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Bi-weekly Early Help Update: 6th May 2021

We are here to help you support families, children and young people to get the help they need. To request help for a young individual, their family or to get support with an Early Help Assessment, please complete a [Family Connect Form](#) or give us a call. If you would like to share information about your organisation's support services or a change in your services or needs, please contact one of our community connectors.

News



Careers Event Collaboration - Hall Green Families will be hosting a careers event later in the year designed to promote training & employment opportunities for young people who are NEET, newly arrived, home-schooled, excluded and with SEND. We would love to collaborate with organisations who are supporting young people of this description in Hall Green, Sparkbrook, Sparkhill, Balsall Heath, Moseley and Kings Heath. Please contact simarjeet.kaur@greensquareaccord.co.uk for more info or if you would like to be involved.

[Birmingham Local Offer website now launched](#) - includes information about services to support all areas of a child's life, especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND): education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and preparation for independence & adulthood.

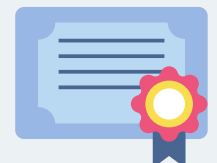
Hall Green Families Events & Training

Supporting Children and Young People's Mental Health - 24th & 27th May. Delivered by **Pause**, this event will provide support to professionals around communicating with children and young people on topics around mental health. Please sign up via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Keep your eyes peeled for...

Weekly Early Help Training Sessions - to be held for professionals in the Hall Green Locality, intended to inform on what Early Help is and how to best utilise our service. More news on these later this month.

Youth Opportunities



Ashiana Community Project Photography Competition - task to capture pictures of butterflies in nature. Open to everyone over the age of 12. Prizes for the winner... plus bonuses for telling them what kind of butterfly you photograph! Send entries by 31st May via WhatsApp to **Kam (07918077777)** or email womenswellbeinghub@gmail.com.

Living Well Consortium Kickstart placements - The **Kickstart Scheme** is a 6-month paid job with a local employer for eligible young people aged 16-24. There are roles available in marketing, hospitality, finance, research and more. Find an up to date list and more info [here](#).

Prince's Trust 'I.T Support' Certificate - 3 month training course, starting 26th May, designed to equip you with the skills to start a career in I.T support. Available to 18-30 year olds who are NEET. See the **attached flyer** for full details.

Pat Benson Boxing Academy development programme - 12 week personal development programme for young people between 13-19 years old. Offering a combination of physical fitness, workshops, courses, training and 1to1 mentoring. Runs 3x per week between 2pm and 4pm. Agency and self referrals are being considered. Please contact Leah Harris at leah@pbba.co.uk, 01217732784 or 07950505382.

COVID-19 Photography Project - chance for year 9-12 students to express how the pandemic has affected them through photography. Part of Coventry University Masters Psychology research. Please email rosenbaumj@coventry.ac.uk to find out more.

Wolverhampton University opportunity - children & young people willing to share their experience of life during the pandemic are needed. Preferably those who have experienced the care system, justice system, unemployment, poverty, domestic abuse, substance abuse or mental ill-health. Please contact Zeta.Williams-Brown@wlv.ac.uk to be involved.



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Support



Prevention & Communities: Partnership Project Offer - a service delivered by 5 partner organisations and operates primarily in the B10, 11 & 12 postcodes to provide support and guidance for deprived people and families. Please **see the attached** for full details.

Springfield Pantry - people can join as a member of this new food pantry for £4 a week and access a weekly shop for food and essentials. They just need to complete a form [online](#) or visit the address on the **attached flyer** (see also for further contact info).

Bereavement support for children young people & families - the **NHS** in Birmingham is offering confidential support to children, young people and families who are grieving. Bereavement experts are available to offer support for all types of loss/to people of all ages. Call **0121 687 8010** for instant support.

Bahu Trust - for anyone struggling with grief, the Trust have trained volunteers, ready to listen and provide confidential befriending support. Please find info [here](#). They have also recently produced a series of [videos](#) on Test & Trace, social distancing and vaccinations in a range of community languages.

#you'vebeenmissed resources - campaign led by **Forward Thinking Birmingham, Birmingham City Council** and **Birmingham Education Partnership** to support pupils, parents, carers and professionals to aid our children and young people in managing their mental wellbeing in school. Resources can be found [here](#).

Wellbeing for Education Return - the **Education Psychologist Service** is offering all families in Birmingham access to the Friends 'Start Building Resilience' package. To access this package, families will need to email **Friends4Families@birmingham.gov.uk** with their child's name and school.

Severn Trent Water's 'The Big Difference Scheme' - customers could receive up to 90% off the company's average water bill. Eligibility based on household income. Please see the **attached flyer** for details.



Community & Hardship Funding

Emergency Food Assistance - grants are available at £100 per household to assist with food & fuel costs. To refer a family please fill out a [family connect form](#) or call us.

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials programme - supports families with children who are living with financial, health and social difficulties by providing essential items (kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing) and other items and services that are critical to children's wellbeing. Read more about the fund [here](#).

Community Renewal Fund - introduced to support the UK's most deprived people and communities. Deadline for applications is **Wed 12th May at 12 noon**. Read more [here](#).

Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund - community organisations, charities and groups are encouraged to apply for grants of up to £5,000 from the **England Illegal Money Lending Team** for projects to help tackle loan sharks. Read more and learn how to apply [here](#).

Wesleyan Foundation Small Grants - designed to support projects addressing the needs of communities in the West Midlands and Warwickshire during the current pandemic. Find out more [here](#).

'Celebrating Communities' small grants funding scheme - the Council has developed a £2 million small grants funding scheme, part of a wider package to maximise the benefit and legacy of hosting the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**. Grants will be available to people and communities to run initiatives which deliver against one of three themes: **'Getting Active', 'Ready, Steady, Fun' and 'Celebrating Culture'**. Find out more on the [Council website](#).



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Events & Training

Loan Shark Training (multiple dates) - information on and awareness around Loan Sharks, who to report to and what makes good intelligence. Click [here](#) for further info and sign up for **20th May @ 2pm** and [here](#) for later sessions in June.

Accredited I.T User Skills Course - designed for people in paid employment (full & part time) and the self-employed who are looking to upskill. Please see the **attached flyer** for full details and contact info.

Train-To-Gain programme (Brandwood Centre) - designed to help anyone 19+ who is unemployed/economically inactive in Birmingham & Solihull to find and stay in work. See the **attached flyer** for the brilliant range of support, services and courses they offer.

Early Education Awareness for professionals - these regular sessions aim to raise awareness of Early Education Entitlement for 2, 3 & 4 year olds to professionals looking at the eligibility criteria, as well as to inform on how parents can access a funded place and the benefits of doing so. There are sessions on [11th](#) & [13th](#) May (follow the links to book).

Gangs & County Lines: St Giles SOS+ Birmingham Parents Webinar - (13th May @ 5-6pm) this session aims to identify signs and triggers that a young person might be involved in a county line and know how to appropriately respond. Please **see attached** for further details and find registration info [here](#).

RAISE - 5-week programme for unemployed, 29+ Birmingham & Solihull residents providing valuable industry accreditations to help people back to work. Please **see attached** for more info.

Empower Me: Employability Event - (17th - 31st May) Neema Women Community is offering a range of training and workshops on employability related issues, including current opportunities in specific sectors. Please see the **attached flyer** for further info and registration details.



Get Involved

Community Performance Club - FREE & friendly online drama course for those aged 50+ and carers in Brandwood and surrounding areas. Please see **attached flyer** for further info. To register, email info@womenandtheatre.co.uk or call **07849214799**.

Jump Start (new dates for May) - a programme of (mostly) online activities for young people aged 14-30 with disabilities, autism or extra support needs in Birmingham, starting 10th May. See that **attached document** for a full table of activities, plus profiles for each facilitating organisation.

Ashiana Community Project Gardening Group - come and join for FREE light hearted gardening, fresh air and therapy in the ACP garden spaces. **Tues, Wed & Thurs @ 10:30-12:30**. Call **0121 687 6767** and ask for Kam or Vinita at the Wellbeing Hub to book.

Cycling Club at Ashiana Community Project - join in on weekly rides and enjoy Birmingham's green and open spaces, run by the ACP Women's Wellbeing Hub. **Mon & Tues 'Learn to Ride', Thurs 'Led Ride for Experienced Cyclists'**. Please contact Tracy on **0121 687 6767** or tracy@acpgroup.org.uk for further info and bookings.

Hall Green Families coordinates Early Help for families, children and young people in the Hall Green locality. We are part of GreenSquareAccord and are working within the [Birmingham Children's Partnership Covid-19 response initiative](#). For more information, head to our [website](#).

