



WEST MIDLANDS COMMUNICATION
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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the latest West Midlands CANN Update.

West Midlands 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 westmidlands@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/>

MEETING DATES

WMCANN Meeting

15th September 2026

10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue Details

Sense Touchbase Pears
Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6NA

Please let us know if you have any accessibility needs

Please complete our form - 'West Midlands CANN: Shaping Our Meetings'

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftuZuOs9jx5duvhMukIRSab6Gn-TXusN6nmhteObw-_hcFPg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=118290473335415316891

CHAIR COMMENTS

It's been so lovely to see so many of you join the WMCANN over the last few weeks! We've had an incredible increase in sign ups and it's so great to see a network of charitable organisations all come together. Coming soon is our first face to face event on Tuesday 15th September at Sense Touchbase Pears. Come along between 10am and 12pm to learn more about others in the sector, hear from the incredible Harry's Pals and Forward Carers and have a tour of the Touchbase Pears centre. Thank you for joining us and we'll see you all in September!

Jen and Hoodo
West Midland Co-Chairs

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NEW MEMBERS

The Silverlining Charity



Silverlining provides a structured, compassionate community 7 days a week for those over members over the age of 18 who have sustained a brain injury, through our on line Star Programme, Whatsapp Groups and Face to Face meet ups as well as various other activity based meet ups per region.

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

Access Sport



Access Sport are a national sport inclusion charity, working towards making inclusion the norm in community sports for disabled and disadvantaged young people. We train, equip, and support local community sports clubs, groups, and volunteers to run inclusive programs. We operate place-based programs across major urban areas including London, Bristol, Oxford, Manchester, Sheffield, and Birmingham (where their local team operates out of the Sport Birmingham office)

<https://www.accesssport.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

INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Access Sport Birmingham Inclusive Club Network: 'Making Inclusive Activity Everyone's Business'

You're invited to join us for a day of connection, learning, and great conversation with the Inclusive Club Network in Birmingham.

We're bringing together clubs, coaches, and volunteers from across the city to explore how we can embed inclusion in community sport.

The event will feature:

- Upskilling Workshops - short taster workshops to get clubs thinking about different inclusive practices and easy wins
- Lived Experience Panel Discussion – hear their story and ask them about their journey
- Networking with other community clubs in Birmingham!

Whether you're just starting out or building on existing work, this event is designed to support and inspire you.

There will be food, drinks, and plenty of time to chat and ask questions.



Wednesday 23 September



Time: 10:00am – 15:00pm



Location: Sense, Touchbase Pears, Bristol Road, Selly Oak, B29 6NA

For more information and to book: [Inclusive Club Network Birmingham](#)

Neurodiversity Training in Physical Activity

Aimed at physical activity providers across education, leisure, and youth. We will explore current landscape & stats, barriers and challenges faced in sport by neurodivergent people and how you can adapt your own activities to be a neuro-inclusive environment. We will deep dive into Autism and ADHD, as well as looking at Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's.



Monday 12 October 2026



Time: 13:00pm – 16:00pm



Location: Nechells Wellbeing Centre, Rupert St, Birmingham B7 4AR

For more information and to book: [Birmingham – Neurodiversity Inclusion in Physical Activity](#)

Community Accessible Visual Arts Workshops | Touchbase Pears

In our accessible studio you will be supported explore visual and tactile art; exploring new tools and techniques and develop your artistic practice. Our workshops are tailored to you, using a person-centred approach that creates space for you to explore and experiment with art in your own way and at your own pace. This Is My Art, our artistic vision written by Artistic Director – Tanya Raabe-Webber, prioritises process over product.

16th September

30th September

4th November

18th November

To book please follow this link: [Community Accessible Visual Arts Workshops | Touchbase Pears - Sense](#)



SUMMER 2026 ACTIVITIES WITH SQUARE PEG ACTIVITIES



Looking for brilliant, accessible events to keep the kids entertained over the summer holidays? Our friends at **Square Peg Activities** have an unbelievable lineup of themed sessions and day trips planned right through to late August!

From Nerf battles and pizza making to day trips, sensory sessions, and art workshops, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy. 🍕🎨🦁

Key Details:

-  **When:** Running throughout July and August 2026
-  **Location:** 37-39 Gate Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5TR

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-  **Who:** Designed for disabled children and their siblings (*Please note: Adults must stay on site*)
-  **Extras:** Lunch is served at all in-house events! Plus, the Gaming Room, Youth Den, Sensory Room, and Gardens are open during sessions unless stated.

 **Info & Booking:** Spaces go quickly, so be sure to secure your spots online!

Book directly here:

https://squarepegcharity.simplybook.it/v2/?fbclid=IwY2xjawG6eXlleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHU_2Bi8a0hE7CPqs-vQi YOik5KvX1eTKxPgcFB0snumTzF0Q7ULYR-vTw aem r6FW00ubs-TbCyEjT-D7ag#book

Or visit: <https://www.squarepegactivities.org/events>

 	SUMMER 2026				 
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
20/7 OPENING DAY PARTY 10-12 & 1-3	21/7 CREATURE FEATURE WITH TOBY 10-12 & 1-3	22/7 BIG ART DAY 10-12 & 1-3	23/7 GREECE DAY 11-2	24/7 NERF BATTLE 10-12 & 1-3	
27/7 SMOOTHIE & SHAKE DAY 10-12 & 1-3	28/7 CANADA DAY 10-12 & 1-3	29/7 WESTON-SUPER-MARE COACH TRIP £5 per person	30/7 SENSORY SESSION AM ADULTS PM 10-12 & 1-3	31/7 LEGO DAY 10-12 & 1-3	
3/8 STONE PAINTING DAY 10-12 & 1-3	4/8 SOUTH KOREA DAY 11-2	5/8 GRAFFITI DAY WITH MATT 10-12 & 1-3	6/8 PAMPER DAY DAY 10-12 & 1-3	7/8 MUSIC DAY 10-12 & 1-3	
10/8 TIE DYE DAY 10-12 & 1-3	11/8 BOARD GAMES AND BSL WITH SARAH 10-12 & 1-3	12/8 EGYPT DAY 10-12 & 1-3	13/8 TWYXCROSS ZOO TRIP & ADULTS PM £5 per person	14/8 CAKE DECORATING DAY 10-12 & 1-3	
17/8 PIZZA MAKING DAY 10-12 & 1-3	18/8 ART DAY 10-12 & 1-3	19/8 POLYMER MAKING WITH JULIE 10-12 & 1-3	20/8 AUSTRALIA DAY 11-2	21/8 SPORT DAY 10-12 & 1-3	
24/8 WATER FIGHT DAY 10-12 & 1-3	25/8 SPACE DAY 10-12 & 1-3	26/8 COMIC BOOK DAY 10-12 & 1-3	27/8 SENSORY SESSION AM ADULTS PM 10-12 & 1-3	28/8 CLOSING BRAZIL PARTY WITH TOBY! 11-2	

**PLEASE VISIT [WWW.SQUAREPEGACTIVITIES.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.squarepegactivities.org/events) TO BOOK, ADULTS MUST STAY ON SITE.
GAMING ROOM, YOUTH DEN, SENSORY ROOM AND GARDENS OPEN AT ALL TIME UNLESS STATED
ALL EVENTS ARE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR SIBLINGS, LUNCH SERVED AT ALL IN HOUSE EVENTS
37-39 GATE LANE, SUTTON COLDFIELD, B73 5TR**

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS AND CONTACT DETAILS:

GENERAL

Website:	www.cann-network.org
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