



SYCANN COMMUNICATION
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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/>

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS AND CONTACT DETAILS:

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LinkedIn:	https://www.linkedin.com/company/south-yorkshire-cann
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/southyorkshirecann

SYCANN MEETING DATES

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

Upcoming Meeting:

24th November 2026

10am to 12pm

Irwin Mitchell's offices in Sheffield
Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield S3 8DT

CHAIR COMMENTS

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and that the activities, events, and services delivered across South Yorkshire have been well attended and successful for the children, young people, and families we support.

As we step into September and a new academic year, we are excited to continue connecting, collaborating, and strengthening the SEND community across our region. A warm welcome also to our newest member, Go Beyond, who offer fantastic free residential breaks for children facing challenges and difficulties in their lives.

A quick reminder to please add our next SYCANN network meeting to your diaries:

- Date: Tuesday 24th November 2026
- Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Venue: Irwin Mitchell's offices in Sheffield (Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield, S3 8DT)

These termly meetings provide such a valuable opportunity to come together face-to-face, share updates, build partnerships, and support one another in the work we do. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, dedication, and expertise to making our network so supportive and active.

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

My Max Card



MAX Card is the UK's leading discount card scheme supporting families of children and young people with SEND, looked-after and fostered children, and young Carers.

Cardholders can access free or discounted admission and exclusive offers at participating attractions and venues across the UK, including family attractions, zoos, museums, leisure activities, soft play, bowling and many more.

MAX Card is designed to make days out more affordable and accessible, giving children, young people and their families more opportunities to enjoy experiences together and create positive memories.

The card is issued to the eligible child or young person and can be used at participating venues when they are present. Offers vary between venues, so members can search the MAX Card website to discover participating attractions and check the latest offer before visiting.

MAX Card benefits include:

- *Access to discounts and offers at participating venues across the UK
- *Savings on family days out and activities
- *Offers from both local and national attractions
- *An easy-to-use online venue search
- *Access to additional partner offers and benefits

MAX Cards are available through participating local authorities, charities and other approved distributor organisations.

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



1Voice - Communicating Together

Meet AAC role models and connect with an AAC community

1Voice is a small UK charity providing social connection and networking for AAC users, their families and those who support them.

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We welcome people at any stage of their communication journey.

At our events, we learn from and inspire each other, develop communication confidence and have fun. Come along to meet AAC role models and others navigating life with AAC.

We are always looking for volunteers to help run events.

Our members' communication needs arise from a range of conditions, including cerebral palsy, brain injury or autism. Many also use wheelchairs or other mobility aids.

<https://www.1voice.info/>



Sheffield United Community Foundation

Sheffield United Community Foundation is the official associated charity of Sheffield United Football Club. The Foundation works across the areas of Education & Employability, Health & Wellbeing and Participation & Inclusion.

<https://sufc-community.com/>



Disability Sport Yorkshire

Welcome to new members Disability Sport Yorkshire

Disability Sport Yorkshire is the primary regional organization dedicated to improving access to sports and physical activity for disabled children and adults across Yorkshire and The Humber. Its central purpose has remained tackling the inequality disabled people face in accessing sport and physical activity.

Today, DSY works across Yorkshire and the Humber, creating opportunities for disabled people to:

- Be physically active
- Participate in sport
- Socialise and build connections
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Develop confidence and independence

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- Develop sporting talent
- Become involved in sport as volunteers, leaders and coaches

Access inclusive opportunities through schools and community organisations

The organisation's current stated purpose is to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life of disabled people in Yorkshire and the Humber, while supporting dignity, self-worth and social contribution.

<https://disabilitysportyorkshire.org/>

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

INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

Yorkshire WheelPower Sports Festival

The Yorkshire WheelPower Sports Festival is an inclusive event for anyone over the age of 5 years with a physical disability to discover sport in a safe, welcoming and friendly environment.

Join us in Sheffield on 28 January to try Curling, Laser Shooting, Archery, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Tennis and Powerchair Football! If you have any questions regarding this event please give us a call on 01296 395995 or email the Sports team via sport@wheelpower.org.uk

Date/Time

28 January 2027. Registration is from 9.30am and the festival will finish at approximately 3.10pm.

Location

English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA. There is plenty of free disabled parking at the venue, and the venue also has accessible toilets and changing facilities.

Cost:

We ask for a minimum donation of £5 to attend this event. With your donation we will continue to support physically disabled people to access sport.

Lunch:

A packed lunch will be provided.

Who is the Festival for?

WheelPower's Sports Festival is open to anyone with a physical disability, from the age of 5 years to Adult. Please note that activities will be split into appropriate age groups.

For further information and how to book, click on the following link:
<https://www.wheelpower.org.uk/activities/yorkshire-sports-festival/>



WHEELPOWER SPORTS FESTIVAL »» YORKSHIRE ««

THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2027
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Parent Carers Support & Connect in High Wycombe By Yusra Jinaan Foundation

We're excited to be starting a new monthly group in partnership with the Karima Foundation, created specifically for parent carers from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds who care for children with additional needs or disabilities.



DATE: Friday 18 September 2026



TIME: 9:30 AM



LOCATION: Castlefield Community Centre, High Wycombe

About the Group

This is the first of our new monthly sessions. As the group develops, we aim to invite relevant professionals who can provide practical advice and guidance on different aspects of supporting your child.

Who Is This For?

The group is for parent carers from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds living in or around High Wycombe who care for a child or young person with additional needs or disabilities.

You do not need to have a formal diagnosis to attend.

What Can You Expect?

- ☕ Meet other parent carers
- 💬 Share experiences in a welcoming and understanding space
- 💜 Take a moment for yourself
- 👛 Receive practical signposting where needed
- 🌱 Help shape future sessions around the needs of local families

Register Here!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-carers-support-connect-in-high-wycombe-tickets-1999950610112>

Yusra Jinaan FOUNDATION

PARENT CARERS SUPPORT & CONNECT IN HIGH WYCOMBE

A relaxed morning to connect, share experiences and enjoy a warm drink with other parent carers of children with additional needs.

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

9:30 AM

CASTLEFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **KARIMA FOUNDATION**

Barnsley CVS News

Penistone VCSE Support Drop in Event

On the 4th of November, 11am-2pm, Barnsley CVS will be hosting a community support event at St Johns Community Centre, for VCSEs' based around Penistone with an income of less than 100k a year. This will be an opportunity to meet our team and learn how we could support your organisation's needs. Contact info@barnsleycvs.org.uk for more information.

Autumn/Christmas Craft Workshop with CP Teens

Dates & Times

26 Oct 2026, 12:00 – 16:30

Chesterfield, Chesterfield, UK

About

A fun afternoon with autumn and Christmas crafts. Whether you're more autumn, you're Christmas mad, or you love both, cosy vibes are guaranteed!

Chesterfield - exact location only given to those registered for safeguarding reasons. Accessible, ample parking right outside, disabled toilet and located near to Chesterfield Railway Station.

Workshop is FREE, but a £25 deposit is required to secure your place. You will receive this back upon attending. No shows do not receive a refund on their deposit (unless extenuating circumstances).

Lunch is included! Lunch will be a light buffet. The format is as follows:

12:00-1:15pm - lunch and social

1:30-4:30pm - workshop

Contributions towards travel costs can also be claimed back depending upon where you are travelling from - more information can be found [here](#).

Minimum age: 14-years

Maximum age: 25-years

All under-18s, and those requiring support (e.g. toileting, feeding, medical care, moving & handling etc.) MUST attend with a parent/carers/PA - this is not a respite service.

<https://www.cpteensuk.org/events-1/autumn-christmas-craft-workshop>

SHASBAH Upcoming events and dates



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATES

If you would like to join us please get in touch on 07752665411 or email info@shasbah.co.uk. We can support with travel training and ensure the trip works for you!

Follow our socials for events and updates:



September

Digging Deeper youth group..... Friday 11th September, 5-7pm
Digging Deeper youth group..... Friday 25th September, 5-7pm
Chat Away..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed
Park Up and Play..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed

October

Bendrigg Residential 9th-11th October (Friday and Saturday night returning Sunday)
Digging Deeper youth group Friday 23rd October, 5-7pm
Chat Away..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed
Park up and Play..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed

November

Digging Deeper youth group..... Friday 6th November, 5-7pm
Digging Deeper youth group..... Friday 20th November, 5pm - 7pm
SHASBAH Fundraising ball..... Saturday 7th November, 6.30pm - 12pm (Tickets available soon)
AGM..... Time and date to be confirmed
Chat Away..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed
Park up and Play..... Times and Locations to be confirmed. Any requests welcomed

Please let us know if you would like to join our Whatsapp chats to stay up to date with events and let us know any suggestions too.

GET IN TOUCH: info@shasbah.co.uk 07752 665411 Sheffield ASBAH BL10, 57 Burton Street Sheffield S6 2HH
Registered Charity Number: 254108

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Inclusive Tennis & Padel across Yorkshire!

Looking for accessible, inclusive sports opportunities for children, young people, or adults? We are really pleased to share the work of Ben Howarth, founder of Ability Tennis and Yorkshire Tennis Open Court Lead!

Ben is a fantastic regional contact for anyone interested in disability and inclusive tennis and padel across Yorkshire. Whether you are looking for local opportunities in West Yorkshire, advice on getting started, or want to explore their dedicated weekly programme over in Sheffield and Rotherham, the Open Court programme is all about breaking down barriers to sport.

The sessions cater for all abilities, including neurodivergent players, wheelchair users, and individuals with visual impairments or sensory needs.

Ability Tennis Weekly Timetable Highlights (Sheffield & Rotherham):

- Tuesdays: VI (Visually Impaired) Weekly Tennis (Brentwood / Graves)
- Wednesdays (Hallamshire & Rotherham Leisure Centre): • Serving Autism • Yorkshire Para Standing Tennis Club • Sensory Tennis • Walking & Cardio Tennis
- Thursdays (Monthly): Mencap & Gateway Adult Tennis Inclusive (LD)
- Fridays: Wheelchair Tennis Inclusive Group (Graves), plus Women's groups and Walking Tennis
- Saturdays: Kids Tennis Inclusive sessions

Interested in playing, connecting, or bringing inclusive tennis or padel to your local area? Reach out to Ben directly:

- Email Ben: benabilitytennis@gmail.com
- LTA Open Court email: yorkshireopencourt@gmail.com
- Website: <https://www.abilitytennis.co.uk>

LET'S MAKE TENNIS & PADEL INCLUSIVE FOR ALL!

CONNECT • SHARE • INSPIRE

LTA **Open Court**

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FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

CONNECT • CHAT • STAY UPDATED

BE PART OF THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY!

INCLUSIVE FOR EVERYONE

OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY

STRONGER TOGETHER

CELEBRATING ABILITY & SPORT

SEE • SUPPORT • INSPIRE

HELP US GROW THE MOVEMENT!

TENNIS PADEL FRIENDSHIP CONFIDENCE FUN

→ BE PART OF SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY!
PLAY • CONNECT • BELONG



DAY	TIME	SESSION	VENUE
TUESDAY	12:30PM – 3:00PM	VI WEEKLY TENNIS	SPRING / SUMMER Brentwood Tennis Centre AUTUMN / WINTER Graves Tennis Centre
WELLBEING WEDNESDAY	10:00AM – 11:00AM	SERVING AUTISM	HALLAMSHIRE TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB 10:00AM – 2:00PM
	11:00AM – 12:00PM	YORKSHIRE PARA STANDING TENNIS CLUB	
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	CARDIO TENNIS	
	1:00PM – 2:00PM	WALKING TENNIS	
WEDNESDAY	11:00AM – 12:00PM	SENSORY TENNIS	ROTHERHAM LEISURE CENTRE
THURSDAY (MONTHLY)	12:00PM – 1:00PM	MENCAP & GATEWAY ADULT TENNIS INCLUSIVE (LD)	MENCAP & GATEWAY
FRIDAY <i>Feel Good Friday!</i>	11:00AM – 12:00PM	WOMEN'S GROUP	BRENTWOOD TENNIS CENTRE
	12:00PM – 1:00PM	WOMEN'S DOUBLES TENNIS GROUP	
	1:00PM – 2:00PM	CARDIO TENNIS	
	2:00PM – 3:00PM	WALKING TENNIS	GRAVES TENNIS CENTRE
	6:00PM – 7:00PM	WOMEN'S TENNIS XPRESS STARTER GROUP	
FRIDAY	1:00PM – 2:00PM	WHEELCHAIR TENNIS INCLUSIVE GROUP	GRAVES TENNIS CENTRE
SATURDAY	1:00PM – 1:45PM	KIDS TENNIS INCLUSIVE	SPRING / SUMMER Brentwood Tennis Centre
	2:00PM – 2:45PM	KIDS TENNIS INCLUSIVE	AUTUMN / WINTER Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club

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Sheffield Event Spotlight: Neurodiversity Sheffield Support Sessions!

If you are a parent or carer in Sheffield supporting a neurodivergent child or young person, Family Action and Sheffield Early Help run brilliant, free support sessions across the city!

Best of all: no diagnosis is needed and there is no need to book!

Here is what is coming up:

 **Drop-In Sessions** A welcoming, informal space for parents and carers to chat with the team, professional partners, and each other to get advice, support, and signposting.

- Emmanuel Academy, Waterthorpe (S20 7JU): Wednesday 30th September 2026, 9.30am – 12.00pm
- Foxhill Forum (S6 1BT): 9.30am – 12.00pm (see flyer for details)
- Lowedges Community Centre (S8 7HL): Tuesday 17th November 2026, 9.30am – 12.00pm
- Scotia Works (S1 4SE): Thursday 10th December 2026, 9.30am – 12.00pm

 **ADHD Information Sessions** A 90-minute training session led by a dedicated project worker, offering practical insights and strategies. No diagnosis or pre-booking required.

- Scotia Works (S1 4SE): Thursday 5th November 2026, 10.00am – 11.30am

Get in Touch & Find Out More:

- Call: 0114 2412733
- Email: neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk
- Website: family-action.org.uk
- Scan the QR code on the flyer to visit their events page!

Neurodiversity Sheffield Drop In Sessions



Neurodiversity Sheffield
Support Sessions

No diagnosis or booking required

Upcoming events - open to all

Drop-in sessions

A drop-in session is a chance for parents and carers to come and talk to us, to our professional partners and to each other to get support, information and advice. No diagnosis or booking is required.



Woodhouse Community Hub & Library, S13 7GD

Wednesday 16th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Emmanuel Academy, Waterthorpe, S20 7JU

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Foxhill Forum, S6 1BT

Friday 30th September 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Lowedges Community Centre, S8 7HL

Tuesday 17th November 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Thursday 10th December 2026, 9.30am-12.00pm

ADHD information sessions

An information session is a 90-minute ADHD training session led by our project worker. You do not need to book to attend and no diagnosis is needed.

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Tuesday 15th September 2026, 10.00am-11.30am

Thursday 5th November 2026, 10.00am-11.30am



For more information please refer to our events page on our [website](#) or scan the QR code:

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