



Hall Green Families is here to help



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Bi-weekly Early Help Update: 10th March 2021

We are here to help you support young people, children and families to get the help they need throughout lockdown. To request help for a young individual or 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

Child Exploitation Week: 15-21st March, to coincide with National Exploitation Awareness Day on 18th - raising awareness of all forms of child exploitation, how to spot signs of exploitation and abuse, and where to seek support. WM Police and WM Violence Reduction Unit have launched the **#EyesOpen** campaign in support. **Please get in touch** with us if you would like access to their social media and comms materials.

Support Census 2021 in South Birmingham - the Census Engagement Manager for South Birmingham is Alison Brinkworth. Follow and share the social media handle @CensusBrumSouth, email **alison.brinkworth86@field.census.gov.uk** or call **07452934883** to access resources and find out ways to support the team.

Food Club Volunteers - Family Action are looking for volunteers to help with the operation of their Food Clubs programme, requiring 4 hours of commitment per week. **See attached** for more info.

Hall Green Case Study: Integrated Early Help work with schools and children's centre - **see attached** for further details.

Healthwatch Birmingham - aiming to improve NHS mental health services for children in Birmingham and they want to hear about users' experiences (children & parents/carers). If this applies to you or anyone you know, please complete [their survey](#).



Hall Green Families Events & Training

Child Exploitation Prevention & Early Help - Tues 16th March @ 10:30-12.

We hope to help parents and carers look out for signs of exploitation and breakdown barriers to seeking support locally. Please sign up via our [Eventbrite page](#).



Hall Green Families

Hall Green Communities Monthly Networking Meeting - Wed 31st March @ 13:30-14:30. Sharing community updates about local support, funding and activities. Co-hosted by the locality NNS and Early Help Teams. Please sign up via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Family Debt & Benefits Awareness - Thurs 15th April @ 12:30-14:30. To raise awareness of those struggling, highlight how professionals can support them and share insights from local organisations. Please sign-up via our [Eventbrite page](#).



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Local Support

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.

Fast track to Attendance - The Children's Society have produced a document to help parents who are concerned that their child may be being exploited, resulting in absences from school/college/work/training. **See the attached document** for support.

Daar-UI-Jannah - citizen advice and support centre & food bank: 861 Stratford Road, B28 8BH. Call **0121 792 5442** to seek advice or arrange a food collection or delivery.

TAWS food parcels - helping community groups that are distributing food parcels or cooking food. Please request support using the form on [this page](#) and they will call back to discuss. Collection from their distribution centre at Aston University, by appointment only.

The Matt Kendall Foundation - support young people aged 16-25 in Birmingham with laptops to help them progress in studies, volunteering, internships etc. They can apply for up to £300 but need a sponsor. For more info please see [their website](#).



Settled - helping vulnerable EU citizens apply for Settled Status post-Brexit. EU citizens must apply by 30 June 2021. The Settled Hardship Funds team helps EU citizens to apply to retain their right to live here. Please contact them if you know someone who needs assistance: **advice@settled.org.uk** and mark your email Hardship Funds.

Settled and Pre-Settled Status Q&A - hosted by **Centrala** (a centre for Central and Eastern European artists in Digbeth) this [Facebook livestream](#) will support and advise EU citizens on steps they need to take before 30th June.

Free Money Advice Services - For Hall Green locality residents, the number to call is **0344 477 1010** (Citizens Advice Birmingham).

One Stop shop Helpline - for ALL mental health needs: coping tips, talking therapies, help in a crisis etc. **Birmingham Mind** are running the line in partnership with **BSMHFT** and **Living Well Consortium** to ensure a wide range of support. Open **24/7**, accessible on **0121 262 3555** or at help@birminghammind.org.

Community & Hardship Funding

Emergency Food Assistance - grants are available, increased from £50 to £100 per household to assist with food & fuel costs. To refer a family please fill out a [family connect form](#) or call us.

Emergency Assistance Food & Supplies grant programme - up to £5000 for local community organisations to provide food with financial and emotional support provision. Full details of funding and application process open to schools and local groups can be found [here](#).

Local Welfare Provision - scheme available through the council to help vulnerable people in short term crisis access food and essential items. Full details [here](#).

Community Recovery Innovation Challenge - West Midlands Combined Authority programme providing 3 community projects with up to £15,000. Cash prizes and support for an additional 20 shortlisted projects. Open to teams with innovative project that have helped customers & service users in the West Midlands through lockdown. **Deadline for entry is Sunday 21st March**. Head to the [WMCA website](#) for more info, the entry form and terms and conditions.

External Funding for Covid Response - Food Justice Network shared an extensive document that details lots of the currently available funding for community organisations/charities who are responding to the pandemic. Please **see attached** for details.





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Other Events & Training

SEND professional development webinar: The Right of Inclusion in Mainstream Settings - 15th March @ 16:00. Speaker Tom Cross will outline what 'Right of Inclusion' means for schools and local authorities and their duty to make reasonable adjustments. For further info and sign-up details, **please see attached.**

Birmingham Community Matters: Bringing volunteers back safely - 29th March @ 11-12pm. An informal session about starting back or moving to a new way of working with volunteers in 2021. Please sign up through their [Eventbrite page](#).

Fearless - a site where professionals working with young people can access info and advice about crime and criminality. Resources for those working against County Lines are accessible on [their website](#).

OCN Level 3 Courses in Working with Gangs and Youth Violence - Act CIC are hosting. Applications now open for both Award and Certificate courses. **See attached** for more info.

Stop Loan Sharks - FREE online training for professionals who work with vulnerable groups, social workers, community safety staff, police, anyone involved in providing front facing services with customers. Next session is **20th April**. To register and to find out more, head to their [Eventbrite page](#).

Youth Opportunities

Family Action - 1 to 1 and group sessions for boys aged 10-17 across Birmingham at risk of gang and youth violence. Please e-mail youthengagementbham@family-action.org.uk or call **07872161562**.

Skills in Transit - programme run by **InUnity**, aimed at helping 18-30 year olds who lack skills/confidence/training to gain qualifications and work experience. Please see the **flyer attached** for more info.

CodeYourFuture - offering coding and employability courses for those who may be facing barriers to getting work in tech. For more info and eligibility, please see the **attached flyer**.

Prince's Trust - running two new courses for NEET young people: **Get Started in Spoken Word** and **Get into Hospital Services**. For more info, please see the **attached flyers and referral form**.

Events & Training Calendar: Hall Green Families & more...*



WEEK COMMENCING
8/3



WED 10/3 @ 10:00-11:30: Domestic Abuse and Local Support event for professionals.

WEEK COMMENCING
15/3



MON 15/3: SEND professional development webinar




TUES 16/3 @ 10:30-12:00: Child Exploitation Prevention & Early Help.

WEEK COMMENCING
22/3

Empty event box for week commencing 22/3.


WEEK COMMENCING
29/3



MON 29/3 @ 11-12: Birmingham Community Matters: Bringing volunteers back safely

Monthly

Updates and Networking



WED 31/3 @ 13:30-14:30: Hall Green Communities Monthly Networking Meeting.

APRIL...



THURS 15/4 @ 12:30-14:30: Family Debt & Benefit Awareness.

STOP LOAN SHARKS
Intervention - Support - Education

TUES 20/4 @ 14:00-15:00: Loan Sharks Don't Knock

*Please see [Hall Green Families Events & Training](#) and [Other Events & Training](#) sections for further info

