071533>

New SEND Support Sessions Across Leeds!

Are you navigating the SEND system, waiting for an assessment, or looking for advice on supporting your child's needs at home? Leeds Family Hubs are hosting a variety of monthly drop-in sessions and specialist training across the city.

These sessions are a great opportunity to meet SEND Co-ordinators like Amanda, Natalie, and Hope in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Monthly Drop-In Schedule

The Reginald Centre (9:30am – 12:00pm)

- Monday 1st June & Monday 29th June
- Monday 20th July

Moor Allerton Community Hub (9:30am – 12:00pm)

- Monday 15th June
- Monday 13th July

The Compton Centre (Booking Required: 12:30pm – 3:00pm)

- Tuesday 2nd June
- Tuesday 7th July
- To book a slot, email family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk and quote 'Compton SEND drop in'.

Compassionate Culture Conference in Leeds (17th June 2026)

We are delighted to invite colleagues, partners, and leaders from across our system to the West Yorkshire Compassionate Cultures Conference 2026, taking place on Wednesday 17 June at the Centenary Pavilion, Leeds United Football Stadium. [Link to book](#)

This inspiring full-day event is a chance to step away from the everyday pressures of work and reconnect with what truly supports people, teams, and services to thrive. At a time when many of us are feeling stretched or disconnected, the conference offers space to pause, reflect, and focus on the power of compassionate, inclusive cultures.

This event brings together colleagues from health, social care, and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. It's a valuable opportunity to connect across organisations, learn from each other, and feel part of a collective movement towards healthier, more compassionate workplaces.

By joining us, you will:

- Reconnect with your values, purpose, and the positive impact of your work
- Take away practical tools to support wellbeing, inclusion, and psychological safety
- Learn from real examples of compassionate practice across West Yorkshire
- Understand why compassionate cultures matter — for engagement, resilience, and thriving teams
- Leave energised, inspired, and confident to lead and work differently

We hope you can join us for what promises to be an uplifting and impactful day dedicated to supporting the people who make our services possible.

[For more information and the link to book please click here](#)

We are also looking for a couple of Health and Wellbeing stalls at the event if anyone would be interested. Ideally we are looking for stalls with an interactive element so if you want to talk through ideas [please get in touch](#).

If anyone has any questions please do get in touch.

Thanks

[Emma](#)

Health workshops: recordings

Colleagues from Health, in collaboration with the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, are hosting a series of online information workshops for parents and carers.

The sessions cover topics such as:

- Leeds Teaching Hospitals Learning Disability and Autism Team (October 2025)
- Health services in Leeds (February 2026)
- CYPMHS / CAMHS (May 2026)
- Health Screening (July 2026)

All workshops are delivered online, and recordings can be [accessed here](#).

SEND parent carer monthly information drop-in

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

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

Dates and times of drop in

- Wednesday 10th June 2026, 10.30 till 12.30 at Horsforth Library Building, Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 5BL
- Wednesday 8th July 2026, 10.30 till 12.30 at The Welcome Centre, Belle Isle Rd, Belle Isle, Leeds, LS10 3DN

Book your place at the drop in here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>

If you require further information about the drop in sessions email LLO@leeds.gov.uk, follow the Leeds Local Offer [facebook page](#) or [WhatsApp channel](#).

Social Communication and Interaction (Including Autism) Team Parent/Professional Training Sessions 2025-26

Keeping autistic children and young people safe online

- Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2026
- Time: 9.15am till 11.15am
- Venue: online

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to navigate the online world safely.

The workshop will explore the importance of online media to autistic identity and wellbeing- to build positive connections and communities. During the workshop discussions will take place to explore how to monitor the safe use of online platforms and understand vulnerabilities when young people access these. There will be a focus on the current themes present in harmful online content and how to support young people to navigate these safely.

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

Interplay Theatre - Upcoming Events



INTERPLAY
NATIONAL SENSORY THEATRE

**LS12 Creative
Sensory Open Days**

Interplay Theatre
Creating sensory theatre which places the audience at the centre of the experience.

LS12 Creative
Home to all of Interplay Theatre's participation work that happens in our building, in our area and beyond.

We are opening our doors to welcome young people with learning disabilities, PMLD and/or autism, with their families and carers.

2026

- Saturday 11th April
- Saturday 9th May
- Saturday 6th June
- Saturday 4th July
- Saturday 1st August
- Saturday 12th September
- Saturday 3rd October
- Saturday 7th November
- Saturday 5th December

11am - 12.30pm or 2pm - 3.30pm **£ Free!**

What happens on a Sensory Open Day?

These monthly free-form open days are themed differently each time and introduce ideas, celebrate messy spaces, and promotes play, whatever that means for you. Our Sensory Youth Theatre group will share music, creative play and art, and our artists are led by the participants with very few rules or expectations.

Come and explore, create, and express yourselves in a relaxed and supportive environment. Booking a place means we can plan and tailor our activities to the young people and we can ensure that the sessions don't get too busy.

Find us on the 15, 16, 72 and 508 bus routes.

To book, contact the team on:
Email: takepart@interplaytheatre.org.uk
Call: 0113 263 8556
Text: 07444 229628





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Inclusive Employment Fair – Leeds

Take your next step towards work

Are you looking for a job, thinking about work, or just want to explore your options?

Visit the Inclusive Employment Fair in Leeds, designed especially for disabled jobseekers. This is a friendly, supportive space where you can meet employers, get advice, and build your confidence.



Book your free place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusive-employment-fair-tickets-1987325884217>



What to expect on the day

Meet inclusive employers and ask questions about real job opportunities

Take part in practical workshops to build your knowledge and confidence

Have 1-to-1 chats with employers and support organisations

Get advice on your rights at work and how to request adjustments

Workshops include:



Understanding your rights at work



How to ask for support and adjustments



Accessibility

This event is designed to be accessible and welcoming:

Step-free entrance

Accessible and Changing Places toilets

Quiet space available

Support available if you have specific access needs



Why come along?

This is more than a job fair — it's a chance to:

Build confidence in a supportive environment

Speak directly with employers who value inclusion

Get practical advice to move forward at your own pace



Questions or support

If you have access needs or questions please contact: [✉ north.community@scope.org.uk](mailto:north.community@scope.org.uk)

Date: Friday 26th June 2026

Start Time: 2:00 PM

End Time: 6:00 PM

Address:

Scope Leeds Community Hub

3 Brewery Wharf

Dock Street

LS10 1JF

A Supportive, Practical Course for Parents Using Music With Their Children

If you'd like to feel more confident using music to connect with your child — especially if they have additional or complex needs — our two-day course Making Music with Special Children may be a wonderful fit.

You don't need to be musical. You don't need to sing in tune. You just need curiosity and a willingness to explore.

What you'll learn

Simple ways to use music to support communication and bonding

How rhythm and pulse can help with focus and regulation

Creative ideas for using music, even with limited time or resources

Using iPads to make music

Approaches that work for children with a wide range of needs

"Certainly one of the very best courses I have ever attended - truly transformative! Heartfelt thanks to the tutors- and to the participants. I had a very rewarding time with my little granddaughter on Sunday, whose dancing back and forth along the sofa I accompanied with up and down arpeggios causing squeals of delight." Christopher, grandparent

Course details

London – 29–30 September 2026 York – 9–10 November 2026 Cost: £95 for both days, including lunch and refreshments.

Book your place:

<https://jessiesfund.org.uk/our-work/training/making-music-with-special-children/>


We'd love to welcome you to two uplifting, supportive days of learning and shared experience.



Free Family Event: Come and Play in the Woods!


Contact has joined forces with climate and arts partners to bring a series of magical woodland circus shows and workshops to Yorkshire this summer!

They are hosting two FREE outdoor events at Middleton Park, Leeds, specifically designed to be accessible to all families—especially those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Bring the whole family along to enjoy a fantastic Positive Imaginings Circus Show and a nature-based Woodland Workshop. It is a wonderful chance for children to play in nature, and for parents to learn new skills in advocating for change on the issues you care about.

 What to Expect:

-  Positive Imaginings Circus Show: A family-friendly theatre show designed to inspire curiosity and imagine a brighter, fairer future.
-  Woodland Workshop: A hands-on session where kids can play in the woods, while adults can share their hopes for the future and learn how to use their voices to engage with politicians.







 Accessibility:



The organisers are making sure the shows are welcoming and accessible to everyone:

- Accessible toilets on-site.
- Dedicated quiet spaces available.

 Date & Time Options:

You can choose from two different sessions over the weekend:

-  Option 1: Saturday 13th June 2026
 -  Time: 1:30pm – 4:30pm
 -  Book Saturday Tickets:
<https://hftf.org.uk/event/leeds-positive-imaginings-circus-show-and-woodland-workshop>
-  Option 2: Sunday 14th June 2026
 -  Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
 -  Book Sunday Tickets:
<https://hftf.org.uk/event/leeds-positive-imaginings-circus-show-and-woodlands-workshop>

 Location: Middleton Park, Leeds  Cost: Completely FREE (booking is essential to secure your family's spot)

You can also find out more or sign up by visiting: <https://hftf.org.uk/events>

Little Hiccups Upcoming Events

Hello all!

Tuning In: Building Interception Together

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

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

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

June 3rd: [FREE Legal Clinic with Stewarts >](#)

June 7th - [Little Hiccups Eid Party Extravaganza! >](#)

June 9th: [Why simple things feel impossible \(and how to make them easier\) >](#)

June 10th: [Homemade Herbals: Fire Cider & Creative Crafts >](#)

June 11th: [Physiotherapy Assessment and Advice >](#)

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

Mon June 22nd: [Stay n Play at TCV Skelton >](#)

June 30th: [Juniper Tree - Comfortable Care >](#)

July 1st: [Relax, Rejuvenate and Reset workshop! >](#)

Please click on the links above for more details, See below or visit our website.

As always, if you ever have any questions, please do get in touch and let us know by emailing info@littlehiccups.co.uk

Moving and Handling of People Training

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the Moving and Handling of People training we currently offer.

Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and wider contacts who may benefit from the training.

Train the Trainer

Our Train the Trainer: Moving and Handling course, is designed to equip staff with the knowledge, confidence and practical skills to safely deliver moving and handling training within their own organisation.

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of risk assessment and safe handling techniques, alongside guidance on how to effectively teach and assess others.

Spaces still available on our June and October courses.

<https://wmdlc.org/services/moving-handling-training/train-the-trainer/>

Annual Update

Our Moving and Handling of People – Annual Update course is designed to refresh and reinforce essential knowledge and practical skills in safe moving and handling.

This session provides an opportunity to revisit key principles, update your understanding of current legislation and best practice, and ensure continued confidence in carrying out safe techniques. It also supports staff in maintaining compliance and reducing the risk of injury for both themselves and the people they support.

The National Back Exchange recommends that everyone who has attended a moving and handling training course, then attends an annual update.

Are you up to date?

Spaces still available on our July, October and December courses.

<https://wmdlc.org/services/moving-handling-training/train-the-trainer-annual-update/>

Play, Connect, and Relax: Free Infant Massage Course

Are you looking for a gentle way to bond with your little one while meeting other families? Sense is hosting a free five-week Infant Massage course specifically designed for babies (0–12 months) with additional needs.

This course is a wonderful opportunity to learn soothing techniques that can support your baby's development and wellbeing in a relaxed, supportive environment.

When: Every Monday throughout June:

- Day 1: 1 June (10:00 - 11:30)
- Day 2: 8 June (10:00 - 11:30)
- Day 3: 15 June (10:00 - 11:30)
- Day 4: 22 June (10:00 - 11:30)
- Day 5: 29 June (10:00 - 11:30)
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Where: Tumble Town Adventure Play, Ghyll Royd, Guiseley, Leeds, LS20 9PP

Cost: Totally FREE, but booking is essential to secure your spot!

Infant massage can be particularly beneficial for children with complex communication needs or sensory impairments, helping to improve sleep patterns, aid digestion, and promote relaxation for both parent and child.

Find out more and book your place here:

<https://www.sense.org.uk/shop/online-shop/infant-massage-0-12mnths-leeds/>

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - BRADFORD

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Led by the friendly and supportive Educational Psychologist team, you'll find a safe space to share and listen to other parents and get ideas to help. You will need to be able to attend all four sessions. To book, e-mail: EBSA@bradford.gov.uk

- Weds, 10 June - 1 July (1pm - 2.30pm) at Bradford South Family Hub ([Reevy](#))

SEND 'Life Admin' session (parent-volunteer led)

A new friendly drop-in for families with a child with special education needs and/or disabilities. Run with support from a parent-volunteer with lived experience, the session will focus on helping you with paperwork, forms and admin - with a cuppa and a chat.

- 14 May (10am - 2pm) Keighley Family Hub ([Airedale shopping centre](#))

SEND Marketplace drop-in events

Taking place monthly at different venues across the district, come along and speak to specialist SEND services who can provide advice, support and signposting.

- 18 May (2pm - 4.30pm) at Bradford South Family Hub ([TFD](#)).
- 29 June (9.30am - 11.30am) at [Shipley Library](#).
- 27 July (1pm - [3pm](#)) at Bradford East Family Hub ([Barkerend](#)).

SEND Toilet Training Workshop

The special needs and public health school nursing team can provide support around toilet training at these workshops. All sessions run between 9.30am - 11.30am. To book, send your name, your

child's name and school, your contact number and the date you wish to attend to:
sendtoilettraining@bdct.nhs.uk

- 13 May at Keighley/ShIPLEY Family Hub ([Rainbow](#))
 - 29 May (online - MS Teams)
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SEND parent/carer's coffee morning

- 18 May (10.30am to 12 noon) at Bradford East Family Hub ([Barkerend](#))
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Creative session for people (aged 18+) with learning disabilities

A welcoming space to meet, socialise and take part in activities such as arts and crafts. Call: 07904 953864 or email: info@volunteeringbradford.org

- 11 May (2pm - 4pm) at Bradford West Family Hub ([Bevan](#))
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Preparation for Adulthood Survey

SNOOP, Special Needs Objective Outreach Project have put together a [survey](#) about Preparation for Adulthood and would love your help in answering a few questions. The results of the survey will feed into the SEND team's 'Preparation For Adulthood' workstream.

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Full email: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBMD/bulletins/4182a4c>

- 'Preparation for Adulthood' is the next topic for the Parents' Forum spotlight on Thursday, 25 June (10am - 12 noon) at the Mayfield Centre (BD5). Book [here](#).
- Carers week drop-in event, 11 June (11am - 2pm). Airedale Shopping Centre. Activities, refreshments, wellbeing support and information for carers.
- The next [SEND One plan event](#) will be on Thursday, 2 July (10am-12pm) at Shipley library. To book, email [here](#).
- Parents Forum for Bradford and Airedale are recruiting for a paid post of 'Parent Carer Network Lead' this is a part-time, fixed term role. Deadline 5 June, 2026. For info, email [here](#).
- SENDIASS have pre-recorded a range of workshops/webinars for parents, carers and young people. Videos are available [here](#).





- A free family cycling event will take place on Sunday 7 June, (11am – 3pm) at Wyke Community Sports Village. [Read more](#). No booking required, just turn up on the day. Read more.
- SEND drop-in events on Weds 17 June (8.30am - 10.30am) at Green Lane primary school and then (2pm - 4pm) at Westbourne primary school. [Read more](#).
- The Down Syndrome Training and Support Service is running an online toilet training workshop [here](#), and sleep workshop [here](#).
- SENDIASS in-person tribunal workshop - advice for parents or carers or young people. Tuesday, June 23 (1pm - 4pm). [Read more](#).
- Free road safety drop-in event on Thursday, 21 May (1pm - 4pm) at Airedale Shopping Centre in Keighley. Arts and crafts, reaction timer, ramp demonstration and bike activities. [Read more](#).
- Lots of dates available for a free health checks in Keighley, including a dedicated women-only session. All events are free and open to everyone. [Find out more](#).
- The friends of Bradford Beck have a summer of free guided walks planned. The first walk will take place on Saturday 27, June (10am - 12.30pm) - [find out more](#).
- Join the Canal and River trust on Monday, 25 May (10.30am - 1.30pm) for a 3.5 mile walk from Bingley to East Riddlesden Hall. Book your place [here](#).

Have you seen the new sensory space at Reevy Hill Family Hub yet?

A new, sensory room designed for children of all ages has been built at Reevy Hill family hub. The room is fully equipped with a fantastic range of new sensory features, including a bubble tube, UV lights, a motion chair, and hands-on tactile displays. A new sound system has also been installed, allowing families to connect music and sounds to the equipment for a fully immersive experience. The sensory room can be booked by families (Monday to Friday) by contacting, Reevy Hill Family Hub on: 01274 434940

The team look forward to welcoming you and your family to enjoy this wonderful new space.

Mencap Family Engagement Group

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<h3>SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning</h3> <p>Join our community of parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs for informal advice and support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helpful advice and supportFree refreshmentsMeet other SEND parentsChildren welcomeSignposting to services <p>Come and join us at Park Lane Centre! 1st Wednesday of each month 10.00am – 11.30am Park Lane Centre, Park Lane, Bradford. BD5 0LN</p>  <p>To register with the project, scan the QR code or visit our Facebook page – Mencap Family Engagement Project Bradford and follow the link. For further information email us at: BradfordFEP@mencap.org.uk</p>	<h3>SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning</h3> <p>Join our community of parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs for informal advice and support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Helpful advice and supportFree refreshmentsMeet other SEND parentsChildren welcomeSignposting to services <p>Come and join us at Kirkgate Community Centre! 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00am – 11.30am Kirkgate Community Centre, 39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH</p>  <p>To register with the project, scan the QR code or visit our Facebook page – Mencap Family Engagement Project Bradford and follow the link. For further information email us at: BradfordFEP@mencap.org.uk</p>

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