

SEND

Welcome to the Autumn 2024 edition of the SEND Newsletter!

Remember, if your child is starting school in 2025, or moving to secondary school, you can apply for their school place from September 2024. It is a good idea to attend open evenings or arrange a visit to your local schools. There's lots of great advice on the Local Offer webpage if you are applying for a school place for your child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Visit www.SEND/lancashire.gov.uk and select the "Primary and secondary education" category.

October is ADHD Awareness month. Although this was founded in America, it has been adopted in the UK to raise awareness of the condition, educate people and help those with ADHD to thrive. You can read more inside about where to get information and support in Lancashire.

If you haven't already discovered the new "What's On" guide to for libraries and Family hubs, you can find out more about it in this edition. There's lot of free activities including Family SEND groups and Colourful Footsteps stay and play groups.

As always, we are keen to include more stories from parents and carers in the newsletter. Reading about another parent's experience can be so reassuring to those who are new to the world of SEND. If you or a member of your family would like to write an article for a future issue of SEND, please contact us at: FIND@lancashire.gov.uk

We hope you enjoy the Autumn edition of the SEND newsletter.

Anna Burkinshaw

Policy, Commissioning and Children's Health

 www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer



The wind is rising,
and the air is wild
with leaves. We have
had our summer
evenings; now for
October eves!

Humbert Wolfe

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Expert coaching for schools, communities and more

Empower your physical and mental wellbeing with our comprehensive services.

- Schools partnership
- Holiday camps
- Community programmes
- Events & more

WHO WE ARE

We believe every child deserves the chance to explore, learn, and thrive in a safe, supportive environment. Our multi-activity programme is specifically designed for Break Time, offering a wide range of engaging, inclusive activities that cater for unique needs and interests.



COMING SOON TO..

Chorley
Hyndburn
West Lancs
South Ribble
Ribble Valley

During term time & holiday periods.

learn.active@outlook.com



STARS CAMP



FREE MINIBUS

Thanks to our partnership with Lancashire County Council, we can offer free minibus travel for our Stars Camp to those receiving 78 Break Time hours. Only four hours will be used for your daily place. Please note, minibus places are limited.

If you don't receive LCC Break Time hours, please contact us to discuss.

The minibus will pick up and drop off from Fylde and Wyre.

To book or for more info:

- Email: info@bfct.co.uk
- Call: 01253 348691



STARS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

(during school holidays, excluding bank holidays)

11AM - 3PM

Stars School Holiday Camp

For children with a disability aged 7 to 18 from Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

Enjoy a variety of activities including sports, dance, gymnastics, arts & crafts, Lego, games room, and more!

Education and Community Centre,
Bloomfield Road Stadium,
FY1 6JJ

Stars School Holiday Youth Group

For young adults with a disability aged 15 to 25 who are still in education.

To find out if you are eligible please get in touch.

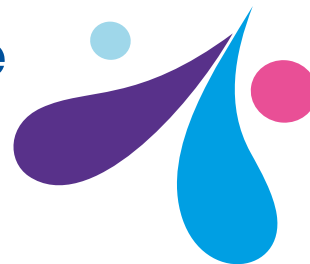
Four LCC Break Time hours per day can be used. Concessions available.

North Stand Community Hub,
Bloomfield Road Stadium,
FY1 6JJ



Lancashire Short Breaks Service

Break Time



Break Time provides fun group activities to children and young people aged 4-18, living in Lancashire, who have a special educational need and/or disability (SEND). Activities take place after school, at weekends and during school holidays and give parents and carers a short break from their caring role.

New Break Time Providers

We are pleased to welcome two new Break Time providers since the last update:

Lowther Pavilion in Lytham St Annes delivered some creative theatre-based workshops during the summer holidays; we look forward to more from them in the future!

Learn Active will be delivering Break Time groups from October half term in Hyndburn, Preston, Chorley and West Lancs, plus a group in Ribble Valley to be added towards the end of the year. Activities offered will focus on confidence, self esteem and independence skills.

We are always looking to increase the range of activities available to Break Time members and their families. If you know of a suitable organisation that could deliver fun group activities, please ask them to contact us at cyp-shortbreaks@lancashire.gov.uk

How do I book activities?

- Visit the **Break Time Activities** page on the Local Offer to find details of all the Break Time providers. Each entry tells you about the types of activities offered, when and where the sessions take place, plus the provider's contact details.
- You can access any provider(s) from the list, however be aware that transport is not provided, so you will need to be able to get your child to/from the venue. The providers are listed in district order to make it easier to find something local.

- You cannot use your Break Time hours at any club that is not on the list.
- Please contact your chosen provider(s) directly to discuss your child's individual needs and to ask any questions you may have. Activity sessions are booked directly with the provider.
- When booking sessions, the provider will ask you for your child's Break Time membership number. If you have lost their number, email us at breaktime@lancashire.gov.uk Please include your child's full name, date of birth and postcode.
- There is usually a parental contribution to pay for the activities – most providers charge around £2 per hour, however this varies between providers and depending on the types of activities offered, for example a trip out may include the cost of entry tickets/transport. Providers should tell you what the cost is when you book a session.

Registrations

Please remember, to continue accessing Break Time groups, you must re-register your child each year.

Registrations for 2025/26 are expected to open at October half term, for both new and existing members. More details will be shared on the Local Offer website and facebook page, closer to the time.

Feedback

We welcome feedback (good or bad!) from all Break Time members and their families, to help us develop and improve the service further. If there is anything you would like to tell us

about your experience of using the service, please complete the online form at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/short-breaks-feedback

Contact Us

For any queries on the Break Time service, please contact us at breaktime@lancashire.gov.uk

If you prefer to speak to someone, please call 0300 123 6720 and ask for the Children and Family Wellbeing SEND Team.

Full information on Break Time, including details of all our providers, can be found on the Local Offer at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time

If you feel your child needs more support than Break Time provides, you can request a Child & Family assessment, so we can fully understand and identify the best way to meet their needs. Call **0300 123 6720** to request an assessment.



Break Time Plus



Did you know?

Break Time Plus provides group based opportunities for children with disabilities

Children and young people can have a range of needs including those who may need 1:1 or 2:1 support

Activities include social, leisure and sports activities (evenings, weekend activities and school holiday clubs are available).

BT+ can be funded with a Direct Payment or via commissioned support.

For more information visit:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time-plus/>

BREAKTIME & BREAK TIME PLUS

AT PLAY INCLUSION PROJECT SUMMER & AUTUMN TERM

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4-18 WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES LIVING IN LANCASHIRE WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED 78 HOURS BY LCC OR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BREAK TIME PLUS

- Weekly Youth Clubs
- Weekly Groups in Preston, Fylde & Wyre
- Holiday Clubs in Preston & Wyre
- Sensory Play Sessions at The Space Centre
- Fun Activities including Bowling, Cinema, Swimming, Soft Play & Many More

For more information contact the office on 01253 899883 or email cm@playinclusionproject.org.uk

www.playinclusionproject.com



Lancashire
County Council

6 BreakTime spaces per month available



For children aged 5- 18 with a disability or additional need.

KIDZ CLUB WEEKEND SESSIONS

Get in touch for the monthly session dates.
Drop off at 10am - Collect at 4pm



Baking | Fun Games | Crafts Sensory Play | Music & Dance Outdoor Play and a Lot More...

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact our Kidz Club Team on 01524 831132 or kidzclub@uniquekidzandco.org.uk
Unique Kidz & Co, Woodhill Lane, Morecambe, LA4 4NW Reg. Charity Number 1131652 - Ofsted Reg. Number EY486367

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SHORT BREAKS

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County Council

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Packed full of sport, games and fun activities to provide your child with the ultimate fun and safe experience.

play games make friends inclusive

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WOODGROVE ROAD
BB11 3EJ
Every Monday, 5pm -7pm

CHORLEY
SOUTHLANDS HIGH
SCHOOL
1 HARESTONE AVENUE,
CHORLEY PR7 2NJ
Every Friday, 5pm -7pm

HYNDBURN
RHYDDINGS SCHOOL
BB5 3EA
Every Tuesday, 5pm -7pm

ORMSKIRK
ORMSKIRK WEST END
PRIMARY GRIMSHAW LANE
L39 1PA
Every Thursday, 5pm -7pm

PRESTON
MOORBROOK SCHOOL
AINSLIE ROAD
PR2 3DB
Every Wednesday, 5pm -7pm

Inclusive Short Breaks programme, designed for children and young people with SEND.
For more information and to book contact: craig.holcroft@sportworksltd.co.uk



A message from Paul Turner, the new Director of Education, Culture and Skills

My name is Paul Turner, and I am originally from Urmston but now live in Wigan. I am married with three children, aged 11, 13 and 15. I worked in schools for many years as a history teacher, head of department and senior leader and then for Blackpool Council where I was a School Safeguarding Advisor, Head of Service for Education and then Assistant Director with responsibility for Education, SEND and Early Years.

I have a degree in Ancient History and Archaeology, a Post Graduate Certificate in Education, a Post Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership and Innovation, an MSc in safeguarding in an international context and I am three years through my education doctorate. I also hold the national professional qualification for senior leadership.

I have written seven history books that are used in schools in the UK and further afield and I have worked with the Department for Education on a number of projects in Blackpool. I have successfully bid for two new schools in the last two years, with my teams (always a team effort). I was lead officer in Blackpool for the SEND inspection and the written statement of action.

I believe very strongly in inclusion, high quality teaching, the availability of high-quality early help and guidance and how we can break down barriers to high levels of educational performance, even in the most deprived areas.

I am heavily invested in the powers of co-production, and I believe that listening is the key part of communication, so I endeavour to do that regularly, and well.

My vision for services in Lancashire is very clear. I want to provide the highest quality provision at all times and one that meets the needs of the communities that we serve. When I joined LCC I said "I am committed to improving education in disadvantaged communities and creating sustainable change to help others treat learning as a lifelong journey. I know that communities require bespoke solutions to address the educational issues that they face."

"I believe bringing the local community into the wider life of a school is integral to continued and sustained improvement of educational outcomes. I also know that children must be at the heart of every decision we make."

Paul Turner

**Director of Education, Culture and Skills,
Lancashire County Council**



Directories – a reminder!



There are lots of ways to discover information about what services are available in Lancashire to children, young people and their families, whether they are special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) services or not.

The Lancashire SEND Directory has been live since 2021 and is a great way to search for services in Lancashire which are beneficial to families whilst being free, low cost or affordable.

These not only include health services, education settings and national charities, but also clubs, organisations and family support. The SEND Directory is updated regularly with new services and groups. We recommend using the keyword search to help to find what you're looking for.

Some of the most recent additions have included disability football and cricket, Lancashire libraries and even an online gaming community! You can find the SEND Directory by visiting the Local Offer website www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND.

Another great resource for families is the new "What's On" guide you can find by visiting the Family Hubs network page <https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/>. You can filter activities by age, area, type of event, and even by SEND events. Many of the activities and events are free and held at your local library or Family Hub.



Advice Drop-In Sessions

Are you looking for some support and advice ?

Come along to Ribbleton Family Hub where you can call in and speak with a range of agencies, including, Preston City Council, Citizens Advice, CFWS and Community

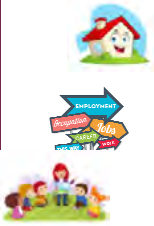
Gateway. Advice will be available on a range of subjects including:

[Housing](#) [Debt Advice](#) [Food Banks](#) [Benefit Advice](#)

[Free Funded Nursery Places](#) [Training and Employment](#) [Fire Safety](#)

[Autism Pathway Navigator](#)

Learn about the Autism pathway processes, ask for advice about referrals and other mechanisms of support. Receive signposting support from someone with lived experience of a child/ young person with autism.



2-4pm

Tuesday August 27th
Tuesday September 24th
Tuesday October 29th
Tuesday November 26th



Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Ribbleton, Preston, PR2 6EE

Telephone: 01772 539444



The Incredible Years!

The Incredible Years program is an evidence-based program shown to strengthen positive parent-child interactions and attachment, reduces harsh discipline and fosters parents' ability to promote children's social, emotional, and language development.

For Parents of children Age 3-8 years

Venue: Preston East Family Hub,
Brookfield Primary School, Watling
Street Road, Ribbleton, PR2 6TU

Start: Tuesday 10th September

Time: 09.30 – 12.00

OR

Venue: Clayton Brook Primary School,
Great Greens Lane, Bamber Bridge

Start: Wednesday 11th September

Time: 12.30 – 2:30pm

Course Length:

14 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Email:

vcl.019.theparentingteam@nhs.net

Phone: 0300 247 0040

The Incredible Years group visits:

- Play
- Praise
- Coaching
- Boundaries
- Rules
- Commands
- Consequences
- Calming Techniques
- Problem Solving
- Emotional Regulation

"I felt nervous about coming to the group but now I feel excited."

"I didn't realise that my mood and behaviour affected my son, now I know the power of modelling behaviours I want to see more of."



Aspris Children's Services

Autism Training

Oliver House, a specialist autism school, are offering free training to any parents. There will be ten courses:

9th September 2024	Throwing away the rule book – Parenting in Autism
7th October 2024	PDA and High Anxiety in Autism
4th November 2024	Autism and ADHD
2nd December 2024	Sensory issues and Autism
13th January 2025	Maximising Educational opportunities
10th February 2025	Organisations who support families
10th March 2025	Behaviours that challenge
12th May 2025	Autism & Associated Conditions
9th June 2025	The Future - beyond school age
7th July 2025	Transitions in Autism

The courses will run from 10am to 12 noon and there are 80 places on each course. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Please note that if you wish to attend you **must** book on the courses. Please contact Jenny Powell at Oliver House School on 01257 220011 to book.

Venue: Valley Church, Fourfields, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6GS

Coffee & Connect One Stop Shop

EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30AM-11:30AM-

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MORECAMBE LA4 5DL

A CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO DROP IN AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN A WARM AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

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- FINANCE
- EMPLOYMENT
- PARENTING/ TRIPLE P ADVICE
- EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELLBEING
- RELATIONSHIPS



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Time out for parent courses

new era enterprises

Call or text 07877 714693
Scan to book - in the drop down box, please make sure you select the course and date required

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY
Promoting healthy tips with our children & family members and strategies to handle anger better.
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD
Understanding autism and the way it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD
Understanding ADHD and how it affects your child. Support and strategies to help the family relationships.
June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS
The Teenage Years can sometimes be a challenge. This course explores the issues affecting teenagers & their parents.
June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

*Believing in you
Believing in Better*

4X 2hr Sessions

**Does your child have ADHD?
or are they under assessment
for ADHD?**

**Are you a professional that knows
a family that could benefit from
our help?**

What we offer

- Outreach Support**
Parent & family support by our qualified family practitioners
- Telephone Support**
- Assist with services/agency meetings**
We can attend TAF, Children in Need meetings or of anything similar
- Parent Empowerment & Skills Training Programme**
Gain the knowledge, tools and confidence on how to parent a child with ADHD

Where we are based

- East Lancs
- Blackburn with Darwen
- North Lancs
- South Cumbria
- Central Lancs
- Blackpool

ADHD North West
Supporting Families
Tel: 01254 886 886
www.adhdnorthwest.org.uk
reception@adhdnorthwest.org.uk

CIO: 1186394

October is ADHD awareness month

What is ADHD Awareness Month?

October 1st – October 31st 2024

ADHD Awareness Month takes place throughout October and is dedicated to raising awareness of and educating people about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

The goal of ADHD awareness month is to provide reliable information and resources to help people thrive with ADHD.

The 2024 theme is Awareness is Key!, and in this article you can find lots of resources to learn more about the condition.

What is ADHD?

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a condition that affects people's behaviour. People with ADHD can seem restless, may have trouble concentrating and may act on impulse.

Symptoms of ADHD tend to be noticed at an early age and may become more noticeable when a child's circumstances change, such as when they start school.

Most cases are diagnosed when children are under 12 years old, but sometimes it's diagnosed later in childhood.



People with ADHD may also have additional problems, such as sleep and anxiety disorders.

You can find out more by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-adhd>

Why should we get involved in ADHD Awareness Month?

Statistics show that between 2% and 5% of UK school children have a 'type' of ADHD. This means it's likely that most UK primary schools will have, at the very least, one student with ADHD enrolled in the school.

ADHD Awareness Month is the perfect opportunity to educate adults and children about ADHD and promote respect and compassion for those with the condition.

To access support and information in Lancashire, you can visit <https://www.healthyyoungmindspsc.co.uk/> and search "ADHD".

<https://www.adhdlancashire.com/> also have some great resources and guidance for parent carers, as do the national charity <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/> where you can access free downloads.

If you want to find out more about autism and ADHD you can visit the Local Offer website www.SEND/lancashire.gov.uk and search for the "autism unlocked" page.

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£50 PER TERM**



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NEURO NINJAS

Every Thursday at
Layton Methodist Church,
1 Westcliffe Drive, Blackpool, FY37DZ.
4.30-5.30pm

We are an exclusive Autism group for children with or awaiting diagnosis and their siblings. Children can enjoy different sensory play, activities, toys and games. We provide a safe, non judgemental environment for children and their families. This allows the children to be themselves and build friendship.

Book your place
Neuroninjasfylde@gmail.com

Follow us on FaceBook
www.facebook.co.uk/NeuroNinjasFylde

£3 per family.

COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

These sessions are for primary school aged children with physical, learning, and emotional difficulties. The group offers children an inclusive environment, with opportunities for learning development and support. A place for parents & carers to meet and make new friends and share their experiences with those going through similar joys and challenges.

Please contact the centre to book.

Tuesday 15:30- 16:30pm
Children & Family Wellbeing Service
Sydney Street
Lytham St Annes
FY8 1TR
01253 741117

Lancashire County Council

Charity No: 1187870
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Fleetwood Town Council
Rotary Fleetwood

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

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W: fleetwoodbeachwheelchairs.co.uk

FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

"Fabulous day out on the beach. Amazing to have this available when otherwise we'd be sitting on the side. My 11 year old son loved it as did his family. Fantastic experience. We will be back!"

We are a registered charity dedicated to giving as many people as possible, local residents and visitors, access to enjoy our beautiful beach and coastline with their friends and family. Our fleet of chairs are specially designed to be light and easy to manoeuvre on the sand and shingle, up to and into the shallow water. A hoist is available to assist transfer between chairs and we operate within appropriate COVID guidelines and our 'Safe Guide to the Beach'.

The chairs are FREE to hire - donations on the day or via justgiving.com are welcome so even more individuals and their families can make memories that will last a lifetime!

"It felt incredible to be able to take my daughter on the sand for the first time in 14 years!"

HOW TO BOOK ...

- Telephone 03000 111 003 in advance with the date and time you'd like to reserve a chair. We will call back to confirm availability and to make the arrangements for your visit.
- Call in to The Wheel Base, Central Promenade. We will be open weekends and holidays 10am - 4pm (bookings at all other times should be made in advance by phone)

WHERE TO FIND US ...

Promenade	
Central Car Park	Cafe
FY7 6QE	
Esplanade	
New Boston	The Mount

Marine Hall

OUR PARTNERS

Thank you to these organisations for their support and funding of Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs:

FLEETWOOD ROTARY
FLEETWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
WYRE COUNCIL
HEALTHIER FLEETWOOD



ABOUT US

Sign Hi Say Hi! is a charity for local families with children and young people (0-25 years) who are deaf or have a hearing loss, run by parents, carers and grandparents. Sign Hi Say Hi! is affiliated to the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

We run regular activity sessions for deaf/hearing loss children/young people, their families, siblings (under 19), parents, and carers. All deaf and young people are welcome whether they choose to communicate

by speech/ BSL/sign supported English etc.

Deaf children/young people meet, take part in activities such as sports and crafts and simply have the opportunity to be together. Parents /carers can have a coffee and have the opportunity to socialise together. Many children or young people find they are the only deaf child or young person in their school and at Sign Hi Say Hi! they are with other young deaf children/young people. We also offer new parents whose children have just been identified as deaf informal parent to parent support.

Activity sessions are held term time – most events are held Tuesday evenings 6.00pm to 8.00pm or Sunday afternoons – we try and vary where we meet up and have a range of activities to appeal to different ages. If you want to know

more about us or have a chat please ring 07437 335655 or email signhisayhi@ndcsgroup.org.uk

Membership

We receive no local or government funding and rely on attracting grants and donations to run the activity sessions so we have to charge for membership (£5.00 per family a year). The charge for activity sessions is normally £1.00 per child unless otherwise stated.

Child Protection

Sign Hi Says Hi! takes Child Protection very seriously and has Child Protection Policies and Procedures in place. We also have a designated Child Protection Officer.

WE ARE A REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1037445

Lancashire SEND Partnership: Parent Carers and Practitioners Working Together

Online: Microsoft Teams and Face-to-Face sessions



Lancashire Parent Carer Forum

Lancashire SEND Plan 2021 - 2025 is soon coming to an end.

Lancashire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) are hosting a series of events between May and November 2024 for parent carers and practitioners to meet our new Director of Education, Paul Turner, revisit the SEND plan which we coproduced with parent carers and practitioners in 2021 and write a new SEND Plan together.

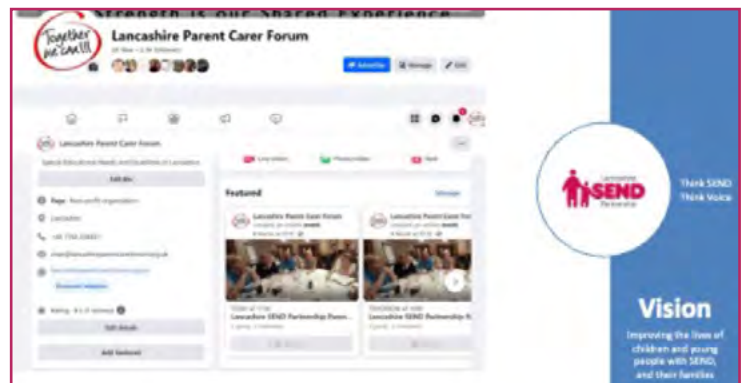
We will discuss the priorities for the new plan which takes us forward from 2025.

We asked in our May sessions if our priorities for our children, young people and families are the same now as they were in 2021, or if they had changed since the COVID pandemic? You told us that the main priorities are the same but felt some of the plans had not been put into place and we should now concentrate on robust plans and evidence of the impact of what is put into place.

The next step is to write a new draft SEND Plan. We are excited to be working with Cath Ratcliffe and Gail Bedding on developing what we are already doing and embedding good practice, making sure parent carers and practitioners are all working together effectively

Details and links are on our Facebook page where you can also sign up to our membership database on our Website to be sent information about upcoming events and much more.

All parent carers welcome to come along!



Writing our new SEND Plan

- For all parent carers – please just attend one session:
14 Oct 10.30-12 noon • 15 Oct 5.30-7pm • 16 Oct 1-2.30pm
- For parent carers who run a local community SEND group – please attend both sessions:
5 November 2024 • 19 November 2024

More information will be available through our membership database so please sign up at:
www.lancashireparentcarerforum.org.uk

More information available through LPCF Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LancashireParentCarerForum

and Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lancashire-parent-carer-forum-33669080245

Lancashire SEND IAS

Information, advice and support
for Special Educational Needs and Disability



Trying to decide on which school for your child to attend can be an exciting yet worrying time as part of your child's educational journey. Whether looking for your very first school or deciding on a secondary school, visiting the schools, talking to teachers, and attending open events can provide valuable insights to help you decide on which school you feel is right.

Comparing different schools can be a detailed process, but here are some key factors to consider:

1. **Curriculum:** Check if the school offers a curriculum that aligns with your child's interests and future goals. This includes special education, and extracurricular activities.
2. **Facilities:** Evaluate the school's facilities, including classrooms, libraries, sports fields, and technology.
3. **Safety and Discipline:** Research the school's policies on bullying, discipline, and overall safety.
4. **Location:** Proximity to your home can be important for convenience and your child's social life.
5. **Values and Culture:** Ensure the school's values and culture align with your family's beliefs and expectations.
6. **Extracurricular Activities:** Look at the variety and quality of extracurricular activities offered, such as sports, arts, and clubs.

When visiting a school, asking the right questions can help you get a comprehensive understanding of the environment and whether it's the right fit for your child. Here are some important questions to consider:

Academic and Curriculum

- What is the school's approach to teaching and learning?
- How does the school support students with different learning needs?
- What extracurricular activities and programs are available?
- How does the school integrate technology into the curriculum?
- What are the school's policies on homework and assessments?

Facilities and Resources

- What facilities are available for sports, arts, and other activities?
- How are the classrooms equipped?
- How does the school ensure a safe and secure environment?

School Culture and Values

- What is the school's mission and philosophy?
- How does the school handle discipline and behavioural issues?
- How does the school promote inclusivity and diversity?

Parent and Community Involvement

- How does the school communicate with parents?
- What opportunities are there for parent involvement?
- How does the school engage with the local community?

Logistics

- What are the school hours and calendar?
- What are the transportation options?

Student Support

- What support services are available for students (counselling, health services, etc.)?
- How does the school support students' social and emotional development?
- What is the school's approach to college and career readiness?

Asking these questions can give you a well-rounded view of the school and help you make an informed decision.

Helpline Number 0300 123 6706 - 9 to 5, Monday to Friday.

You can leave a message outside of these times and we will call you back.

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 (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

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www.lancashire.gov.uk

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Building Connections
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Michelle, Building Connections Befriender



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Children & Young People's Support

Peer Support

Our new Peer Support model will offer specific routes to support young people's wellbeing from age 10- 25.

Locations:

- North Lancashire
- East Lancashire
- Central Lancashire
- Blackpool
- Blackburn

Wellbeing Services:

- Support to access existing community groups
- 1-1 Virtual wellbeing coaching
- Signposting to specialist support
- Peer support training
- Establishing new groups for young people

More details here



Registered charity number: 1081427



FAMILY HUBS NETWORK Parent Carer Voice Forum



Come and join us!

Have your say...

Friday 13th September
10:00 - 12:00
Ribbleson Family Hubs
Ribbleson Hall Drive
Preston
PR2 6EE



Share your experience and insight of family hubs to help influence change

If you are attending with children we have craft activities available

Help us explore new initiatives that better serve our communities

Free training opportunities

Brunch provided

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Could you spare some time a few times each year to tell us what you think about the services

Are you passionate about Family Hubs meeting the needs of the local families?

Do you want to get involved in shaping services delivered by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service?

Please contact: 01772 539444
cfwprestoncommunity@lancashire.gov.uk



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A Youth Voice and Influence group for young people with SEND

A space to raise issues of importance to young people with SEND. Make changes across Lancashire to improve services and have fun!!!

Where



The Zone in Burnley, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW

When

- ✓ Every Tuesday
- ✓ 4:30pm to 6:00pm , ages 8-15
- ✓ 6:30pm to 8:00pm , ages 16-25

Who

- ✓ Any young person diagnosed or undiagnosed with SEND

Contact Suli at suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk or call 07775 221214.



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A Youth Voice and Influence group for young people with SEND

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Where



131 Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6YJ

When

- ✓ Every Thursday
- ✓ 6:00pm to 8.00pm ages 12-25

Who

- ✓ Any young person diagnosed or undiagnosed with SEND

Contact Suli at suliman.hussain@lancashire.gov.uk or call 07775 221214.

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Discover the Support and Community at Lancashire TAAG

At Lancashire TAAG (The Autism and ADHD Group), we are dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for children with autism, ADHD, attachment disorders, sensory processing disorders, and other neurodiverse conditions. Our mission is to provide enriching activities and valuable resources for both children and their families, fostering a sense of community and well-being.

Engaging Activities for Neurodiverse Children

We offer a variety of activities designed to promote physical, emotional, and social development. Our weekly events take place every Wednesday evening at Springfield Leisure Centre in Coppull, featuring:

- **Multi-Skills Sports:** Encouraging physical fitness and teamwork.
- **Indoor Wall Climbing:** Building confidence and motor skills.
- **Rebound Therapy:** Providing therapeutic benefits through trampoline exercises.

We invite interested families to contact us to arrange a tour and see if our programmes are suitable for your child.



Exciting New Initiatives

As we continue to grow, we are excited to introduce new projects aimed at enhancing the well-being of our members. Our latest initiative includes a specialised programme incorporating paddle boarding, canoeing, and rebound therapy. This holistic approach combines the benefits of water sports and therapeutic exercises to improve the quality of life for autistic individuals.

Special Events for Younger Members

We are thrilled to announce a special event for our younger members who might be too young to attend our regular events. Thanks to the generous support of Rascals Play Centre in Walton-le-Dale, we will have exclusive late access on the last Wednesday of each month! This is a fantastic opportunity for young children with autism, ADHD, or other neurodivergent conditions to enjoy the play centre with their siblings and friends.

- **First Event:** Wednesday, 25th September, 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **Tickets:** £5.00 each, available online only. Don't forget to bring your ticket or code for scanning by our volunteers.

Hot and cold drinks will be available, but please note the kitchen will be closed for food. This event also provides a wonderful chance for parents to meet, network, and support each other.

Meet Our New Junior Committee

We are proud to introduce our first Junior Committee, led by Lianne, a dedicated volunteer who has been with Lancashire TAAG since its inception. The Junior Committee will gather feedback from members on various topics, including activities, events, merchandise, and T-shirt designs. They will also play a crucial role in organising events and brainstorming fundraising ideas. To express our gratitude, Junior Committee members will meet 3-4 times a year and enjoy ice cream at a local dessert shop. These meetings are a great opportunity for parents to connect and socialise as well.

Our Transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Formerly operating as an unincorporated association (1157535), we have successfully transitioned to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). While our name remains Lancashire TAAG, we now operate under a new charity number: 1208161. This transition allows us to better serve our community and expand our reach.

Join Us and Get Involved!

We invite families to join our supportive community and participate in our activities. For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact us at info@taaglancashire.co.uk. At Lancashire TAAG, we are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of neurodivergent children and their families. We look forward to welcoming you and supporting your journey.

The Lancashire TAAG Team



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About Us

We are a parent-led charity, supporting families with a member with Down's Syndrome of all ages across East Lancs and beyond.

We offer a wide range of services but at our heart we are here to support families to get together, share experiences, make new friends, support each other and have fun too.

We meet every month in Whitewell Bottom, with something for every age group and a safe space for parents and carers to chat. Each month has a different theme, for example in September we have a visit from a gymnastics group, in October we have a bake-off competition, in November a firework display and December our big Christmas party. All members of the family are welcome; we have siblings, Grandmas, Grandads, uncles, aunties, cousins who attend regularly and make their own friends and support network. *“we really enjoyed meeting with everyone they were great and very welcoming! We can't wait for the next meeting”* — Lisa, new member



Our biggest event of the year is our group trip to Blackpool; this year nearly 200 people joined us over a weekend in May and everyone had a great time!



Another cornerstone of our offer is the monthly social group for our members with DS aged 13+ (no upper age limit). This is supported by a youthful team who create a great atmosphere where our young people can be themselves, make friends and have space from their parents and carers (who get to chill and chat in a nearby room). This meets at the Millhouse Venue in Clayton le Moors.

Inclusion and achieving to the best of our members' abilities is very important to us, so we provide weekly pre-school educational development classes and school support from an educational specialist.

We are a totally self-funded group, so we ask for small contributions for some events, but we are always looking for partners and support to ensure all our services are as accessible as possible.

If you are interested in attending a session, or volunteering or supporting our group, please contact Rachel Shatliff chair@eastlancsds.com and we'd be delighted to hear from you.



NEW Sensory Hydrotherapy Pool!

With help from Burnley Council, we at Charter House Resource Centre C.I.C have launched our plans to build a brand-new, state of the art, Sensory Hydrotherapy Pool on site at our day care centre on Morse St, Burnley.



Charter House has been supporting adults with disabilities and learning difficulties in Burnley for over 13 years. Through discussions with local social workers, physiotherapists, members of the community, and the service users we support, we have identified an increasing demand for a Hydrotherapy Pool facility in Burnley.

This brand-new Sensory Hydrotherapy Pool will boast a variety of fantastic equipment including floating fibre optics, LED motion lights, wall projectors, mounted speakers, a ceiling track hoist and much more, making hydrotherapy more engaging and accessible for the user. This will be the first Sensory Hydrotherapy Pool of it's kind in Burnley!

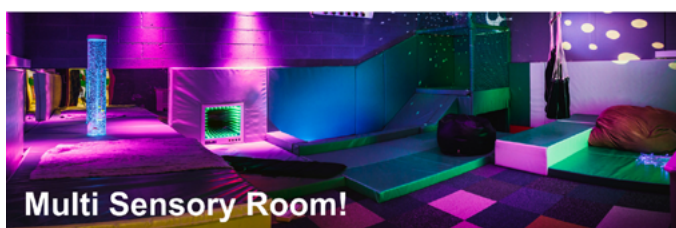
We are extremely excited to be bringing such a well-needed facility to the Burnley community.



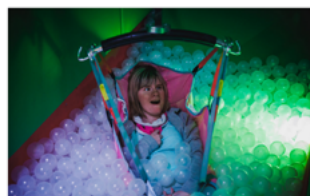
Dry Massage Facility!

In addition to our new Sensory Hydro-Pool, we will also be introducing our new DRY Water Massage Bed, 'MEDWAVE'. The MEDWAVE is designed to stimulate certain muscle groups in the human body using temperature controlled water pressure via an electric mat. This medical device is indicated to assist in the therapy of muscular and musculoskeletal disorders, and disfunctions and the pain caused by these.

The decision to add this new piece of equipment was made with individuals in mind who may have difficulty accessing the Hydro-pool due to sensory impairments. This will allow individuals to experience the same benefits of the Hydro-pool without the sensation of water.



Multi Sensory Room!



We also have a fantastic Multi Sensory Room on site, designed and equipped to suit the needs of children and adults of all ages. This is the perfect environment to aid in early development and is a safe space for those with learning difficulties, developmental disorders, behavioural difficulties, emotional needs or dementia, to freely express themselves and interact with their surroundings.

For more information call now or drop in to see us.

Charter House Resource Centre C.I.C, Morse Street, Burnley, Lancashire, BB10 4PB

01282 429094

Info@charterhouseburnley.co.uk

www.charterhouseburnley.co.uk

CEA CARD

The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA).

The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

To apply, the person requiring assistance must be 5 years of age or older and be in receipt of one of the following:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP)

Or hold:

- Severely Sight Impaired Registration (formerly Registered Blind)
- Sight Impaired Registration (formerly Partially Sighted)

There is a one-off fee of £6.00 when you apply, and the card is valid for one year.

Around 90% of cinemas in the UK accept the CEA Card including chains such as Vue, Odeon and Cineworld, as well as some independent cinemas.

The Card is developed by UKCA's Disability Working Group, whose members include film exhibitors and distributors, and national disability charities such as RNID, RNIB, Dimensions and Whizz Kidz.

Find out more and apply at www.ceacard.co.uk



ACCESSIBLE SCREENINGS UK

Did you know there are a number of different types of screening in UK cinemas, helping to ensure everyone enjoys the big screen experience?

Accessible Screenings UK is a listing site to help you find information on accessible screenings in UK Cinemas.

These include Audio Described, Subtitled/Open Captioned and Autism Friendly screenings.

Many of these adjustments are available across a broad range of cinemas including independents, local and national circuits. Some venues cannot provide these extra services, so check first to see what is available at your local cinema.

For more information, visit www.accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk

Asthma + Lung UK Parent Carer Support Network



Who are we?

Do you have children or grandchildren who are 0-17 and living with asthma? The Asthma + Lung UK Parent Carer Support Network is a group for you. You are welcome to join us if your child has been diagnosed with asthma, or if you think they might have asthma. We will give you lots of help to manage your child's asthma at home, in school and in after-school clubs.

How can we help?

Every month we get together in a relaxed and friendly online video call. We talk about the ups and downs of our children's asthma journey with kind and supportive nurses and doctors. They can answer any questions you have about asthma. Our group is also a great place to meet other families of children with asthma, who understand what you're going through. Join our mailing list and sign up to our next event here:



Parent and Carer Support Network Events Asthma + Lung UK (asthmaandlung.org.uk)

Wednesday 25th September 2024	After school clubs and asthma	Asthma should not stop children getting involved in after school clubs and sports. There are lots of Olympic athletes living with asthma who have gone for gold! Join us on World Lung Day to learn how to manage your child's asthma. Let them reach for the stars!
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	From Hospital to Home	Sometimes the scariest thing is not knowing what's to come. Learn about what will happen if your child's asthma gets worse and they need to go to hospital. Hear from families who have had to take their child to hospital before. Find out about how to care for your child when they leave hospital.
Tuesday 26th November 2024	Stay well in the festive season	Many children with asthma will also have food allergies or intolerances. The festive season can be a very worrying time, with lots of parties and tasty treats for children. Speak to an allergy nurse specialist to help bust your festive food fears.





Need to talk?


Join Talk about Autism

– the online community for parents and carers of autistic young people.

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/understanding-autism/early-years/parent-carer-online-community



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Parent/Carer Peer Support Group
For Parents/Carers of Autistic Young People and Mental Health Concerns

Do you care for an Autistic young person? (with/without diagnosis)
Do you have concerns about your child's mental health?
Would you benefit from speaking to other parents with shared lived experience?

Our informal peer-support group is held in a relaxed, inclusive and confidential space.

Connect with others with shared lived experiences, exchange practical advice, receive mutual support, and signposting.

Autism & Mental Health professionals are regularly invited to provide workshops and Q&As.

Where: The Base II Community Centre on Broadfield, Bannister Drive, Leyland PR25 2GD

When: Fortnightly on Tuesdays (Term Time) commencing Tuesday 10th September @12:30pm-2pm

Free to attend - No booking required

For further information contact:
Niki (Facilitator) on 07580358080 / niki@keycharity.org.uk
www.keycharity.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 1154772

Have your say on support provision:



Trinity Parent Carer Group

for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs or disabilities.

Join us for an informal chat with other parents and carers to share information and support.

Face to face Meetings

2nd Thursday each month 9:30-11:30 am

St Annes Pastoral Centre,

Prescot Rd, Ormskirk L39 4TG

2024 Face 2 Face meeting dates				
June 13 th	July 11 th	September 12 th	October 17 th NB change of date	November 14 th

Virtual Meetings via Zoom

4th Tuesday most months 8-9pm

2024 Zoom meeting dates				
June 25 th	July 23 rd	September 24 th	October 22 nd	November 26 th

Email trinitysnap17@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation

All Welcome please check TrinitySNAP on Facebook for any possible date changes due to school holidays etc

Trinity Special Needs Advice Partnership

Dads & Male Carers Brunch Club

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Saturday 31st August
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For adults attending without their children, or those who simply want a break, our cozy corner offers a space to enjoy a warm drink and engage in friendly, supportive conversations.

Inclusive Atmosphere
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Let your children explore and have fun in our expertly crafted soft play area, tailored for their safety and enjoyment.



Find us on Facebook

'you are not alone'

Spectrum of Light Rossendale is a parent carer support group of children whom have extra needs

**MONDAY EVENINGS
7.00PM - 9.00PM**

Come along to our safe space with people who are in similar positions. Make friends, give and take away advice. £2 donation, refreshments are provided.

For more information contact **Julie** on
07968 057954
info@spectrumoflightrossendale.co.uk



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Service**

Is your child seeking or has an autism diagnosis?

Do you live in East Lancashire or Blackburn with Darwen?

Is your child/children under 25 years old?

Are you a parent/carer looking for information, advice and support?

Come along to our:

- Parent Support Group
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- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions



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**C.H.A.T.S Parent Support Group
(Lancaster and Morecambe area)
on Facebook**



Who is it for?

Any **parent/carer** involved in the support of any child/young person struggling with mental, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

What happens?

The Facebook group is a friendly, safe space to talk, listen and help each other, available 24/7.

You don't have to post or comment, sometimes just reading about what others are experiencing is help enough.

We also host **face-to-face meetings, drop-in social meetings, workshops and Zoom meetings** during term-time.

Rebecca - [07852297215](tel:07852297215)

Claire - [07494206371](tel:07494206371)

chatsnorthwest@gmail.com

When?

CHATS Social Café (in person) drop-in
First Friday of the month
10am until 12pm

CHATS Face-To-Face meeting
Second Thursday of the month
10am until 12pm

Come along, have a brew and find your people.

**CHATS Workshops
(places need to be booked)**
Third Thursday of the month
10am until 1pm

Where?

More Music - Devonshire Road,
West End, Morecambe, LA3 1QT

**CHATS Zoom meeting drop-in
(login details are on the Facebook group)**
Last Thursday of the month
7pm until 8.30pm

SEND Employment Update – spotlight on supported internships



Well done, class of 2024! (and welcome to new interns)

The end of the academic year can only mean one thing for our interns; graduation time! Many celebrations took place in June and July, and interns donned their best attire, celebrating among their peers with families, friends and others involved in their journey. For 23-24, we have had eight programmes dotted around Lancashire, with over 50 interns working hard in their respective placements. Their skills development, confidence and abilities have really developed over the last nine months, and we wish them all the best of luck as they go into the world of employment. A big congratulations from all of us in Inclusion at Lancashire County Council!

A huge good luck to the interns beginning their journey for 2024 – 2025, who will be supported throughout this academic year to achieve employment by the end of their programme. Interns will be gaining skills development in a variety of businesses, and we are excited to see them progress throughout the year. Thank you to everyone in advance who will be supporting young people get work ready, from the onsite teams to the organisations hosting them.

Programmes in Lancashire

The local offer page for supported internships has recently updated to reflect the choice of programmes across Lancashire. We are very pleased this year to be introducing two more courses to the offer; Nelson & Colne College will be offering a supported internship in collaboration with ASDA in Colne, and Preston college has partnered with Places for People for September 2024. This brings us to a total of 10 registered programmes in our county. Blackburn College has also partnered with ASDA in Blackburn, and the offer is available to Lancashire residents. You can find out more about each programme on the Lancashire County Council local offer page. The map below also gives a visual idea of where programmes are located.

If you are thinking of leaving education to go into employment, hold an Education, Health and Care Plan and feel like you could benefit from a supported internship, please contact sendemploymentforum@lancashire.gov.uk. Our friendly Supported Employment Officer is always happy to help young people, as well as parent carers to make informed choices. Likewise, we are always looking for young people who have gained employment to sit on our SEND Employment Forum, so please do get in touch if you would like to be an intern representative.



The Legacy Project

Written by Angela Bergquist



Supported Internships for young adults with additional needs

Did you know?

Only 6% of adults with special educational needs (SEN) are currently accessing employment nationwide!

The Legacy Project at Divine Days Community aims to change this via a 12-month award-winning supported internship programme for individuals aged 16-25 with educational health and care (EHC) plans, in collaboration with a local educational provider in Skelmersdale and a local employer in the surrounding areas.

Since its establishment in 2021, The Legacy Project has achieved a success rate of over 70% in supporting young people with additional needs to secure employment in their community. The Legacy Project is growing year on year, and we are very excited to continue making a positive difference within West Lancs.

Why Choose Us?

At Divine Days Community, we believe that every young person with additional needs should be given the opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations so that they can thrive and have the best quality of life. At The Legacy Project, we work collaboratively with young people, families, carers, educational providers, and professional organisations to find the most suitable work placement. We recognise the importance of building trusting relationships and admit we are fussy about which organisations we choose as placement providers – individuals must be in an environment where they are respected, included, and valued. We strive to provide our interns with the best possible opportunities so that they have the best chance of achieving positive outcomes.

What does it involve?

Students will attend college two days per week and work placement up to three days per week. During this time, they will be fully supported by a job coach and will have the opportunity to meet other students who are also part of the Legacy Project supported internship programme. The students will work towards achieving a nationally recognised qualification in employment skills whilst also accessing work experience with an end goal to achieve employment. Employability Skills focuses on breaking down barriers and addressing skills such as time management, adapting to change,

and fostering independence. Fully qualified, specialist Job coaches work with the interns to develop independence, including such aspects as a tailored travel training programme for those who require it.

What would work placement look like?

We have a variety of work placements including schools, gym, retail, joinery, horticultural, and care settings and we continue to add to those in line with the preferences of our interns. We work closely with young people and their parents/carers to ensure they feel fully supported, tailoring their work placements so that they are able to learn at their own pace and are placed in areas they are interested in. With consistent support from their job coach, interns gradually develop autonomy in the workplace and develop the skills required to work independently. Job coaches act as mentors for interns and support them in applying for job roles and developing interview skills.

What can an internship lead to?

Our ultimate goal is for students to obtain employment by the end of the programme successfully. It is worth noting that how this will look is very much based on the individual. Some students strive to achieve full-time employment, whilst others may seek part-time or voluntary positions. We work with the individual, their carers and families to ensure we remain focused on matters most to them. In addition to employment, internships provide a fantastic opportunity for individuals to develop their confidence and resilience in a setting that they feel comfortable in whilst being fully supported. We are very proud of all our successes to date and are looking forward to welcoming more young people onto The Legacy Project in September.

If you would like more information or have any questions about The Legacy Project, please contact **Nicola@divinedays.co.uk**



For people with a learning disability and autistic adults

CLITHEROE PUB NIGHT

FREE ENTRY

Tuesday 6.30pm - 9.00pm

2024 Dates

30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July, 27th August, 24th Sept, 29th Oct & 26th Nov.

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

The Rose & Crown Hotel, 21 Castle Street, Clitheroe, BB7 2BT



For more details contact Samantha Nott, Events and Marketing Manager on 01254 457026

samantha@spring-projects.co.uk

For more information visit: www.meet-n-match.co.uk/events



CINEMA CLUB



Fancy a night out? How about food, a film and new friends?

The Cinema Club meet on the second Tuesday of each month at The Crafty Scholar at 4.30pm, then move onto Vue Cinema for the latest film release.

Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1LP

For more information email: Sarah - sarahjanerogers1987@gmail.com or Mark - doctorstartrek@gmail.com



FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2024
6PM-9PM

For adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults

£5 ENTRY
Carers free
Ticket only event

SPRING IN DA CLUB

Blackpool Club Night

Where: Popworld
120-122 Promenade
Blackpool, FY1 1RA



For more details contact Ashley Smith, Administrator on 01254 457026
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Scan QR code to book



For people with a learning disability and autistic adults

ST ANNE'S PUB NIGHT

FREE ENTRY

Wednesday 6.30pm - 9.00pm

2024 Dates

15th May, 19th June, 17th July, 21st August, 18th Sept, 16th Oct, 20th Nov & 18th Dec

Our social events are a great way to meet new people and enjoy a night out in a safe environment.

The Links Pub, Heeley Road, Lytham St Anne's, FY8 2HS



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Live Your Best Life!



Flourish and Achieve is a new service in Parbold and Hilldale for young people and adults with disabilities and autism. We offer a range of healthy lifestyle and creative activities, including:

- Nature walks
- Dog walks
- Allotments
- Cooking/baking
- Painting
- Arts and crafts
- Floristry
- And much more!

There's lots of opportunities to get involved in the local community and develop new friendships.



For more information, or to arrange a FREE taster day, contact Louise on 07976 955968 or email flourishandachieve@hotmail.com



Motiv8-Lancs

We are a Daycare Provider for adults who have Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and Learning Disabilities.

We are open October Half Term, Christmas, Easter and Summer when you're school is closed. If you're looking for a place to go, please contact us for more details.

For adults aged 16 years +

At Motiv8-Lancs, we offer a wide range of daytime activities. Our sessions include dancing and singing, drama/role play, musical theatre, makaton, baking, cooking, arts and crafts, painting, woodwork projects, gardening, local walks/trips, film/documentaries, educational talks, wide range of games, bingo and outdoor sport activities.

We are open every Monday-Friday from 9am till 3pm
The time can be adjusted for clients if needs be.

We also offer 1:1 for clients.

Based in Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington

To enquire, please call 07980292330

Social Sparks

For Adults with additional needs



Every Wednesday
18:30-20:30

£1 Entry fee
Two games of Bingo



Join us for a fun filled evening of
Bingo, Karaoke and a game of
Pool.

Your Wednesday Evenings just got
even better with a night of Social
Interactions and fun for all.



socialsparks@hotmail.com

Charter House Resource Centre
Morse Street Burnley
BB10 4PB



For people with a learning disability and autistic adults

STAYING SAFE IN RELATIONSHIPS

2 week workshop
1st & 8th October 2024
10am - 1pm

You will learn about:

- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Consent in relationships
- How to get help and advice

This is a free course funded by the Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner.
Book your place today 01254 457026

The Fold, 2-6 Venice Avenue,
Burnley, BB11 5JX



For more details contact
Lizzie Winkfield,
Training Coordinator
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For more information visit:
www.meet-n-match.co.uk



Kidz to Adultz.

North

Friday 11th October 2024
Manchester Central
Manchester
9:30am - 4:00pm

- ✓ Free entry
- ✓ 100+ exhibitors
- ✓ Fun zone
- ✓ CPD seminars
- ✓ Accessible facilities
- ✓ New parent and carers connection hub



For children and young people with disabilities and additional needs, and the people who support them.



NHS

Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

The learning disability Health Facilitation Team Website



<https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/healthfacilitation>

Please check our website for lots of easy read information & information for Parents & Carers & Professionals



watch me do it



- Watch me do it is a FREE website designed to help children with dyspraxia, or other movement difficulties, learn activities of daily living
- The website contains movement demonstration videos for various everyday movement skills, like shoelace tying, opening packets, and using cutlery
- All the video demonstrations are recorded from a first-person viewpoint to match the viewpoint children have when practicing the skills and make it easier to copy the movements
- Children can watch the videos, practice copying the movements, and repeat as often as needed
- Our published research findings have shown that these videos are effective in helping children with dyspraxia learn everyday movement skills
- The videos and website were developed by psychology researchers at Manchester Metropolitan University, in collaboration with occupational therapists, and following feedback from families with lived experience of dyspraxia

Access the website using the link below or scan the QR code:

Website: <https://watchmedoit.mmu.ac.uk/>

Email: watchmedoit@mmu.ac.uk



Lancashire County Council – contact details

www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/get-involved/contact Email: enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk

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	Libraries	0300 123 6703
	Library Service Automated Renewal Line	0300 123 6704
	Registration and Certification Service	0300 123 6705
	School Admissions	0300 123 6707
	School Appeals	0300 123 6708
	Lancashire Adult College	0300 123 6709
Care Connect	Social Care	0300 123 6720
	Safeguarding Adults	0300 123 6721
	Emergency Duty Team	0300 123 6722
Travel and Transport	Blue Badges	0300 123 6736
	NoW Card	0300 123 6737
	Schools Transport	0300 123 6738
Local Inclusion Offices	South (Preston, Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancashire)	01772 531 597
	East (Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Pendle, Burnley, Rossendale)	01254 220 553
	North (Lancaster, Fylde, Wyre)	01524 581 200
Other Useful Numbers	Family Information Service	0300 123 6712
	Carers Lancashire	0345 688 7113
	SEND Helpline	01772 533 900
	SEND Information, Advice and Support Team	0300 123 6706
	Children & Family Wellbeing Service	0800 511 111

SEND Partnership: Workforce Development



Through parent carer and practitioner feedback via the SEND support survey, working together virtual events and in person SEND Partnership information and engagement events 2022-2023, gaps in training and knowledge were identified.

Feedback from practitioners told us that they needed to know what support was available to families in an accessible format.

The SEND Partnership agreed that a new information guide on the Local Offer was needed for practitioners to improve gaps in their knowledge and understanding. A task and finish group was established and the SEND support guide for professionals was co-produced to help all practitioners identify how conditions affect children and how to access support with or without a diagnosis.

The SEND Partnership workforce development working group was established in 2023 to review and update the Lancashire SEND Partnership Workforce Strategy 2024. The SEND Partnership training programme was developed and includes the SEND training guide for professionals, and videos and presentations from Network meetings and briefings to complement Education workforce development (SEND) resources.

Many thanks

Jenny Ashton
Manager of the SEND Partnership

More information can be found at
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/supporting-children-and-families/send/send-partnership-workforce-development/>

Your Help Is Essential

We would welcome contributions from Children, Young People, Parent Carers, Voluntary and Statutory Agencies:

- Are you involved with a project or group you would like to promote
- Details of forthcoming diary dates
- Opportunities for Children and Young People with SEND
- Any ideas, views, letters, poems, etc, you would like to share
- Useful websites that you would recommend to other families

Contributions for future issues – please contact us.

Email: FIND@lancashire.gov.uk
Tel: 01772 538077



Do you have anything to share in the SEND Newsletter? We would love to hear from you!

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