### **NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**



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GreenSquareAccord's Selly Oak Families team, as part of the Birmingham Children's Partnership. For more information please search '**Birmingham Children's Partnership**' at www.birmingham.gov.uk





Our November newsletter includes opportunities, training, and events as well as information to support the health and wellbeing of all the family.

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR NETWORKS.

We are here to support local families and everyone supporting families through training, special events, Early Help Assessments, and direct support all year round.

### **November News Include:**

- Your Selly Oak Families Offer -

- HAF -- Support Service Information -- Other News, Updates & Information -











Right Help, Right Time Delivering effective support for children and families in Birmingham

Early Help supports children, young people and families before they go into crisis. We use the <u>Right Help</u> <u>Right Time</u> model to ensure families are getting the right support for their needs. Keep an eye out in our next newsletter about Introduction to Early Help training, available for free across the locality for partners supports children, young people and families.

To access support we ask that you complete a <u>Family Connect Form</u>. If you have any questions please call on 07483 090434 or email <u>SellyOak.Families@greensquareaccord.co.uk</u>. We are closed over the weekend. If you need urgent safeguarding support contact <u>CASS</u> on 0121 303 1888 or 0121 675 4806. For other support see details below of support available across Selly Oak.

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Read on to see what's going on!

- Your Selly Oak Families Team -

We provide free and confidential <u>Early Help</u> for children, young people and families across the Selly Oak locality. This includes Billesley, Bournbrook, Selly Park, Bournville, Cotteridge, Brandwood, Kings Heath, Druids Heath, Monyhull, Highters Heath, Kings Norton North, Stirchley, Weoley & Selly Oak. Early Help connect families to your organisation or setting to ensure they get the right help close to

### **Your Selly Oak Families Offer**



Family Connect Form

The Early Help service is free, confidential and based on consent.

If you are supporting children, young people and/ or families who need help, to help connect families to various kinds of support available locally, please complete a <u>Family Connect Form</u>.



#### **Route2Wellbeing**

<u>Route2Wellbeing</u> provides professionals and families with an extensive list of organisations and services available for children, young people and families across Birmingham.

Selly Oak Early Help can add relevant organisations to this online directory of support, so please let us know if your details are out of date or if you'd like to be added!

### HAF



www.bringitonbrum.co.uk | #BringItOnBrum

### **Bring It On Brum! News**

We're busy warming up ready to deliver a series of fun, free activities as part of the Bring It On Brum! programme this winter.

The Bring It On Brum! programme will be back on the 27th December- 5th January providing FREE winter holiday clubs for kids aged 4-16!

Bookings will open on **Monday 4th December** so make sure to check out the Bring It On Brum website for all the information you need to guarantee your kids to have a happy, healthy holiday!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE!

### **Support Service information**

### **Community Events & Support**



## **Click here to access information!**

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**Community Events & Support** 

# Love Weoley Castle Presents WARN SPACES

Tuesday St. Gabriels 4-5pm with Foodcycle Free 3 course community meal B29 5LS

Wednesday Stonehouse Gang 9:30am-12:30pm Free hot drinks and snacks B29 5SN

Thursday Castle Elim Church (formerly Encounter Church) 10:30am-2pm Free hot drinks and lunch, kids corner, games, arts and craft B29 5QD

Friday Weoley Castle Community Church 10am-3pm Incredible Surplus food pantry, school uniform and clothing exchange, Free lunch 1:30pm, WIFI, free hot drinks, kids corner B29 5LE

Friday St. Gabriels 3:30pm-5pm Come and Play for families, games, snacks and fun B29 5LS



For more information contact: st. Gabriels - Paul paultucker73@hotmail.co.uk 07913 785505 Stonehouse Rob - 0121 427 2961 Castle Elim - Rachel rjewson@castleelim.church 07548 731257 Weoley Castle CC - Christine bill\_hopkins@btinternet.com 0121 476 1227



### Clothes Swap Shop and Repair Café: 18th Nov, 11-1pm

Save clothes from waste and have a clear out in your wardrobe for clean, good quality clothes to swap.

Give fast fashion the boot and re-use, swap and upcycle. Alongside our swap shop you can bring items that need some TLC to be looked at by our fixers and problem solve together to see if they can be saved and brought back to life.

### Book into the repair café here.



There are 2 Child Benefit rates	
Who the allowance is for	Rate (weekly)
Eldest or only child	£24.00
Additional children	£15.90

#### Make a claim

You can claim Child Benefit 48 hours after you've registered the birth of your child, or once a child comes to live with you. Child Benefit can be backdated for up to 3 months.



2- Under 5 years Children must be able to help prepare food.



## Christmas Bakes With GBNFC Children's centre













Friday 24th November Friday 15th December 1.00PM-2.30PM

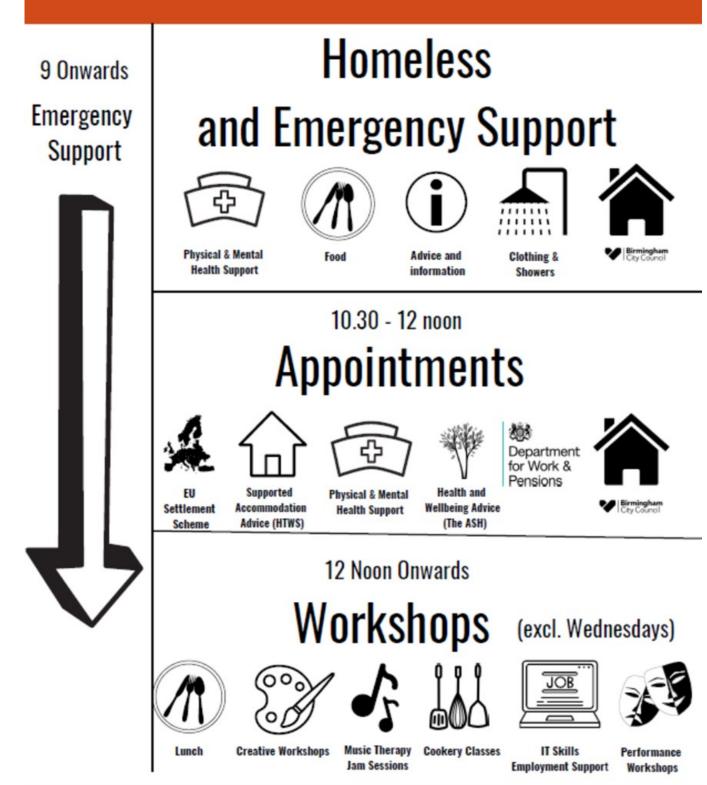
Please call to book on.. 0121 464 4189 St Bedes Church 41 Bryndale Ave Kings Heath B14 6NQ



## **Support Centre Timetable**

Liverpool Street, Deritend, B9 4DS Mon, Tues 9am - 5pm Wed 9am - 1pm Thurs, Fri 9am - 5pm







Birmingham City Council are working with the local community and a partnership of voluntary and community sector organisations to expand a network of warm spaces.

These spaces will be available for people to use and visit during the winter period and beyond. There are several existing Warm Welcome Spaces within local communities across the city.

Warm Welcome Spaces are:

- inclusive and non-judgmental
  - heated and free to access
- spaces to access information on further support, available guidance, free internet access, computers and charging points
  - opportunities to participate in activities and learn new things
  - a friendly environment to connect with others within the community

To find out more about your local Warm Spaces, please click here.

### **Disability & SEND Advice & Support**



Check out Birmingham's refreshed SEND Local Offer website. It is the place to go to find information, support and services for children and young people with additional needs aged 0 25 years: <u>www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk</u>

- There is a new searchable directory
- SEND systems and processes are explained
- Specialist support services for children and young people with additional needs
  - Information on leisure and things to do
  - Advice on education, health, wellness and finance
  - SEND Travel and Transport information and how to apply
    - Information on childcare and Early Years education
  - Information on Post 16 options and Preparation for Adulthood

### Here is a video that explains the SEND Local Offer! <u>https://youtu.be/eG6co9SAhK0</u>

**Disability & SEND Advice & Support** 

## WELLBEING WALK

resources for

The Active Wellbeing Society

join us in Cannon Hill Park Wednesday 22nd November @ 10:30am!

Please come

Come along with other parent / carers and enjoy a bit of light exercise and a chat

For further information and to book on the walk please ...

## **BOOK HERE**

or contact Kelly email: kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk phone: 07794230243

If you have chance, then please do sign up to the The Active Wellbeing Society card, which allows you to attend some free and cost-effective events in Birmingham: <u>https://theaws.co.uk/join-us/wellbeing-card/</u>

www.resourcesforautism.org.uk

Charity number 1061253

### **Disability & SEND Advice & Support**



### Meet The Team

Rosie Marshall National Advocacy Lead

Sarah Marshall Advocacy Manager for Scotland

Zoe Spore Advocacy Manager for North England

Matt Innes Advocacy Manager for Central England

Lesley Clarke Advocacy Manager for Wales & South England

### Ken Lawton

National Advocacy Manager, Supported Families Employment Advisor & PIP Advisor

Natalie Chauhan

Advocacy Manager Support & Business Support to Advocacy Team Lead

Faye Benning Advocacy Team Diary Manager & Event Co-ordinator

## DWP Disability Services Advocacy Team

We are advocates for Disability Services benefits and grants across the country, including Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance and Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

We offer a series of awareness and upskilling sessions for the above areas of Disability Services which stakeholders can register and book onto via Eventbrite links.

Within our sessions we provide an overview of the full customer journey; from making the initial claim, what to expect during a health assessment, through to the decision making process. During the session there is ample time for questions & answers and the opportunity for attendees to share any related experiences.

Attending these awareness sessions offers a great opportunity to build strong internal and external working relationships and ensure through collaborative working, that customers are fully supported and are at the centre of everything we do.

If you would like to be sent our session links to book on to any of our sessions, please contact our Diary Manager via email at:

DisabilityServices.AdvocacyTeam@dwp.gov.uk



As parents you are your child's future play mate, if you would like to learn some pointers come and join us at this session. There will b practical activities to support playing with your children and guidance on the benefits.





Wednesday 13th December Holy Cross Church, B13 ONS 9.30am-11.30am Walking-under 5 years

Please call to book on.. 0121 464 4189



Play is vitally important to a child's

is crucial to healthy development.

discover concepts through play.

Children practice many skills and

social and emotional Development and

We will ask you to bring some resources from home as our aim is to show you how to play with everyday objects which can be found at home.







## Baby Massage



Baby Massage promotes bonding and interaction between parents/carers and their babies. It is relaxing and can aid with sleep, digestion, teething and colic through touch and language so they feel loved,



Please bring a towel. Oils will be provided.

Please call to book on 0121 464 4189 5 week course

Thursday 23rd November

Thursday 21st December

10.00am-11.30am

Selly Oak Methodist Church, B29 6HT £10.00 per adult for the course payable on the first session.

Babies must have had 6 week check from your Health Visitor to take part in Baby Massage







The way families retrieve Healthy Start vouchers has changed. The NHS no longer send paper vouchers. To get help to buy food and milk you need to apply for a Healthy Start card.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. We'll add your benefit onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
  - fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
  - infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children these are suitable from birth to 4 years old.

You can find out more <u>here</u>!



## Are you pregnant or recently given birth?

Ask the

Midwife

### Why not join one of our regular Ask The Midwife sessions?

Our expert clinicians are on hand to answer any questions you have, from pregnancy to birth and beyond.

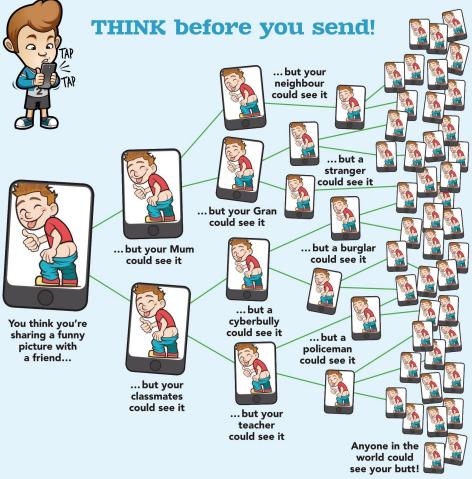


Visit www.yourbump.nhs.uk/ask-the-midwife/ or scan the QR code for more information.

## Stips Safety Net

## Keeping children safe online

## **Parent Guides to Online Safety**







scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



### If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

## Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941



www.skipssafetynet.org



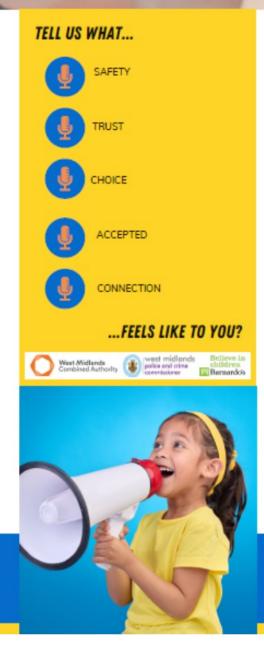


### WEST MIDLANDS

### WEST MIDLANDS' YOUNG VOICES, AGED 4 - 16

## We need you!

CLOSING DATE: 15TH OF DECEMBER



## TRAUMA INFORMED COALITION

TRANSFORMING THE WEST MIDLANDS TOGETHER

### Across the West Midlands' professionals are working together to make the West Midlands a healthy and happy place for all.

To do this well, The West Midlands Trauma Informed Coalition (a group of over 160 senior leaders) are working together to make a guide called the West Midlands Trauma Informed Workforce Learning and Development Framework. This guide can be used by teachers, social workers, faith groups, foster carers, police, nurses, mentors... and many more! It will help people to work together to see that all children, young people and adults have the best futures possible.

Some of the most important ways we can support people so that we can all thrive and grow are by:

- · Helping people to feel safe.
- · Being trustworthy.
- Giving people choices and helping them to understand decisions.
- Working with people to encourage them and cheer them on.
- · Helping people to feel connected with others.
- Making sure that people feel able to be themselves wherever they are.

#### But what do these things mean to you?

We would like you to pick one of our important words and show/tell us what this word means to you.

We would love for you to send in your thoughts, artwork, poems, or rap lyrics (100 words maximum) to help us understand what safety, trust, choice, being accepted, or being connected feels like to you.

By sending in your art or words, you will go into a prize draw to win one of our £10 book vouchers! All responses will be showcased through the West Midlands Trauma Informed Coalition Community of Practice webpage so everyone can learn from your amazing art and words!

Send in your art or words here:



<u>https://www.surveymankey.co.uk/r/BG6NYDY</u> Don't forget, you will need to get a carer or parent's cons



**Become a Volunteer Peer Mentor** 

Are you **16 - 25**? Do you identify as **LGBT+**, **Disabled**, **Black**, **Asian or** any other **Minoritised Ethnicity**?

Are you interested in volunteering to **support young people** with their mental health and wellbeing whilst developing yourself personally and professionally, and gaining **work experience**? If so, this role could be for you.

This new peer mentoring service will equip volunteer peer mentors with the skills needed to provide other young people from these communities with mental health and wellbeing support through mentoring.

> Contact the Mentoring Scheme Coordinator on 0121 354 4080 or PeerMentoring@ourplacesupport.org www.ourplace.org/peermentoring







Believe in

children Barnardo's



## Kooth

Kooth is an online counselling support service for children aged 11-18.

Qualified counsellors are available 365 days a year- no waiting lists!

Weekdays 12:00-22:00 Weekends 18:00-22:00

**CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE** 





Need someone to talk to? Struggling to cope with feelings? We're here for you.

Pause can help anyone under 25 with a Birmingham GP. We listen and help you find solutions – no referrals or long waits.

You choose when and how to use our service:

 Drop-in face to face support is available, check our webpage for dates & venues. Booked face to face sessions are available in certain circumstances.

### Or

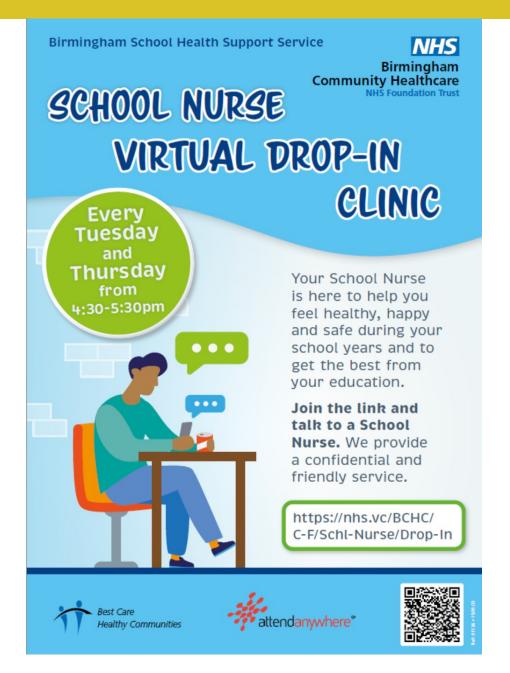
 Request a phone or video call back, using the website or by calling the registration line.

To find out more and register for support, visit: <u>https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause</u> or call our Registration Line <u>0207 841 4470</u> (please note local call charges do apply).

### **Our Service Operates:**

- Monday to Saturday
- We are Closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.





School Nurse Virtual Drop-in Confidential virtual School Nurse drop-in for young people (secondary school age) for advice and support. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Further information about the School Nurse Virtual Drop-in.

School Nurses can be contacted directly, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays). You can also speak to a duty school nurse who can offer advice, assessment or signpost you to relevant services.

> South Central School Nurse Team Districts covered: Perry Barr, Ladywood, Edgbaston, Selly Oak and Northfield Email: <u>BCHNT.southcentralsnteam@nhs.net</u>





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



Search 'The Active Wellbeing Society' on social media



For further information, or to add/edit your food provision shown on the map, contact: foodjusticenetwork@theaws.org





### Domestic / Sexual Abuse Advice & Support

#### **Further information**

If you are a female victim of domestic abuse and you want to make a self-referral please initially contact Women's Aid on 0808 800 0028.

Women's Aid will refer your case to Cranstoun if appropriate.

#### Confidentiality

Cranstoun respects your right to privacy. At your first meeting with a Lead Worker, we'll explain how we keep things confidential.

#### **Opening hours**

Our staff work with you in your home or at an accessible community organisation. We're available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

#### **Our Birmingham office**

Cranstoun Lead Worker Services Ashted Lock Dartmouth Middleway Birmingham B7 4AZ T 0121 633 1750 E birminghamadmin@cranstoun.org.uk

#### Please visit our website to find out more:

cranstoun.org

### Female domestic abuse services in Birmingham

### CRANSTOUN

To be a world-class leader in rebuilding lives.



Central office Thames Mews Portsmouth Road Esher Surrey KT10 9AD T: 020 8335 1830 E: info@cranstoun.org.u

Registered Charity No: 1061582 Registered Company No: 3306337 CRANSTOUN Empowering People, Empowering Change

#### Everyone deserves a life without domestic abuse

You don't have to deal with domestic abuse alone

### **Domestic / Sexual Abuse Advice & Support**



## Free helpline: 0800 019 8818 Live chat: www.anawim.co.uk

Safe, open Drop-in: For times please visit; www.anawim.co.uk

> Do you need support with; Housing, Benefits, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Clothing and Food, Relationships, or finding the right support services?

For women from every background. For women today and tomorrow.

### **Domestic / Sexual Abuse Advice & Support**

If you've ever been raped, sexually assaulted or abused

Turn to us 🚺 We are here

Sexual assault referral centres 'SARCs' provide a safe space, specialist care and support 24/7

Go to nhs.uk/SARCs

**Household Support & Advice** 



## food justice network.

Birmingham, UK.

NHS



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.

Please make sure you have the Google Maps app downloaded.

To see all points on the map, or to choose a specific area, click 'Map Legend', and make sure all of the area names have a blue tick next to them.

### Jobs, Skills & Employability





We are running a session for parents/carers who would like support returning to work. From job searching to CV preparation, training opportunities and identifying your key skills, we are here to help you at our FREE friendly session!



For more information and to book your session please call Charlotte on 0121 464 4189

Charlotte will be happy to discuss session availability with you!





## Train-To-Gain

Helping You into Work

The Brandwood Centre is excited to announce that it has secured funding from the European Social Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund to continue to deliver our successful Train-to-Gain programme, helping you gain the experience and the confidence you need to discover new opportunities and set new career goals. Our services are free and open to anyone aged 19 or over who is currently unemployed or economically inactive and living in Greater Birmingham or Solihull. By providing these services we aim to raise confidence, skills and knowledge and increase employability prospects. We offer a tried and tested back to work training and support package including:

- Personal Development Workshops
- Wellbeing Workshops
- Employability Workshops
- Accredited Training
- Maths, English & IT Skills
- CV Support & Careers Information, Advice & Guidance
- Volunteer Opportunities

Our programme is delivered from the award winning Brandwood Centre, a local community centre which prides itself on offering a welcoming and friendly environment for all.





office@brandwoodcentre.co.uk www.brandwoodcentre.co.uk

### Jobs, Skills & Employability

# time for

Do you have a health condition or disability?

Do you want to talk to someone about your options for the future?

We have someone who can support you...

We can talk about:

- Helping you build your confidence
- Free training available to develop your skills
- The type of work you might like to do or could do in the future

€ 0121 252 3578☑ sellyoak.opendoor@dwp.gov.uk

jobcentreplus

### We would love to hear from you!

We love collaborating on our events, both online & face-to-face, so get in touch if you have an area of interest: SellyOak.Families@greensquareaccord.co.uk

Want to be featured in our next newsletter? Contact Amber at <u>SellyOak.Families@greensquareaccord.co.uk</u>



The Selly Oak Families and Early Help Team is managed by GreenSquareAccord on behalf of Birmingham Children's Partnership. Our focus is to ensure children, young people and families get the support they need. We work closely with education, health, community/voluntary organisations and charities, both locally and across the city. Our locality covers Billesley, Bournbrook, Selly Park, Bournville, Cotteridge, Brandwood, Kings Heath, Druids Heath, Monyhull, Highters Heath, Kings Norton North, Stirchley, Weoley & Selly Oak.

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