



WYCANN COMMUNICATION
October 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/>

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS AND CONTACT DETAILS

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LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/company/west-yorkshire-cann
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/westyorkshirecann

WYCANN MEETING DATES

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

2nd December 2026
10am - 12pm
Interplay Theatre
Armley Ridge Road, Leeds, LS12 3LE

CHAIR COMMENTS

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and that the many fabulous activities and opportunities provided by WYCANN members for children, young people and their families have been successful and well attended.

As we look ahead to a new academic year, we are excited about continuing to work together to achieve even more for the families we support across West Yorkshire. A reminder that the next WYCANN meeting will take place on **Wednesday 2 December at InterPlay**. We know Christmas time gets busy, so please do put the date in your diary as it's always so valuable to make time to be together face-to-face, make connections and feel supported by people who know the challenges we are all facing. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing plans for the year ahead.

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

NEW MEMBERS



Public Health Resource Centre – Leeds City Council

The Public Health Resource Centre (PHRC) offers support to anyone with a responsibility for or professional interest in public health or promoting health and wellbeing in Leeds, including students and volunteers.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc>

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.

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/>



Bradford Children and Family's Trust – Farcliffe Family Hub

The Farcliffe Family Hub is a core operational branch of the Bradford West Family Hub network, functioning under the broader Bradford Council framework. Formally registered as the Farcliffe & Lilycroft Children and Family Centre, it acts as a centralized “one-stop-shop” delivering integrated, community-based support. The organization coordinates vital healthcare, early education, and social care initiatives for families, children, and young people from conception up to age 19 (or age 25 for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities).

<https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/bsfh/what-is-bsfh/west-family-hub/>



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
- 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

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - 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
EIS, SHEFFIELD

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**

JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP!

yorkshireopencourt@gmail.com

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

GET INVOLVED!



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www.abilitytennis.co.uk



LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!



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westyorkshire@cann-network.org

Community Spotlight: Scope Inclusive Employment Fair – West Yorkshire

When: Tuesday 17th November 2026, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Where: Scope Leeds Community Hub, 3 Brewery Wharf, Dock Street, Leeds, LS10 1JF

Cost: Free (registration required via Eventbrite)

Are you or someone you support exploring employment options, looking for a new role, or wanting advice on navigating the workplace?

Scope is hosting a dedicated Inclusive Employment Fair right in the heart of Leeds. The fair offers a welcoming, accessible environment tailored for disabled jobseekers, individuals with additional needs, and careers seekers of all backgrounds to meet inclusive employers, access practical advice, and discuss workplace adjustments with confidence.

What's on offer:

- Direct access to inclusive regional employers recruiting now
- Practical advice on requesting workplace accommodations and knowing your rights
- Dedicated, accessible community space at Scope's Leeds Hub

Spaces are free, but advance booking via Eventbrite is encouraged to help the organisers manage capacity.

- Book your place:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leeds-and-west-yorkshire-inclusive-employment-fair-tickets-1998741260916>
- Enquiries: north.community@scope.org.uk



Inclusive Employment Fair West Yorkshire

Date: Tuesday 17 November

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Scope Leeds Community Hub, 3 Brewery Wharf, Dock Street, LS10 1JF

Sign up for the event via our Eventbrite page, accessed via our QR code



Email us with any queries
north.community@scope.org.uk

**Creating equal futures
with disabled people**

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Invite to exhibit at Beyond Assumptions 2.0: Reimagining Parenting, Youth Voice & Professional Practice

Dear WYCANN,

We are pleased to invite your organisation to exhibit at the Afrikindness Parenting & Inclusion Conference (APIC2026), under this year's theme:

"Beyond Assumptions 2.0: Reimagining Parenting, Youth Voice & Professional Practice."

APIC2026 is expanding beyond the traditional conference format to create a stronger bridge between families, young people, professionals, service providers, organisations, local councils, schools, community and faith organisations.

The programme includes the Parenting Conference and Youth Employability Workshop on Saturday, 24 October, followed by a dedicated Exhibition & Business Roadshow on Wednesday, 28 October 2026.

Exhibition & Business Road Show - Service Providers

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 11am - 4pm

Location: Bridge Community Church, Rider street, Leeds

Find out more about the conference and exhibition here:- <https://afrikindnessconference.org/>

We are inviting organisations providing services and resources across SEND, neurodiversity, education, parenting, mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding, youth development and family support to exhibit.

Exhibiting provides a valuable opportunity to meet families directly, increase awareness of your services, answer questions, share resources and, importantly, help families understand where to go, who to speak to and how to access the right support. For many families, particularly those from diverse communities, that direct connection can make a significant difference in overcoming barriers to accessing services.

If your organisation would like to exhibit and be part of creating meaningful impact for families across Leeds and beyond, please complete the expression of interest form below:-

1. Complete and Submit the Exhibitor Form for organisations exhibiting:
<https://forms.office.com/e/ZHnLHBJZ6H>
2. Register all attending representatives here: <https://afrikindnessconference.org/>
3. Send us the organisation's logo to events@afrikindness.org or upload on Google drive here:- [Google drive](#)

Please let us know if you'd like more details about the event. We would be happy to arrange a brief call to discuss this further, if needed.

We would be delighted to welcome your organisation to APIC2026 and work together to ensure families leave better informed, better connected and better supported.

Warm regards,

Bunmi Owolabi

CEO Afrikindness

www.afrikindness.org

Exhibition & African Business Roadshow

 Wednesday, 28 October 2026

 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

 Bridge Community Conference Centre, Rider Street, Leeds LS9 7BQ

Bringing together organisations, businesses, charities, and community groups that support children, young people, families, education, health, and wellbeing.

Benefit: Discover services, access opportunities, build partnerships, and connect with organisations making a difference in our communities. Parents, young people, professionals, and organisations are encouraged to attend. Please register via the conference website.

 Find out more here:- <https://afrikindnessconference.org/>

Parenting Conference: PARENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE (LEEDS, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE)

 Saturday, 24 October 2026

 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

 Bridge Community Conference Centre, Rider Street, Leeds LS9 7BQ

Join parents, professionals, educators, and community leaders for a day of practical learning and meaningful conversations on parenting, neurodiversity, safeguarding, mental health, youth voice, and culturally responsive practice.

 Find out more here:- <https://afrikindnessconference.org/>

EXHIBITING ORGANISATIONS

If you are an organisation, business, service provider, charity, or community group and would like to exhibit at the Exhibition & African Business Roadshow, please complete our expression of interest form below.

 Find out more here:- [Exhibition Registration](#) for Organisations

LOCAL BUSINESS ROADSHOW

If you are a local business owner in Leeds or Bradford, showcase your work directly to parents, young people, professionals, educators, and community leaders at the Afrikindness Parenting & Inclusion Conference (APIC 2026).

 Find out more here:- [Business Showcase](#) for local businesses

Save the Dates

**SAT. 24TH
OCTOBER**

— MAIN PARENT CONFERENCE —

Afrikindness Parenting
& Inclusion Conference

apic LIVE!
2026

ONLINE NEURODIVERSITY
PARENT SUMMIT

YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY
SKILLS WORKSHOP

EXHIBITION | AFRICAN BUSINESS
ROADSHOW | DROP-IN SESSION

Theme:
**BEYOND
ASSUMPTIONS**
2.0 Reimagining Parenting,
Youth Voice &
Professional Practice

Register. afrikindnessconference.org

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - LEEDS

Stopgap Dance Company

Northern School are inviting you to an exciting masterclass with professional dance company:

[Stopgap Dance Company](#)

Here are the details:

Event: Stopgap Dance Company x NSCD Masterclass

Date: Friday 30th October 2026

Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Price: £50

Location: [Northern School of Contemporary Dance \(NSCD\), Leeds](#)

What to expect:

- A friendly and supportive dance sessions
- Time to explore movement in your own way
- Activities focused on creativity, confidence, and teamwork

Workshop leaders:

- [Monique Dior Jarrett](#) (inclusive dance artist and wheelchair dancer)
- [Christian Brinklow](#) (senior dance artist & artist development)

They are experienced in inclusive dance and will support different ways of moving and learning.

- Elicia Yeardley (Liss) will also be there to welcome you all and support you throughout the day.

To confirm your space, [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!!!](#)

[Website for more information](#)

Financial support:

- Once you have signed up if you'd like to be considered for a bursary, [CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the form.

ACCESS

If you require any assistance or an alternative format, please contact:

Email: access@nscd.ac.uk

Phone: 0113 219 3000

Whether you've joined us for a previous masterclass or this is your first time, everyone is welcome.

SEND parent carer information drop

- **Date:** Wednesday 14th October 2026
- **Time:** 10.30am till 12.30pm
- **Venue:** St Luke's Church Holbeck, Malvern Road, LS11 8PD

Speak to services and receive information and advice:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Little Hiccups
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Time for young people
- Family Hub SEND Coordinators

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>

If you have any questions please contact LLO@leeds.gov.uk

SEND information videos

Helping more families access SEND information in Leeds

Scan a QR code or click "Watch videos". Languages are listed below.

Introduction to the Leeds Local Offer



Available in:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Farsi
- Polish
- More languages coming soon



[Watch videos](#)

Introduction to the Leeds Parent Carer Forum



Available in:

- Urdu
- Farsi
- Slovak
- Polish
- Tigrinya
- Romanian



[Watch videos](#)

Introduction to SENDIASS



Available in:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Cantonese



[Watch videos](#)

Quick guide to EHCP needs assessments and plans



Available in:

- Slovak
- Farsi
- Urdu
- Pothwari
- Tigrinya
- Romanian



[Watch videos](#)

Quick guide to SEND Support (Leeds SENDIASS)



Available in:

- Slovak
- Farsi
- Urdu
- Pothwari
- Tigrinya
- Romanian



[Watch videos](#)

SEND Support Suite (Urdu)



- Definitions used in SEND
- Broad areas of need
- Graduated Approach
- Reasonable adjustments
- Preparing for and attending SEND meetings



[Watch videos](#)

Light Night Leeds Access Evening Preview!

Light Night Leeds is holding a special preview evening designed specifically for people with access needs ahead of the main festival.

This quieter preview offers the opportunity to be among the first to explore a selected number of spectacular light artworks in a calmer setting. To keep the evening accessible and easy to navigate, the installations will be located within a compact area between Millennium Square and City Square, with reduced sound levels at designated times.

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2026 Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm Location: Compact route between Millennium Square and City Square, Leeds City Centre Cost: Free

Please note that attendees must register in advance. Signing up ensures the team can contact you with any last-minute programme updates or access details (group leaders, please remember to pass on any email updates to your party).

RSVP and reserve your free place here:

<https://pages.wordfly.com/leedsarts/pages/LNL26---Access-RSVP/>

Have Your Say: RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park Changing Places Consultation

Accessible toilet facilities make all the difference when accessing outdoor spaces, and community feedback is vital to making venues truly inclusive!

RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park in West Yorkshire is currently exploring options to update and improve their accessible toilet facilities, including potential Changing Places facilities.

To help shape their decision-making process and provide crucial evidence for upcoming funding applications, they are running a 6-week consultation to understand the needs, experiences, and views of current and potential visitors across our region.

If your family, clients, or group members would benefit from improved accessible facilities at the park, please take a few minutes to share your input:

 Complete the survey here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vOCYm3zO8EeKao6K7RivYpd9xodw3idLjwFDZxovYIIUM0NIOFRNRjRONIVENhCT0FaQIJZMU0zRy4u&route=shorturl>

(Please note: We are sharing this on behalf of RSPB St Aidan's to help ensure families and individuals with additional needs are heard across West Yorkshire.)



DEX
Deaf EXperience

Charity number 1199934

..... Join us for a

WALK TO CLAPHAM NATURE TRAIL & INGLEBOROUGH CAVE

EXPLORE NATURE • ENJOY THE WALK • DISCOVER THE CAVE



DATE

WEDNESDAY

7TH OCTOBER 2026



MEETING TIME

9:15AM



MEETING POINT

Co Op opposite
Leeds bus station



ACCESSIBLE EVENT

**BSL INTERPRETER
AVAILABLE**



RETURN

Arriving back at
approximately
5:00PM



**MINIBUS
AVAILABLE
DROP OFF AT
THE TRAIL
ENTRANCE**



SCENIC WALK

Enjoy the Clapham
Nature Trail
alongside beautiful
waterfalls and
woodland paths.



BRING LUNCH

Bring your
own packed
lunch to enjoy
together.



CAVE VISIT

Guided tour of
Ingleborough Cave
with impressive
limestone formations
and underground
passages.



REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments
available at a
local café before
we return.



SUPPORTED

Access the Dales
volunteers will be
with us throughout
the day.

ADDRESS



The Old Sawmill, Riverside,
Clapham, LA2 8DR



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info@ingleboroughstatenaturetrail.co.uk



CONTACT

If you have any questions or would like to join,
please contact Kath White

07445986099



Christmas Wreath Making



**Swillington Organic Farm
in Leeds**



**Saturday
28th November**



10:00 till 12:00



**Free event,
limited spaces**



Must be 16 +



**BSL interpreters
and DEX staff
there to support**



**If interested please text Zara
before October 26th
on **07927796615****



*Get creative
this Christmas!*



COOKIES & CANINES

Our next Cookies & Canines social is on 21st October, 6pm–8pm at Kulture Coffee, and this time we're getting crafty!

THIS MONTH'S THEME: DIY DOG TOYS!

Got some old T-shirts you don't mind cutting up?
Been wondering why you've been hoarding all those loo roll tubes?

Bring them along!

We'll be having a go at turning everyday bits and pieces into fun DIY enrichment and toys for our dogs. No crafting expertise required, wonky creations are VERY welcome.

As always, Cookies & Canines is a relaxed, accessible and LGBTQIA+ & disability-inclusive social for dog lovers. You don't need to have a dog, all dog lovers are welcome! 💚

Cookies & Canines is changing!

Going forward, every social will have its own theme, giving us something fun, useful or interesting to explore together alongside the usual chatting, coffee and dog appreciation.

And we'd love YOU to get involved.

Got an idea for a future theme?
Fancy running a session yourself?
Know loads about a dog-related topic?
Want to talk about something disability-related?

Let us know! We'd love Cookies & Canines to be shaped by the people who come along.



Kulture Coffee, 380 Kirkstall Rd, LS4 2HQ



21st October



6pm–8pm



FREE to attend — please support Kulture Coffee by grabbing a cuppa (and maybe a puppuccino! 🐶☕)

contact@palcic.org



**PAWSITIVE
ACTION
LEEDS CIC**
MAKING ASSISTANCE DOGS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

**All dog lovers welcome!
LGBTQIA+ and disability
inclusive**

**Friendly and
non-reactive dogs
encouraged!**

**A relaxed, friendly,
accessible space to meet
fellow dog enthusiasts.**

**This is a FREE event, so
please support Kulture
Coffee by having a cuppa
and puppuccino with us!**



WHERE:

**Kulture Coffee
380 Kirkstall Rd,
LS4 2HQ**



WHEN:

21st October



TIME:

6pm - 8pm

Cookies and Canines



**For enquiries email
contact@palcic.org**

Speech & Language Therapy Coffee Morning in Leeds!

Join Leeds Parent Carer Forum and colleagues from Leeds Community Healthcare's Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service for an informal information, advice, and engagement session.

Whether your child is currently accessing therapy, has in the past, or you simply want to learn more about referral routes and support available, this welcoming coffee morning is for you.

What the session covers:

- How the service works, referral pathways, and current waiting times
- Support and signposting while waiting for appointments
- An introduction to upcoming SEND reforms and the new Experts at Hand model (bringing specialist therapy support into mainstream nurseries, schools, and colleges without needing a diagnosis)
- A chance to share your views, ask questions, and help shape future speech and language provision across Leeds

Event details:

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 midday

Location: Leeds Mencap, The Vinery Centre, 20 Vinery Terrace, Leeds, LS9 9LU

Cost: Free

Book your free place on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speech-language-therapy-coffee-morning-tickets-2000163444706>

Next Steps for SEND in Leeds

Parent carers are invited to a special event to hear about the changes taking place across the SEND system in Leeds, including:

- SEND Reform
- The recent Ofsted inspection
- The Priority Action Plan
- Work underway to improve SEND services
- Opportunities for parent carers to get involved

Hear updates, ask questions and find out how families can help shape future developments.

 Thursday, 15th October

 10.00am to 12.30pm

 Pudsey Civic Hall

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCFEvent15Oct/>

NEXT STEPS FOR SEND IN LEEDS

Parent Carer Event

Thursday, 15th October 2026

10am to 12.30pm

Pudsey Civic Hall

Find out about:

- SEND Reform • Ofsted Inspection
- Priority Action Plan • Improving SEND services
- How to get involved



LEEDS PCF
PARENT CARER FORUM

Parents/ carers of children and young people with SEND in Leeds – we want to hear from you!

Do you have a child or young person with SEND attending a mainstream school?
Share your experiences of SEND support and help shape future improvements.

- ✓ Takes around 5 minutes to complete
- ✓ Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and where improvements are

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✅ Survey closes on Friday 9 October 2026

Complete the survey here: [🔗 https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/6Y2A1Q/](https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/6Y2A1Q/)

Relaxed Pantomime Performance at Carriageworks

I'm reaching out from the Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds, where we're working hard to promote the Relaxed Performances of our pantomime, [Jack and the Beanstalk](#).

Relaxed performances allow members of the audience to move around freely and leave or enter the auditorium as needed. Lights never go completely dark and sound effects are softened. These performances are designed to welcome children and adults who are neurodivergent, have a learning disability, dementia, or sensory and communication differences. We encourage audiences who do not require this type of performance, to try and book another date if they can, to promote an inclusive and safe space where people can enjoy the performance as they wish.

Our relaxed performances are on Sun 29 Nov at 1pm, Thu 3 Dec at 1.30pm*, Mon 21 Dec at 2.30pm, Sun 27 Dec at 1pm. *Please note that Thu 3 Dec & 1pm is also a school's performance.

The Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival is Back!

Join in for a fantastic day celebrating dyslexia and neurodiversity at the ****Pudsey Civic Hall**** on ****Saturday 3rd October 2026**** (starting from 9:30 am).

Organised by Yorkshire Rose Dyslexia, this brilliant event is all about empowering neurodiverse individuals of all ages, providing support, and building a truly dyslexia-friendly society.

Expect an inspiring line-up featuring:

- * 🧠 Insightful talks and practical workshops (including hands-on revision aids with Dr Susie Nyman and sessions on dyscalculia, reading support, and visual learning)
- * 🎬 A screening of the award-winning documentary **WHO KNEW... Dyslexia is a Way of Thinking** followed by a Q&A
- * 🤝 Great exhibitors, resources, and local organisations

Note: Entry tickets are free, and talks are even free for YRD members (membership is just £16/year)!

📍 ****Where:**** Pudsey Civic Hall, Dawsons Cor, Stanningley, Pudsey, LS28 5TA

 ****Book your free entry and workshop tickets here:**** <https://yorkshiredyslexiafestival.co.uk>

Please share and spread the word—especially with schools, teachers, and families who would benefit from a wonderful day of connection and learning!

She Rises Courses

People Matters have partnered with Humans Being to offer She Rises—a free, interactive 7-week course designed to support women in Leeds to improve their wellbeing, build confidence, and take their next steps towards volunteering, education, or employment.

Course details:

- Dates: Starts Monday 5th October (runs weekly on Mondays for 7 weeks)
- Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Location: People Matters, 191 Belle Vue Road, Woodhouse, Leeds, LS3 1HG
- Cost: Free

What the course covers:

- Hope & change
- Stress reduction
- Self-belief & positive self-talk
- Maintaining momentum
- Reasonable adjustments
- Accessing local opportunities

Who can join: The course is open to anyone who:

- Identifies as a woman
- Lives in Leeds
- Is aged 64 or under
- Is currently unemployed
- Is experiencing physical health or mental wellbeing challenges

How to book or find out more: To sign up or ask questions, reach out directly to People Matters:

- Call: 0113 234 6896
- Email: info@peplemattersleeds.co.uk
- Learn more about Humans Being: <https://www.humansbeing.org.uk>

She Rises

www.humansbeing.org.uk



A FREE women-focused course to improve your wellbeing and build confidence to take your next steps towards volunteering, work or education!



A fun and interactive 7-week course to explore...

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- Identify as a woman
- Are aged 64 & under
- Are unemployed
- Experience health or mental wellbeing challenges



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Public Health Resource Centre Open Morning

The Public Health Resource Centre (PHRC), part of Leeds City Council, is hosting a free open morning on Wednesday 14 October, from 9:30am to 1:00pm, at Technorth, LS7 3NB.

The event is open to anyone working in Leeds and offers an opportunity to explore a wide range of free health and wellbeing resources that can be used to support staff, colleagues and the communities you work with.

The session will focus on healthy living and cover a variety of topics, including mental wellbeing, physical activity, smoking cessation and alcohol awareness. A member of our Public Health Specialist team will also be delivering a short, informative session during the morning. There is no commitment or requirement to book resources. Simply drop in, find out what's available that may be helpful for your work.

More information and booking here: <https://bit.ly/PHRC-Oct26>

A promotional poster for the PHRC Open Morning event. The background is blue on the left and white on the right. On the left, the text 'PHRC Open Morning' is in large black font, followed by 'Wednesday 14 October 9:30am to 1pm' in white. Below this, it says 'Book your place at: www.bit.ly/PHRC-Oct26'. On the right, there is a photograph of two white teeth in a pink holder. Surrounding the teeth are five colored circles connected by a line: 'Models' (yellow), 'Games' (green), 'Books' (yellow), 'Refreshments' (pink), and 'Public Health Resource Centre' (green). At the bottom left is the Leeds City Council logo, and at the bottom right is the contact information: 'Technorth, Harrogate Road, LS7 3NB', 'phrc@leeds.gov.uk', and '0113 3786200'.

PHRC Open Morning

**Wednesday
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to 1pm**

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Open Mic Forum for Professionals working with children

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Early Help Open Mic Forum

Our commitment – 'Early Help is Everybody's Business'



Book your place on one of our upcoming forums, for an opportunity to ask questions and further develop your knowledge alongside colleagues from across Leeds. It will be great to see you there.

Online Early Help Open Mic Forums

Date	time	Venue	Places	Guest
21 st September 26	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	SEND REFORM
27 th October 26	1:00 – 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	Elective Home Education
25 th November	3:30 – 5:00	Microsoft Teams	15	Gypsy Roma Team
7 th January 27	1:00 – 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	Family Action
25 th February 27	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	SENDIASS
7 th April 27	3:30 – 5:00	Microsoft Teams	15	PRC
18 th May 27	9:30 – 11:00	Microsoft Teams	15	TBC
24 th June 27	1:00 – 2:30	Microsoft Teams	15	TBC

To book a place, please select from the list of forums above and email families.first@leeds.gov.uk with your request. If a place is available, you will be booked on and sent a confirmation email with further details and a calendar invite. Be sure to get your booking requests in quickly, as places will book up rapidly.



For more information about Early Help click [here](#)

Forums are open to anyone who is involved with a family in a supportive role, including students and volunteers. Please share this email with any relevant colleagues that do not receive it already.

Delivered over Microsoft Teams, Early Help Open Mic Forums are multi-agency practice development opportunities available to everyone within, or connected to, Leeds Children's Service. Consisting of 10 people from different services and agencies, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about Early Help. In particular, forums give group members the chance to increase their skills and confidence in Early Help within their practice.

Right conversations,

right people,

right time

we are
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Interplay Theatre - Upcoming Events





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.


interplaytheatre.org.uk

Armley Ridge Road, LS12 3LE



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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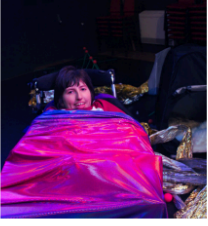


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NATIONAL SENSORY THEATRE



Sensory Youth Theatre

Explore Create Share






interplaytheatre.org.uk

Armley Ridge Road, LS12 3LE

Interplay Theatre Presents

Rinse and Repeat

AN ACCESSIBLE SENSORY SHOW
FOR LEARNING DISABLED AUDIENCES



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Rinse and Repeat

Wash. Spin. Rinse. Repeat. Meet us at the Interplay Laundrette, where the cycle runs like clockwork. Workers Lavender and Eucalyptus show us the rumble of the machines, and the flutter of warm sheets, with movement and sensory discoveries that includes you in the action! Every wash tells a story, and each ritual keeps the laundrette clean and on track.

Celebrate the sensory joy of spinning and popping with us, with a soundtrack inspired by your favourite pop divas and kpop stars, sung live with a twist! Because sometimes, all it takes is one fresh pair of eyes, with rose-tinted glasses, to turn a laundrette into something extraordinary.

Email: tour@interplaytheatre.org.uk



It's for your school



This show is made for SEND and specialist school settings. It is intended to be delivered in your school environment. We provide a high quality arts experience that are made with young people with PMLD and their families.

What this means:

- A calm, inclusive and flexible performance structure
- Pupils engage at their own pace
- Suitable for mixed-ability groups
- Delivered by experienced sensory theatre practitioners
- It aligns with Engagement Model areas and complements Expressive Arts & Design, Understanding the World, and Communication & Interaction

Means, Reasons & Opportunity

When devising this show we consider the 'means, reasons and opportunities' model. We find it useful to think about the way we are supporting the communication skills of young people with a learning disability.



We have ensured this show does all three. We supply the **means** in various different ways including through touch and interaction with the set and the actors. We provide **opportunities** built into the structure of the show giving space to the young people to participate. We give the **reasons** to take both of the above up by accessing a narrative and worlds building in a space they are familiar with.

We want this show to have legacy in your classroom and this work gives opportunities for communication about the show in your learning environment for months to come. We provide an Education pack with various ways to continue the sensory joy and capitalise on engagement.

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Practical Information

RUNNING TIME

Approximately 50 minutes

CAPACITY

Up to 40 participants (including staff/carers)

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum clear space 6.5m x 6.5m

Structure height 2.5m at highest point

TECHNICAL

- Technically light
- Designed for non-traditional spaces including halls and community centres
- All sound and lighting provided
- Access to plug sockets required

COMPANY

3 performers + 1 stage manager

SET UP

We need full use of a space all day.

TOURING COMPANY

3 performers, 1 Stage Manager

COST

£900 for two shows on the same day

For two days we have a schools deal for extra shows or a discounted rate of £1600

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About Interplay

Interplay Theatre was established in 1970 on the streets of Leeds, making community led theatre. We have grown to become a leading name in immersive sensory theatre.

With a strong aesthetic and touching narratives our performances explore themes that resonate with our audiences and place them at the centre of the experience.

We create immersive environments with unique structures, in which the world of the play unfolds. Through sensory design, light, music and one-to-one interaction, audiences can explore and discover theatre in an accessible way that communicates on every level.



Feedback

"COMPLETELY UNIQUE, AN INCREDIBLE SENSORY EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANYTHING THE CHILDREN HAVE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE."

Godolphin School
My Life with the Wave (2024)



"THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY ALLOWED THEM TO CONNECT WITH THE ART OF STORYTELLING IN A WAY THAT WAS ENGAGING, INCLUSIVE, AND TRANSFORMATIVE, LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL WHO EXPERIENCED IT"

-Aimee Helee Coop Academy Assistant Head
Drift (2025)

"THE SET LOOKS BEAUTIFUL, THE SOUND DESIGN AND MUSIC WERE MESMERISING! FANTASTIC PERFORMERS, THEY ARE CLEARLY EXPERT AT THIS KIND OF WORK. IT GAVE ME GOOSEBUMPS! I FELT SO CALM BY THE END"

-Audience member
Out of Orbit (2026)

Bookings

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES

EMAIL JESS OR MIRANDA

tour@interplaytheatre.org.uk

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT US

www.interplaytheatre.org.uk



YOU CAN ALSO SPEAK TO JESS BY PHONE

0113 263 8556

ANY QUIRIES PLEASE CALL

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.

Little Hiccups Upcoming Events

Family Fun Days

Oct 25th - [Sensory Halloween Party at Lush](#) - Sold Out

Oct 26 - [Christmas Tree Decorating at Harewood House!](#)

Oct 28th - [Musical Theatre Workshop: Emerald City Adventure!](#)

Nov 1st - [Relaxed Family Session at Bianco Lounge](#)

Nov 15th - [Showcase Cinema – The Cat in the Hat](#)

Nov 15th - [The Thought Bubble Festival 2026](#)

Parent/Carer Events

Nov 4th - [Carer's Chill Night](#)
Nov 28th - [Festive Wreath Workshop](#)

Educational Courses

Laura The ND Nurse

Funded by Leeds Parent Carer Forum

Speaking Up at School: Communication with Education Staff

[In person: 16th Sept, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 18th Sept, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 23rd Sept, 7pm >](#)

Supporting Your Young Person in Distress & Reframing Challenging Behaviour

[In person: 7th Oct, 10am >](#)

[Online \(daytime\): 9th Oct, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 14th Oct, 7pm >](#)

Balancing Acts: Supporting Siblings and Finding Space for Self-Care

[Online \(daytime\): 6th Nov, 10pm >](#)

[In person: 11th Nov, 10am >](#)

[Online \(evening\): 18th Nov, 7pm >](#)

Other Courses

[One to One SEND Admin & Life Support Sessions with Kate Keir](#)

Fri 2nd Oct 2026

[AAC: A Parent's Perspective – Online Workshop with Laura Brown](#)

Tues 12th Jan 2027

[Paediatric First Aid Course for Parent/Carers](#)

Fri 5th Feb 2027

NEW: [Navigating Age 18: Protecting Benefits and Managing Finances](#)

Tues 27th April 2027

NEW: [A Practical Guide to SEND Trusts: Discretionary vs. Disabled Person's Trusts](#)

Tues 25th May 2027

NEW: [Everyday Financial Resilience & Disability Cost Management](#)

Tues 29th June 2027

NEW: [Sibling & Whole-Family Financial Planning: Balancing Support Fairly](#)

Tues 20th July 2027

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/>

Relaxed Open Days at Leeds City College

We're pleased to invite you and your learners to our upcoming Quieter Open Events at Leeds City College. We understand that a busy event can feel overwhelming, so we're happy to provide an alternative experience so that everyone can take part.

Our Quieter Open Events provide all the information and opportunity you would expect from a Leeds City College open event, but in a quieter environment. We limit visitor numbers for these events to reduce potential overstimulation and best support those with SEND needs. These events are ideal for those wanting to explore Leeds City College at a gentle, calm pace.

Our Quieter Open Events will take place from September 2026 in preparation for starting college September 2027.

Quieter open events will take place at our main campuses on the dates in the attached leaflet. We are also looking for anyone organisation wishes to have a stand at our open event to promote SEND services across West Yorkshire. Please email EventsMarketing@luminare.ac.uk to book your stand.

Leeds City College also offers more specialist SEND/ EHCP provision at its Jospeh Priestley and The Vine campuses. I have attached information about the offer at both campuses.

To book your place at any of these events please register your interest here: [Thank you for registering your interest in Leeds City College Quieter open events](#)

Places are limited, so we encourage early booking.

If you are considering booking, but have questions, our Events team is ready to help you with any queries you may have about the open event. Email: EventsMarketing@luminare.ac.uk for information on parking spaces for Blue Badge holders, Sign Language interpretation, additional support requirements and any further information you may require to visit the right campus.

Please share with learners and their families with SEND/EHCPs.

Additionally if you would like any support with transition including college visits, attendance at careers fairs or any further support please do get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming you,

Quieter Open Events

Shape your future in a quieter environment

Designed to provide a supportive space to ask the important questions about your future, our quieter open events allow you to explore your future college **without all the hustle and bustle.**

Talk to us about your course options, meet your tutors and explore any support you might need when you study with us.

Visit the campus where your course will take place and get familiar with the facilities where you will study.

Tuesday 29 September | 4.30 - 6.30pm

Printworks Campus

- Animal Care & Land Management (some classroom delivery at Printworks Campus and practical learning at Temple Newsam)
- Business
- Catering & Hospitality
- Digital & IT
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair, Beauty & Media Makeup
- Sustainable Technologies
- Motor Vehicle
- Travel & Tourism

Tuesday 29 September | 4.30 - 6.30pm

Quarry Hill Campus

- Creative Arts
- Education & Early Years
- Health Science & Social Care
- Public Services

Tuesday 29 September | 4.30 - 6.30pm

Somerville House

- Enterprise & Employability
- RE: (workshop delivery at Mabgate Campus)

Tuesday 20 October | 4.30 - 6.30pm

Park Lane Campus

- Science
- Sport
- Leeds Sports Connect
- Future Pathways
- Step Up to A Levels (SUTA)
- A Levels (Leeds Sixth Form College)

Limited visitor numbers ensure a quieter environment in which to start shaping your future. Book your place online by scanning the QR code or emailing eventsmarketing@luminate.ac.uk



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Foundation Studies Preparing for Adult Life

A specialist provision for those learners with Education, Health and Care plans and/or SEND.

Our Foundation Studies provision at Joseph Priestley Centre provides personalised learning programmes to meet the needs of learners with severe and complex learning difficulties.

Learning programmes are created around the individual learners EHCP outcomes alongside the development of life skills, communication and independence.

We support each learner to reach their potential and encourage them to be as independent as possible through a preparation for adulthood framework of delivery.



For more information contact:

eventsmarketing@luminate.ac.uk
0113 284 6680

Specialist Support

We understand that all learners' skills and needs vary and recognise that it is likely that learners will need a higher level of support throughout their lives. Foundation Studies benefits from a specialist 'Care Team' who support learners with varying levels of personal and medical care.

Students will also be allocated smaller class sizes and a personal tutor who will provide them with pastoral support, information advice and guidance and help them to progress through their learning journey.

Highlights of our Ofsted report include:

- Learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities are well supported by qualified staff.
- Learners with high needs benefit from inclusive and personalised learning pathways which enable them to develop their knowledge and skills alongside their resilience and their independence. Consequently, they are prepared well for further study or employment, including supported internships.
- Learners with profound multiple learning disabilities receive well-coordinated specialist support, including speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, that meets their needs and enables them to engage fully in their learning.

What will the course offer?

Our curriculum is split into strands of support with a bite size curriculum offer. The key strands are:

- **Independent Living and Community Inclusion**
A skill-based curriculum that allows you to develop a sense of who you are, whilst experiencing the wider community. Develop your basic cooking skills, learn household tasks, take part in enrichment events, manage a personal budget, and develop your communication skills for personal and social development.
- **Work/Employment**
Take part in real-life work experiences, both individually and in small groups. These courses include aspects of independent living, community living and working with others with a focus of progressing into voluntary or paid work.
- **Vocational Stepping Stones**
A destination led curriculum exploring vocational skills and knowledge, equipping you with the entry requirements to progress into wider college vocational courses.
- **Exploring and Securing Future Opportunities**
A skills-based curriculum where you explore the opportunities available post-college. You will visit communities and organisations, and take part in activities and/or work experience that will allow a smooth transition into your chosen destination.

For more information contact:

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The Vine PMLD Provision

A specialist PMLD provision for those learners with education, health and care plans and/or SEND.

The Vine provides personalised learning programmes to meet the needs of learners with severe and complex learning difficulties. Specialist support staff lead on behaviour and intervention, personal and medical care, mental health and wellbeing, physiotherapy & hydrotherapy.

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What will the course offer?

Our bespoke curriculum offer supports with sensory stimulation and is split into the below strands:

- **Social Emotional Development**
For young people with SLD, PMLD and CLDD who experience a range of social emotional difficulties, which impact how they learn and interact with others. This curriculum develops; personal wellbeing, communicating needs and wants, making choices and expressing thoughts and feelings.
 - **Communication (Speech & Language)**
Our communication curriculum is devised to encourage the development of; responding to social events and activities, interacting with others and intensive interaction.
 - **Sensory & Cognition**
Helps learners explore their senses for learning and sensory stimulation that encourage the development of; motor/ gross motor skills, physical sensory skills, tactile awareness, position tolerance, sensory integrations and visual & auditory skills.
 - **Physical Interaction**
Designed to allow learners who are physically impaired, or who are still learning to move, to engage in physical interaction in order to develop; body awareness, positional changes, mobility, grasping/ releasing and standing/walking.
- As many of our learners have special educational needs or profound and multiple learning difficulties the offer of education is around appropriate learning to support life outcomes. This personalised approach is driven by the EHCP outcomes and their chosen pathway for learning. In addition to their chosen pathway students will also benefit from English and maths sessions that will allow them to develop communication and number skills appropriate to them.

Careers In Leeds

This year marks the launch of a new, city-wide careers, jobs, and training fair entitled Careers In Leeds. The event will offer a refreshed approach to bringing opportunities and talent together across Leeds and the wider region.

For the first time, [Employment and Skills Leeds](#) are combining three major events into one ambitious, inclusive offer:

- Leeds Digital Careers Fair
- Leeds Creative Skills Festival
- SEND Next Choices Event

Careers in Leeds 2026 takes place on Tuesday 3 November 2026 and runs from 12pm to 6pm, with the first hour (12pm–1pm) reserved as a quiet hour exclusively for visitors with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

You'll have the chance to talk to major employers from a wide range of sectors, including accounting, business and administration, catering and hospitality, construction, creative design, care services, digital, education, engineering, finance, hair and beauty, health, law, protective services and many more.

With over 100 exhibitors expected, the event will offer information, advice, guidance and access to live vacancies. You'll have the opportunity to find out about jobs, training and opportunities in Leeds. The event is free to attend and open to everyone.

Tickets for the quiet hour (12pm–1pm) are limited and only available to visitors with special educational needs and/or disabilities. General admission tickets are for entry between 1pm and 6pm.

Find out more and book your free ticket here: [Careers in Leeds | Inclusive Growth Leeds](#)



Careers in Leeds

Jobs, training and opportunities in the city

Tuesday 3 November 2026
First Direct Bank Arena, Leeds
12-6pm

A brand-new flagship careers, jobs and skills event

Careers in Leeds is open to anyone considering their next move — whether you're looking for a job, training, an apprenticeship, or simply exploring career ideas.



EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS LEEDS

Tuesday 3 November 2026
First Direct Bank Arena, Leeds, 12-6pm

first direct bank arena

Visitors will be able to

- Meet employers and training providers from across Leeds
- Explore a wide range of sectors and career pathways
- Get practical support such as CV advice, interview tips and employability guidance
- Learn about local jobs, courses and progression routes

Inclusivity focused

The event has been designed to be inclusive and welcoming. A dedicated support area will offer tailored guidance, including support for people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Scan the QR code to find out more and get your tickets





SNAPS. Sessions at Penny Field and Co-op Academy Brierley

- Saturday, 3rd October
- Saturday, 10th October
- Saturday, 17th October

Half-term break

- Saturday, 7th November
- Saturday, 14th November
- Saturday, 21st November

- Saturday, 28th November
- Saturday, 5th December
- Saturday, 12th December

The Super Stars Awards are back!

 Wednesday, 28th October 2026
 Co-op Academy Brierley

One of our favourite events of the year is back!

The SNAPS Super Star Awards bring families together to celebrate the amazing children in our community. Every child will receive a special award, recognising the progress, achievements and milestones they've reached over the past year.

We'll also have entertainment, activities and plenty of opportunities to celebrate everything that makes our children shine.

We hope you'll join us for this very special day!

Register here: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SNAPSSuperStarsAwards2026>

Free legal support clinics for SNAPS families

Our Business Hero partner, Irwin Mitchell, is offering a series of free legal support clinics for SNAPS families this autumn. Families can access confidential advice from specialist medical negligence lawyers, either in person at SNAPS or through a virtual appointment.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday, 10th October: Meet the team at SNAPS (Penny Field)

Friday, 16th October: Virtual clinic

Friday, 30th October: Virtual clinic

Saturday, 14th November: Meet the team at SNAPS (Penny Field)

Friday, 27th November: Virtual clinic

For virtual clinics, families can book an appointment directly with Mia Hudson by email or phone:
Mia.Hudson@irwinmitchell.com / 0113 2214344

SNAPS - Cannon Hall Farm Adventure!

Monday, 26 October 2026, 10:00

Cannon Hall Farm, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S75 4AT [View Map](#)

Come and say hello to the animals, enjoy outdoor adventures, and discover plenty of farmyard fun at Cannon Hall Farm. With lots to see, do, and explore, it's a great place for children to enjoy new experiences in a relaxed and family-friendly setting.

Date: Monday 26th October

Time: Cannon Hall Farm is open from 10am to 6pm. A member of the SNAPS team will be at the entrance from 10am to 12pm, please let us know if you are going to arrive after 12pm.

Location: Cannon Hall Farm, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S75 4AT.

Book your place and come along for a wonderful day!

For more information, please info@snapsyorkshire.org

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SNAPSCannonHallFarmAdventure>



Do you have a child with a vision impairment aged 0-4?

Give them the best possible start in life and sign up for our My Time to Play programme today.

We offer fun and supportive group sessions to help your child develop the practical skills and confidence to explore their world – all through the power of play. You will meet other parents and pick up skills from our expert staff that will help you support your child's early development with confidence.



Our next programme starts at:

Leeds Jewish Welfare Board
311 Stonegate Road
Moortown
Leeds
LS17 6AZ

**Find out more at guidedogs.org.uk/mttp
or contact our local team**

mttpwy@guidedogs.org.uk

0800 781 1444

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EVENTS AND INFORMATION - BRADFORD



Family Engagement Project

SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

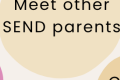
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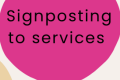
Come and join us!

Wednesday 21st October
10.00am – 11.30am

Kirkgate Community Centre
39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH









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



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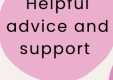
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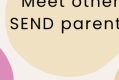
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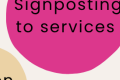
Come and join us!

Wednesday 7th October
10.00am – 11.30am

Mayfield Centre
35 Broadway Avenue, BD5 9NP









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Family Engagement Project



Support for parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Bradford

- Welcoming Coffee mornings
- Information and signposting
- 1-1 Support from Family Connectors with lived experience
- Friendly community
- No diagnosis or pathway necessary



Scan the QR code to register. For further information, email us at: FEPBradford@mencap.org.uk

Bradford SEND News

- Applications for Year 7 secondary school places for September 2027 are now open - [Apply here](#) by 31 October, 2026. If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you do not need to apply through the online system - you will be sent a separate letter.
- The Yorkshire Dyslexia Festival - Saturday, 3 October 2026 at Pudsey Civic Hall. Entry is free, talk tickets available through Eventbrite. [Read more.](#)
- Free [SEND event](#) focusing on how the graduated response is implemented in schools. Thursday, 22 October (10am - 12 noon) at the Gateway Centre, BD10 OJR. Register, email: supportnews@pfba.org.uk
- Ilkley Library has reopened following a major refurbishment. New accessible toilets have also been fitted in the library.
- Bradford Council is running a survey to better understand how easy it is to find and access childcare locally (ages 0 -11 years). [Have your say](#) by Friday 9 October.
- A free opportunity to see over 300,000 colourful dahlia flowerheads on 24 - 27 September in Centenary Square, see [Flower Carpet.](#)
- Spooktacular Bradford: Halloween Events in Bradford District, Yorkshire, visit [What's On - Halloween events.](#)
- City Library will be moving to Britannia House during December 2026, we will keep you updated about the re-opening date.

View full newsletter: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBMD/bulletins/42af227>

Managing 'Behaviours that Challenge' workshop

This workshop is for parents and carers of children with special educational needs who are experiencing difficulty with their child's behaviour. Run by the [Children's Community Support Team \(CCST\)](#) the workshop aims to help parents and carers develop an understanding of:

- Causes of behaviours that challenge
- Why behaviours that challenge can occur
- How to react to the child/young person's behaviour
- How to respond to the child/young person's emotions.

These workshops will take place (10am - 1pm)

- Wednesday, 4 November, 2026 Britannia House (Hall Ings, BD1 1HX)
- Friday, 6 November, 2026 at Keighley Town Hall (BD21 3PA)

*There is also an upcoming virtual course available.

Please contact the team for a consent form and more information, email:

specialistbehaviour&inclusionservices@bradford.gov.uk or phone: 01274 436684

Sleep support workshop

This is a workshop for parents and carers of children with special educational needs who are having difficulty with their child's sleep. The workshop aims to help parents/carers develop an understanding of sleep including:

- What factors affect sleep
- What factors promote sleep
- Common sleep problems/disorders
- Strategies to support your young person in settling to sleep and with night waking.

These workshops will take place (10am - 1pm)

- Tuesday 10 November, 2026 at Keighley Town Hall (BD21 3PA)
- Friday 20 November, 2026 at Britannia House (Hall Ings, BD1 1HX)

*There is also an upcoming virtual course available.

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SENDiVERSE festival 2026

(26 to 31 October)

SENDiVERSE Festival is back this October half-term, with 71 activities taking place across Bradford District from Saturday 24 to Saturday 31, October.

Created for children and young people with SEND, the festival is packed with opportunities to try something new, get creative and have fun with lantern making, drumming workshops, dancing and sensory stories and play sessions. There's something for a wide range of ages and interests, including older teenagers and young adults.

Activities take place across the district and most are completely free. Children and young people can also enter the 'Made of Me art' competition, with the chance to win up to £50 in vouchers. You will find details about how to enter below.

<https://www.the-leap.org.uk/sendiverse2026>

And Breathe Now (SEND support group)

A friendly support group for families, carers and professionals of children and young people with SEND. There will be an experienced advocate available to offer support and guidance and help you to navigate SEND systems.

- Tuesday, 6 October (12 noon - 2pm) at Bradford West Family Hub ([Farcliffe](#)).
- Friday, 16 October (9.30am - 11am) at Keighley Community and Family Hub, Airedale Shopping Centre BD21 3QD

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

A 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 checking through paperwork, forms and admin - with a cuppa and a chat.

- 8, October (10am - 12 noon) - at Shipley library, 2 Well Croft, BD18 3QH.

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.

- 26 October, 9.30am to 11.30am at Keighley/Shipley Family Hub ([Rainbow](#))

SEND parent/carer's coffee mornings

Open to families to come along and meet together.

- 1, October (9.15am to 10.15am) Fagley Primary, BD2 3PU
- 12, October, (12.30pm to 2pm) Bradford East Family Hub ([Barkerend](#))

Strength in Numbers Installation

Save the date! This November, we invite you to join us at MTG studios to experience our multi-artform installation, Strength in Numbers

Celebrate with us and help spread the word about the community work we're doing at Mind the Gap.

From Monday 2 to Saturday 7 November, we're opening the doors at MTG studios for you to experience our multi-artform installation, Strength in Numbers.

Spread the word! Help us grow the Strength in Numbers community: share this email with a group or person you think might be interested in finding out more about our co-creation approach.

Register your interest to find out more about the programme of events.

When?

Monday 2 to Saturday 7 November

Where?

Mind the Gap

Register your interest!

Email community@mind-the-gap.org.uk

Emotional Based School Avoidance support

Is your child struggling to go to school due to feelings of worry or stress? Are you unsure what to do? Then come along to a friendly and supportive parent support group run by the Educational Psychology team.

You'll find a safe space to share and listen to other parents, get ideas to help, and learn about what you can do to support your child, and what you can expect from school. You will need to be able to attend all four sessions. To book, email: EBSA@bradford.gov.uk

- Wednesdays - 30 Sept, 7, 14, 21 Oct (Online)
- Wednesdays - 11, 18, 25 Nov, 2 Dec (Cafe West, Allerton)

If your child is struggling to attend school, please contact your school initially and ask for support and visit our [One Minute Guide](#) on Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

'SEND One Plan' diary dates

The SEND Partnership is working together across education, health, and care to improve services for children and young people in Bradford District.

There is a clear and joined-up plan called the [SEND One Plan](#), and regular events are taking place, chaired by the Parents' Forum for Bradford and Airedale ([PFBA](#)) to give parents and carers the opportunity to ask questions and get answers from services.

Upcoming diary dates:

- Thursday 10, September and Thursday 19, November (10am to 12 noon). Venue to be confirmed.

The Bradford Local Area SEND Partnership continues to work with the Department for Education and local families to finalise the Local Area Reform Plan for the implementation of the [SEND Reforms](#) in Bradford District.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - WAKEFIELD

Wakefield Museums & Castles offer during October half-term.

Castleford Museum

26, 27, 29 & 30* October 2026

10am - 3pm

[Mystery in the museum](#)

Free drop-in activities for families

Don your detective cap this half term!

Solve some peculiar puzzles. Unpack our museum mysteries. Make your own mystery disappearing box to take home.

*SEND relaxed session. SEND families are welcome at all our sessions. We also run these SEND sessions for families who prefer a more relaxed atmosphere.

Pontefract Castle

28 to 31 October 2026

11am – 3pm

[Witches and Wizards](#)

Take part in witchy outdoor activities. Learn to mix magical potions. Magic up fun themed crafts.

Join our resident witches on the bandstand for potions demonstrations. Sessions at 11:15am, 12:15pm and 2pm.

October half term at Pontefract Castle

We have lots of extra fantastic low- and no-cost events at Pontefract Castle this October half term.

Join us for a spectacularly spooky selection:

- [Dispelling animal myths](#) - Thursday 29 October

SEND session 10am – 10:45am. Booking required £3 per child, accompanying adults free. Ages 6+

Ages 6+ Booking required £3 per child, accompanying adults free. 11:30am – 12:30pm

Ages 6+ Booking required £3 per child, accompanying adults free. 1:30pm – 2:30pm

- [Finding my roots](#) - Friday 30 October

Free, no booking required. Not suitable for children under 3-years-old

- [Meet the author: Gail Powell](#) - Saturday 31 October

Booking required, free. Suitable for ages 7+

Pontefract Museum

28 October 2026

10:30am – 3pm

[Sketch it!](#)

Free, drop-in activity for families

Let's get arty!

Make a personalised sketchbook for drawing your design and ideas.

Wakefield Museum

26 to 30 October 2026

10:30am – 3pm

[Codes and ciphers](#)

Free, drop-in activities for families

Unlock the secrets of Wakefield Museum on a code and cipher trail!

Make a handy codemaker and test out different ciphers.

Can we also share the [Plastic Fantastic?](#) exhibition at Wakefield Museum.

Discover the history, impact and future of plastics. Admire vibrant objects from a time when plastic promised a better life.

Visitor access information for the exhibition [Plastic Fantastic? access information - Wakefield Museums and Castles](#)

EVENTS AND INFORMATION - KIRKLEES