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:

Website:	www.cann-network.org
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Chairs:	chair.southyorkshire@cann-network.org
Bluesky:	https://bsky.app/profile/sycann.bsky.social
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

A warm welcome to the November communication round-up!

We are really looking forward to bringing everyone together for our next SYCANN meeting on 24th November (10am–12pm) at Irwin Mitchell in Sheffield. Meeting face-to-face is always such a valuable way to exchange news, build partnerships, and strengthen our regional support network.

Could you please take a quick moment to let us know if you'll be joining us? An RSVP helps us finalise numbers with the venue, and please shout if you have any accessibility requirements.

Simply drop us an email at southyorkshire@cann-network.org to confirm your place. We hope to see you there!

Nina Rose and Maxine Beckett
SYCANN Co-Chair's
South Yorkshire CANN
chair.southyorkshire@cann-network.org

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

INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

Sheffield PCF Events:

Information sessions for parent carers:
https://sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk/events/

Introduction to trauma – informed practice
Wednesday 4th November 10:00am – 12:30pm
Location: on website

Neurodivergence and eating
Thursday 12th November 10:00am – 12:30pm
Location: on website

Introduction to demand avoidance
Wednesday 18th November 10:00am – 12:30pm
Location: on website

Coffee and Chat drop in:
Thursday 26th November 09:30am – 12:00pm
Location: on website

ONLINE: Introduction to Autism
Friday 27th November 7:00pm – 09:30PM
Virtual meeting

Neurodisability training dates:
Book here: https://sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk/about/neurodisability-training-project/

Online: Neurodisability Training for professionals and practitioners
Focusing on 0-12 Autism & ADHD
Thursday 12th November 9:45am – 2:45pm

Wednesday 2nd December 9:45am – 2:45pm
Monday 14th December 9:45am – 2:45pm
Monday 11th January 2027 9:45am – 2:45pm

In Person: Neurodisability Training for professionals and practitioners
Focusing on 0-12 Autism & ADHD – Location: Niagara Conference and Leisure Centre
Thursday 26th November 9:45am – 2:45pm
Friday 29th January 2027 9:45am – 2:45pm
Thursday 11th February 2027 9:45am – 2:45pm

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

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. Drop in at any time. 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.

Small Grants for 2040 Community Consultations -

Deadline approaching: Monday 2nd November at 10am. This is a chance for your group members, young or old, to say what matters to them when thinking about the Barnsley of the future. Full details are here. If you have any questions, please email funding@barnsleycvs.org.uk or call 01226 448796.

Survey of Carers

Are you helping a family member, friend, neighbour or someone else because of a long-term illness, disability, physical or mental health conditions, substance misuse, or older age? The Survey of Carers needs your voice. By completing the survey, you'll help inform decisions made by policymakers, including your local council, about the support unpaid carers like you need. All responses are 100% anonymous. Complete the survey here - https://bham.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4PJPrfbnQu574nI

View full newsletter:
https://track.pstmrk.it/3s/aidemail.co.uk%2Fcampaigns%2Fbarnsleycvs%2FnaCkzG4EFqChSXncEeFkBt3Tm/3hBa/XgXJAQ/AQ/2e3c2c23-03bd-4517-8bc8-98952ff64cde/1/VH7aAjcE4F
(Includes Funding and Training)

SHASBAH Upcoming events and dates



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


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INCLUSIVE FOR EVERYONE
OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY
STRONGER TOGETHER
CELEBRATING ABILITY & SPORT
TENNIS
PADEL
FRIENDSHIP
CONFIDENCE
FUN
BE PART OF SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY!
PLAY • CONNECT • BELONG



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WEEKLY TIMETABLE



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 Feel Good Friday!	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	
	6:00PM – 7:00PM	WOMEN'S TENNIS XPRESS STARTER GROUP	GRAVES TENNIS CENTRE
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 AUTUMN / WINTER: Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club
	2:00PM – 2:45PM	KIDS TENNIS INCLUSIVE	

GET INVOLVED!

benabilitytennis@gmail.com

www.abilitytennis.co.uk

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!

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:

🧠 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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