









Thank you for reading Hall Green and Selly Oak Early Help Teams monthly newsletter! Please read on to see what our localities have on offer this month.

'Early Help' is a city-wide approach which aims to connect families with local community support services. This is a partnership of Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, NHS organisations, West Midlands Police, and BVSC on behalf of the voluntary sector.

The Early Help Partnership support hundreds of local families with a wide range of challenges. Read on to discover what's on in the local area, including activities for children and young people and provisions for families.

If you would like to feature on next month's newsletter, please email either hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk or sellyoak.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk

- Follow our social media -



@hallgreenfam
@sellyoakfam

<u>April</u> 2025

HOW TO REQUEST SUPPORT FROM YOUR EARLY HELP LOCALITY

To get support for a child, young person, or a family, complete the Family Connect Form (FCF) for and give as much detail as possible. This will enable us to understand the family needs and provide appropriate support from within the Early Help Partnership.

Family Connect Form - for Professionals

If you are a parent, please complete the self-referral FCF:

Family Connect Form - Self Identification

To help you to complete the Family Connect Form, see the guidance and a sample completed form





Your postcode
denotes what Early
Help locality you fall
under, and this is an
important section on
the FCF. Please use
the Early Help
postcode checker to
see what Early Help
locality you are
living in!









Contacting Hall Green & Selly Oak Families Early Help Team - Central Locality

Our Early Help Team receives a lot of enquiries daily from both professionals and families via our duty telephone line and email inboxes. We wanted to highlight the most effective way for someone to contact our team should they have an enquiry. This is to ensure that all enquiries can be dealt with efficiently and in a timely manner.

 Professionals requesting an update on a family they have referred into Early Help and would like a progress update.



Please email in your enquiry to either hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk. This is so we can confirm your identity, have a record of your request and where appropriate your request will be forwarded to the allocated worker at GreenSquareAccord or Birmingham Children's Trust.

- 2) Professionals or families seeking advice, guidance, signposting information and or the contact details of the allocated worker.
- In the first instance please call the duty line on **07570 953519** which is operated **Monday to Thursday 09:30 16:30 and Friday 09:30 14:30.**

Alternatively, professionals and families can email hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk or sellyoak.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk - monitored Monday to Thursday 09:30 – 16:30 and Friday 09:30 – 14:30.











Sparkbrook Children's Zone



Sparkbrook Children's Zone is an NHS clinic where children between 0-16 can be seen by a Nurse, Doctor, and the whole family can receive support from the Early Help Family Support Advisors.

To make an appointment contact your GP* and ask for a Sparkbrook Children's Zone appointment.

- Monday mornings at Balsall Heath Centre
- Thursday afternoons at Sparkbrook Medical Centre
- Thursday evenings at Fernley Medical Centre

*child must be registered at specific GP practices, for more information:

Website: www.sparkbrookchildrenszone.org.uk/ Social Media: @SparkbrookCZ Sparkbrook

Children's Zone

Scan for more info:

sparkbrookchildrenszone.org.uk scz@grensquareaccord.co.uk

Supporting children and families to live happy, healthy lives.

We offer appointments, advice and community activities in Balsall Heath, Sparkbrook and Sparkhill.

Translation services available

Children and young people between 0-16 years can come and see a Children's Nurse and Doctor. We help with lots of different problems, including constipation, eczema, and asthma.

Your whole family can get support from our Early Help Family Support Advisors.

We provide advice on parenting, debt, healthy eating, and much more.



Sparkbrook







We accept bookings from the following GP Practice's:

- Dr Walji, Dr Raghavan & First Care at Balsall Heath Health Centre
 - Fernley Medical Centre

The Hill General Practice

- Spark Medical Group (Brook Surgery & St George's)
- Springfield Medical
 Practice (Dr Rajput)
- · Highgate Medical Practice

Ask your GP Practice to book an appointment

Monday mornings at Balsall Heath Health Centre

43 Edward Road, Birmingham, B12 9LP

Thursday afternoons at Sparkbrook Community & Health Centre 34 Grantham Road, Birmingham, B11 1LU

Thursday evenings at Fernley Medical Centre 560 Stratford Road, Birmingham, B11 4AN



Our Partners







Sparkbrook Children's Zone May Family Health Day

We are very excited to announce that we are putting on a free Family Health Day on the 3rd May!

- Our NHS Nurse and Doctor's will carry out Well Child Checks (measuring height & weight, checking teeth and a having a general chat about the child/ young persons health)
- Community Partners will be promoting their services
- Fun activities for children

Sparkbrook Children's Zone and CAPT Home Safety Training

Sparkbrook Children's Zone is delivering Home Safety Training in partnership with the Child Accident Prevention Trust on Tuesday 8th April between 10am – 12:30pm.

The training will be aimed at: social care, health, and education staff. The training will include:

- •Key hazards to spot within the home
- ·How to communicate the hazard with the family
- •Tools to help families avoid accidents

To book a space for the training please email scz@greensquareaccord.co.uk to request a place.







Sparkbrook Children's Zone Podcast

Sparkbrook

Children's

Zone

We are very excited to announce that we are launching a podcast for families to tune into from either Apple Podcasts or Spotify (and soon to be on more platforms!)

These podcasts will involve our host, Chiara Luxmoore, interviewing one of our Medical staff members, such as our Nurse or Doctors, and one of our Early Help Family Support Advisors, at the same time. We know that we hold a unique position at Sparkbrook Children's Zone where we have access to both Medical staff, and Early Help family support staff within the same space, and we want to make this more widely accessible!







Early Years & Parenting

Free one-to-one breastfeeding support With our trained peer supporters



Time slots for video calls available

Birmingham residents only



Please
click here
book your
free
tickets.



Support for all parents and carers with children from pregnancy to 19 (25 with additional needs) both online and face to face

Are you expecting a baby?

Have you recently had a baby?

Do you want support to better understand your child or teenager's behaviour?





Family Foundations will help you:

- Preparing yourself, and your relationship for having a baby
- Manage stress and handle difficult situations parenthood can bring
- Improve communication with your partner and resolve conflict
- Learn new skills and techniques to strengthen your relationship
- Understand the important role each parent plays in their child's life

 Receive a free gift for attending!

Course details

Date: Prenatal Session- 04.04.25 and 11.04.2025

Time: 9:30-12:30

Venue: Broadmeadow Health Centre, Keynell Covert, King's Norton, B30 3QT

Registration: Scan QR code or call

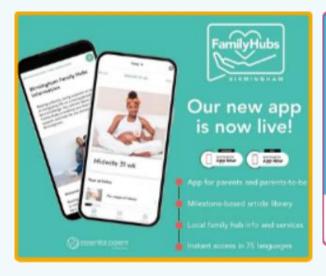
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Download FREE Family Hubs Apps today!

















Local Support Services and Events



EMPOWER YOURSELF. PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY. TAKE ACTION.



WHAT WILL

- Mean How to use all contents of a Bleed Control Kit
- The practical application of controlling severe bleeding.
- ☑ Gaining confidence to act safely and effectively

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

EVERYONE - You don't need medical experience. This training is for parents, youth workers, teachers, community leaders—anyone who wants to be prepared.

127 - 129 Highfield Rd, Hall Green, **Birmingham B28 0HS**

Youth violence is increasing and severe bleeding can be fatal within minutes. Bleed Kits save lives-but only if people know how to use them. Highfield Hall in conjunction with Birmingham Says No will be positioning Bleed Kits in the community and we're providing training so you can step up in an emergency.



Secure Your Free Spot via Eventbrite



Tues 8th April 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Bleed Kit Training - Highfield Hall **Community Centre & Birmingham** Says No Tickets, Tue 8 Apr 2025 at 18:30 | Eventbrite





FREE NARTHEX WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 8 APRIL 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM

TUESDAY 15 APRIL 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM ONLY FOR WOMEN

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM

TUESDAY 6 MAY 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM **ONLY FOR WOMEN**

TUESDAY 13 MAY 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM

TUESDAY 20 MAY 25 10:00 AM TO 11:45 AM Managing/Budgeting Money

stressful future.

Carers Zen/Yoga/Relax Join our chair-based yoga and relaxation

Fuel Poverty

Join us to learn simple ways to save best deals.

Learn easy ways to budget, manage your money, and plan ahead for a less

session to ease stress and boost wellbeing. Carers support info available.

energy, reduce costs, and find the

Women's Health & Menopause

Join our menopause workshop with a trained coach. Get expert tips, support, and guidance to manage symptoms and improve well-being.

Dementia and Alzheimer's

Learn five key messages about dementia through interactive discussions and activities. Gain a better understanding and discover simple ways to make a difference. Join us and become a Dementia Friend!

Activities in Your Community Discover local support and activities. Join this session to learn how to access services in your area.

Narthex, St. John's Church, Sparkhill B11 4RG For More Information Call us On 0121 7531959

These Workshops are being organized at Narthex offices in a warm, welcoming and safe environment. Refreshments will be provided.

A Narthex IAG Initiative



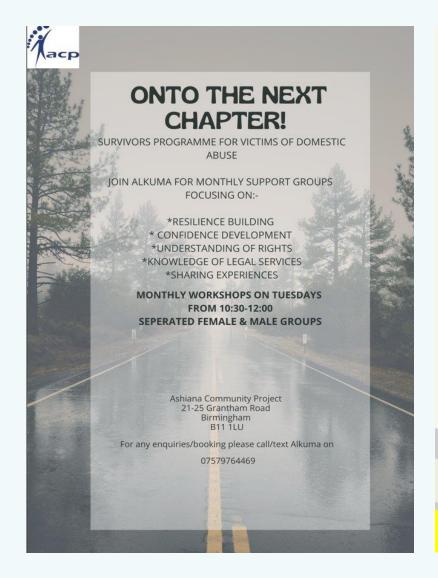




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Local Support Services and Events



IMMIGRATION ADVICE SERVICE!

Monthly Workshops 10:30am-2:00pm

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Ashlana Community 01216876767 Project

07579764469 alkuma@acpgroup.org.uk

Birmingham B11 1LU

21-25 Grantham

ACP is working in Partnership with Sterling Immigration Ltd to answer all your immigration needs.

SERVICES

- Spouse/Partner/Child visa Family Reunion
- Student/Graduate Visas
- Skilled Worker (Work/Business visas)
- Sponsor License
- . Leave to Remain (Domestic Violence Concession)
- · Bail/Deportation

Free 30 min slots

- EEA Nationals and family members
- British Citizenship/Registration
- Visit Visas (tourist/family/marriage/ business visit)
- Asylum/Refugees

Bilingual staff

available

Appeals

Bringing you a Free and Confidential Service!

STERLING



Family matters Ashiana Community Project is working collaboratively with Greens Solicitors to

bring you FREE & **CONFIDENTIAL** advice clinics once a month!

Book your 20 min slot now!

TOPICS INCLUDE:-

- Family Law
- Child Contact & Residence
- Care matters/ Social Services involvement
- Divorce & Finances
- Domestic Abuse

BILINGUAL STAFF **AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**







MONTHLY SESSIONS!

Ashiana Community Project 21-25 Grantham Road B11 1LU

> Call Alkuma to book 07579764469









SEND Activities & Support



All Age Autism Support Service

SERVICE DIRECTORY

- Explore specialised local services for autistic people of all ages in Birmingham and Solihull.
- Tailored for autistic people, their families and care givers.
- Listings include family support groups, mental health services, and adult assistance.
- Co-produced in collaboration with experts by experience
- Podcasts, community events, sports activities, and programs designed specifically for autistic people.



Scan the QR code to access the Service Directory directly or visit: www.aaadirectory.co.uk

contact us at aaa@landau.co.uk if you have a service you would like listed on the directory







CORONATION ROAD CENTRE. CORONATION RD. SELLY OAK, B29 7DE

SUNDAY SOCIAL CLUB

For disabled and neurodivergent young adults aged 18-30.

- Fortnightly
- 2-5pm
- · A range of different activities
- Socialise

- £10 a session
 - Includes meal



Priority places for people living in Selly Oak Constituency.

Contact Becky on 07882 011295 or email strides@parksforplay.org





#sellyoaknns @SellyOakNNS

Live Life Laughing, Doing the things you Love

The service for disabled young adults on Mondays at Parks for Play



Mondays 10am - lpm

Up to, and including, Monday July 14 except Bank Holidays April 21 and May 5 and 26

The Forge offers adults under 30 a customised experience (including cooking, carpentry, music, art and circus skills) to expand access to self-selected leisure and learning opportunities and broaden their local landscape.

£10 fees and any donations to the Forge will be earmarked for participants to fund self-selected activities.

The Forge is supported by The National Lottery Community Fund









We've moved!

The Forge is now at Parks for Play,

Road, Selly Oak Birmingham B29 7DE

To book a place or find out more call Shannon on 07723201191 or email

development@childrensquarter.org

7 mins walk from Selly Oak Buses 41, 61, 63 and 76

Coronation Road Playcentre, Coronation

The Forge is a cooperative Childrens Quarter service with Carolina House, Dens of Equality and Parks for Play. Childrens Quarter, All Saints Centre, 2 Vicarage Road, Birmingham B14 7RA











SEND Activities & Support







SEND sessions starting March at Ackers Adventure running fortnightly. Each session is £10/person initially there will be 10 places for each session. Bookings in advance at:

https://ackers.cinolla.com/ackers/course/send-2025









SEND Support



A 6 week programme for parents and carers of autistic children

The course will help attendees gain a more in depth knowledge of autism and how it impacts the person that you care for.

We will be looking at autism as a spectrum, communication, anxiety, sensory differences and much more.

Dates and times to be confirmed

Our Autism Specialist Advisers will deliver the training and support attendees to identify strategies to help support the autistic young person they are caring for.



To attend: Must live in Birmingham or Solihull. Course is for parents/Carers. Full address to be released when we have everyone registered

Dad's Group *

March 27th 2025 April 24th 2025

May 29th 2025

6pm - 8pm

7pm - 9pm 7pm - 9pm



One of our autism specialist advisors will be on hand to provide support.



This is a great opportunity to meet other dads, access information and resources and find out what Autism West Midlands have to offer.



Refreshments provided

Langleys Rd, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6HT Room 3

Kings Heath Parent Carer Support Group



autism west midlands

Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and quidance. Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

March 13th 2025 April 10th 2025 May 8th 2025

The Hub Hazelwell
318 Vicarage Road Birmingham B14 7NH









Holiday Activities



Bookings for Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs are now open!

BOOK NOW

Holiday clubs will run from Monday 14th-Friday 28th April 2025. Excluding bank holidays and weekends.

Reminder: You will need your BIOB/ FSM/ HAF code from your child's school to book.

If you need support with the booking process, please take a look at our <u>How to Book Guide</u> or read through our <u>Frequently</u>

<u>Asked Questions</u>

A number of Bring it on Brum! providers also offer holiday clubs for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. **View SEND Provision**









Health & Wellbeing

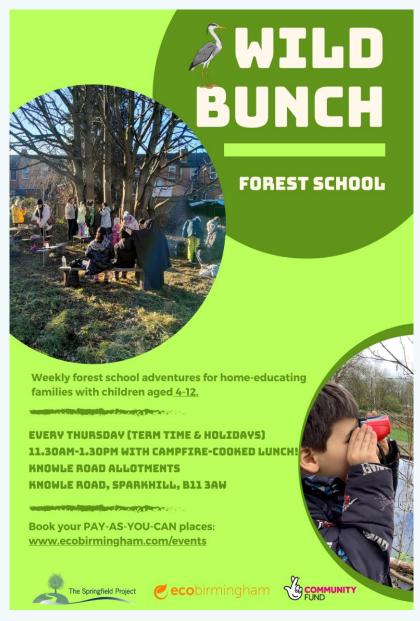




The FREE Beezee Families 12-week programme explores ways families can make healthy habits together in a supportive, non-judgemental space. With the expert guidance from our team, families can:

Discover the joy of movement
Learn about a balanced diet
Learn from the comfort of their
own home.

Refer a family to our services











Health & Wellbeing

Community Network Support Team Overview



Community Network Support Officers (CNSO's) focus on...

- . Building links within communities to connect people together
- · Linking citizens to networks of support within their local area
- · Offering information on community activities
- · A city-wide service, which covers the whole of Birmingham

The CNST is a citywide service, covering all of Birmingham

Working in partnership with local organisations Advice, guidance and information

Empowering and enabling citizens to live healthier and happier lives

Building links within the community

Putting Citizens First

Supporting local grassroot organisations

Preventing crisis through early intervention and reducing need, or reliance on statutory services

Easily accessible in the community

Working with citizens in a person -centred way and giving citizens choice and control

Email us at CNSOTeam@birmingham.gov.uk View our Drop in centres at





The **Community Directory** includes over 1700 groups, organizations, and locations for free or low-cost support. Scan the QR code for more information.









Additional Information







If you want to request support or inquire about social care services for yourself or a loved one, you can get in touch with the Adult Social Care Contact Centre



0121 303 1234



CSAdultSocialCare@birmingham.gov.uk

You can find more information on Birmingham City Council's Adult Social Care services, including

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20018/adult_social_care

Please see links to the below campaign launched this month to address the rise of a very concerning risk to teenage boys in particular which is resulting in high-risk behaviors and suicide. The call is to help raise awareness of this online child exploitation amongst young people, parents and schools and also how to use the report and remove service run by the Internet Watch Foundation.

National Crime Agency launches online campaign to tackle 'sextortion' among young teenage boys - National Crime Agency

The National Crime Agency has launched a campaign to combat the threat posed to teenage boys by financially motivated sexual extortion - a type of online blackmail widely known as 'sextortion'.

Surge in use of 'game-changing' Report Remove service









Health & Wellbeing

Are you affected by someone else's gambling problems?



This service is here to help you find ways of coping and dealing with the challenges you face.

Adfam can provide six one-to-one sessions where you can talk to us about any issues that you are experiencing.

Sessions are via Zoom video call or over the phone at a time to suit you.

Topics we may cover are listed below, but this will be led by you, the service is here to support you:



Emotional support
Understanding gambling addiction & recovery
Healthy Relationships
Positive Communication
Boundaries
Self-care
Risk and Safety Planning

Also available is a facilitated peer support group. Community and peer support can be empowering and joining a group can help in reducing the sense of being 'the only one' dealing with your current challenges.

Follow the link below to find out more or speak to the Gambling Harm Clinic adfam.org.uk/MPFTgam

We will contact you and talk through the support available and then you can choose if you want to continue. There is no obligation, and this is a completely FREE service.

Gambling Harm
Prevention Educational
Workshop

For Parents, Carers & Professionals



The Impact of Gambling for Young People

foung people show a higher probability and rulnerability in experiencing gambling related narm when they have become independent.

4% of all <u>11-to-17-year-olds</u> lost sleep worrying about the gambling of a family member or the person responsible for them.

For every person experiencing gambling harms between 6 and 10 other people are usually impacted (citizens advice) usually in the family environment

தேருப்புக்குந், 55,000 young people are identified as problematic gamblers aged ந்துந்தத், 11-16 years old in the UK. (The Gambling தேறுத்துத், 2021).

What do our free workshops offer?

An opportunity for professionals, parents and <u>caress—to</u> attain awareness and knowledge to support young people in making better decisions about gambling.

Professionals, parents and carers will recognise the detrimental impact of gambling, they will identify with the key signs and symptoms derived from gambling related harms.

Professionals parents and <u>carers—will</u> know how to access resources and support if young people are suffering from gambling related harm.

BOOK YOUR WORKSHOP NOW!

Contact your local education and training lead now to arrange your free workshop:

niran.kahlon@aquarius.org.uk OR dan.packe@aquarius.org.uk

www.aquarius.org.uk



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Gambling Harm Prevention Workshops for Young People



The Impact of Gambling for Young People

27% of young people aged 11-17 have spent their own money gambling in the last year.

4% of all <u>11-to 17-year-olds</u> lost sleep worrying about the gambling of a family member or the person responsible for them.

Gambling harms can impact young people in the following ways; financially, socially and on their general wellbeing

6% of young people admitted they have gambled on licensed activities they are legally not allowed to access (such as online sports betting).

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ww.aquarius.org.uk











Food

UK DISCOUNTED FOOD PROVISION







To assist with the financial difficulties caused by the current 'Cost-Of-Living' situation, for a small weekly subscription of either £4 or £5, people can purchase a weekly food shop including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up their cupboards and fridges. A number of our residents are currently using this excellent discount food provision.

Please visit the following website to find out the location of your local Pantry.

https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/





food justice network.

Birmingham, UK.



Scan this QR code to see the Food Justice Network Map

The map will show you details of free food support and food based activities nearby to you.

Or you can type this into your browser to open the Food Justice Network Map on a webpage: https://tinyurl.com/foodjusticemap

Each location shown on the FJN Map is an independent provider, requirements and access information may differ for each location. Please contact the location directly with any queries



Find FREE activities at: www.theaws.co.uk/our-activities



Search 'The Active Wellbeing Society' on social media



To add/edit your food provision on the map, or for further information, please contact: foodjusticenetwork@theaws.org













