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Alternative Provision Parent and Carer Focus Groups

We would like to speak to parents and carers about their experiences as a family of the Alternative Provision (AP) process, from the referral to leaving the provision. 🏠✍️

October 17 is the final focus group.

- Wednesday 16 October – 6-7pm, Centre4
- Thursday 17 October – 1-2pm, Canopy Community Hub

If you would like to pop along to one of these sessions, click here to book on: <https://forms.office.com/e/BneHPknuw1>



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ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (AP) PARENT-CARER FOCUS GROUPS

We want to hear from you!

We would like to speak to parents and carers about their experience as a family of the Alternative Provision process, from the outcome of a referral, all the way to leaving the provision.

Wednesday 16 October - 6-7pm, Centre4
Thursday 17 October - 1-2pm, Canopy Community Hub

Scan the QR code to book on

For more information please contact:
aimee.lowther@nelincs.gov.uk

BFI Film Academy – FREE filmmaking course for 16-19 year olds

- Are you aged 16-19?
- Passionate about film?
- Want a career in the film industry?

The programme runs on Saturdays between the 12th October 2024 – 1st February 2025 giving you the chance to develop professional level skills in film theory, specialist production skills and ends with you producing your own short film. Fully supported by industry professionals, this is your chance to get involved with the UK's most prestigious filmmaking programme for young people.

During the course you will learn from professional filmmakers, watch and analyse world cinema and be supported to create your own film working as part of a production team!



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Paradigm Arts – BFI Film Academy

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 28th September 2024

Dates for the course:

- 12/10/24
- 26/10/24
- 09/11/24
- 23/11/24
- 07/12/24
- 11/01/25
- 18/01/25
- 25/01/25
- 01/02/25

All sessions will operate 10am – 4pm

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024-25 BFI Film Academy, [ARE OPEN](#)



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

FREE CREATIVE EVENT Edible Grimsby returns to the town on Saturday 5 October promising free food tastings, food and drink stalls, entertainment and much more, for the whole family.

This vibrant event produced by The Culture House in partnership with Emergency Exit Arts, celebrates growing, cooking and sharing food and offers a delightful blend of live performances, music, free tastings of jams, chutneys and pickles made by community groups and food, drink and craft stalls provided by OE Makers Market.



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Taking place from 11am – 4pm, the day will include an array of performances from both local and national talent including street theatre, live music, immersive creative storytelling shows and indoor theatre.

One show, A Tiger's Tale is free to attend but must be booked in advance through Birdhouse www.birdhousetheatre.co.uk as limited places are available.

  @EdibleGrimsby
#GrowCookShare

EDIBLE GRIMSBY

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024
11AM - 4PM | ST JAMES SQUARE, GRIMSBY | **FREE EVENT!**

A Community Celebration of Food & Creativity
MUSIC | FAMILY FUN | FOOD | TASTING | STALLS

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What should we do to improve?

Have you completed the SEND Annual Survey?

The SEND Annual survey helps North East Lincolnshire Council to see what is working and how services can improve to meet the needs of children and young people with additional needs, and their families.

Join the 233 people have already taken their opportunity to share their experience. It has taken them on average 5 minutes to complete.

- **Parents and carers can complete the survey via:**
 - [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) – Parents Survey 2024 | QuestionPro Survey](#)
- **Children and young people can complete the survey via:**
 - [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) – Young People & Children’s Survey 2024 | QuestionPro Survey](#)

If you need to speak to someone to give your views or ask any questions or you need a copy of the survey posting to you, you can ring the Engagement team on 01472 324380 or send an email to consultation@nelincs.gov.uk. The survey can be produced in large print upon request.

The survey closes on Friday 18 October at midnight.

Find us on Lincs2!

We have improved the SEND section of Lincs2.

Visit the new special educational needs and disabilities section of the fabulous Lincs2 website. Find out about education and courses, inclusive opportunities for employment and work experience, and key contacts for more information.

lincs2.co.uk/send-information



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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Information for parents, carers and young people



Welcome to our supported interns

Last week the Local Authority welcomed supported interns Ben, Leah, Adam, Darren, Connor, and Ellie who will be working with the Council and Humberside Police over the next year.

The group are taking part in DFN Project Search, a one-year transition to work programme for young adults with a special educational need or disability.

They will be taking roles in different teams including the Coroner's Office administration support, the Fishing Heritage Centre Café, caretaking at Grimsby Town Hall and working with grounds maintenance.

DFN Project Search's goal is to equip local young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan with the skills, confidence and real-world experience needed to secure long-term employment. The interns joined on Monday 9 September and spent their first few days taking part in team building and problem-solving exercises. They'll be doing a mixture of on-the-job training and classroom learning.

The DFN Project Search programme started in 1996 in the USA and now has projects all over the world.



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It was brought to the UK by David Forbes Nixon, an investor who has a son with a learning disability. He became aware of the lack of effective provision to meet his son's needs and that of other young people like him. In 2019 he secured the franchise for Project Search in the UK, Ireland and Iberia.



NELPCF event

Members of our various Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Teams had a great time with other SEND services at the [**North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum**](#) event at Grimsby Town Hall on Wednesday 25 September.

If you have a child with additional needs and you want to be a part of a group working to make positive change, and meet others like you, then this is the place for you. They work closely with the Local Authority and other services to ensure the voices of parent carers and their children are heard.

If you couldn't attend, they hold regular coffee drop-ins at our Family Hubs. Make sure to follow their Facebook to stay up to date with their activity. <https://www.facebook.com/NELPCF>

If you attended the event please share your feedback to NELPCF <https://shorturl.at/cjijV>



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Fun in the sun for local young carers

A summer camp aimed at supporting young people who care for a relative has been run for the first time since the Coronavirus pandemic, with local youngsters getting to grips with circus skills, dancing, fancy hair and face painting, organised and run by North East Lincolnshire Council.



There are around 800,000 children and young people in England who care for a relative. This means that they regularly provide practical or emotional support and assistance to a family member that is either disabled, has mental health illness, is physically unwell, or has drug or alcohol dependency.

North East Lincolnshire Council's Young Carers project team support children and young people aged between 6 and 18.

51 young carers from across the borough attended the camp, which took place at Cherry Garth campsite.

The Young Carers project, which ran the camp, offers 1-to-1 support to every young carer living in the area, and provides drop-in sessions every four to six weeks. The team



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also offer groups, peer sessions and trips or young carers, giving them a chance to relax and make new friends.

Are you a young carer? Learn more about what's available to you at [Young Carers \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk)

Read the full article: [NELC SEND Local Offer | Fun in the sun for local young carers – NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk)

Preparing for adulthood- Ask Annie



Email: askannie@nelincs.gov.uk

Text: **07595 122306**

Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?

Do you have any questions about post 16 education, training and employment or do you want to know more about preparing for adulthood?

You can always “Ask Annie” about...

- **Planning for the future**
- **Employment**
- **Transport**
- **Leaving school & starting college**



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- Daytime activities
- Health
- Training & work experience
- Living independently

Find out more about preparing for adulthood and transitions. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Preparing for adulthood \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Your Parent Carer Forum- NELPCF

NELPCF is a collective group of parents passionate about driving positive change, we have come together to rebuild a Parent Carer Forum. Our aim is to be a true representation of the voices of parent carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. We strive to have a positive impact on the planning and provision of services and decision making for the families of North East Lincolnshire- now, and in the future.



Find out more about the forum and how to get involved by visiting their Facebook [North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum | Grimsby | Facebook](#) , or the [NELPCF website](#).



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SENDIASS provide support for SEND, across education, health and social care.

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To receive this newsletter by email please contact lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk.

If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email sen@nelincs.gov.uk. We always try to make sure that children and parents/carers voices are heard.

These Weekly SEND parent/carers newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.

If parents/carers or young people over 16 do not have access to the internet or if they prefer to receive paper copies only please contact sen@nelincs.gov.uk.