



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 9th January 2023

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum – upcoming Zoom meetings with professionals



Following the success of last year's sessions the team at Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum have organised several more Zoom meetings throughout January and February. These are an informative and informal way to ask questions and seek support from the professionals.

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the Forum by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to access the Zoom information.

- SENDIASS service overview with Sharon English
– **Thursday 12th January 2023 7:30pm**
- Positive Behaviour Support Services with Natalie Storer
– **Thursday 19th January 2023 7:30pm**
- Getting to grips with the Local Offer with Tracy Ryan
– **Thursday 26th January 2023 7:30pm**

There is also a **coffee, cake and check-in session** with the Forum group on **Wednesday 18th January 10am-12noon** at Hope Corner Community Church, 70 Clifton Road, Runcorn WA7 4TD – come along and meet some of their team for support and other local parents in a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment.

Introducing SYNC - the New SEND Youth Needs Club from Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum

Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum
Introduces



SYNC

SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB

FREE

**SATURDAY 14th
JANUARY 2023**

**12.30PM -
4.30PM**

**AGE
12-19**

BOARD GAMES DROP IN SESSION

(Food and drink supplied)

FOR THOSE WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON
AT MOON MEADOW SCOUT HUT, FARNWORTH STREET, WIDNES, WA8 9LH

Spaces are limited so please email: infosync22@gmail.com to register for a place

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The new SYNC club for young people age 12 -19 starts on **Saturday 14th January 12.30pm-4.30pm** at Moon Meadow Scout Hut, Farnworth Street Widnes. The club is free but spaces are limited so email [**infosync22@gmail.com**](mailto:infosync22@gmail.com) to register!

Upcoming activities with Digital Arts Box

Free Digital Arts Get Together

SIGN UP NOW!



Digital Arts Box are holding several events over the next few weeks across Halton, including a free **Digital Arts get together on Saturday 14th January 2pm-4pm**. Join the team at **Castlefields Community Centre** where we'll have fun creative activities for young people and families to join in with. [Click here to register your place.](#)

CREATIVE HANGOUT

A PROJECT FOR YOUNG ADULTS FROM HALTON WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES OR AUTISM TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND TRY CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Digital Arts Box HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The banner features a purple background with yellow and white geometric shapes. It includes photos of young adults working on computers and socializing. There are also icons of a speaker, a plus sign, and a right-pointing arrow.

They are also holding their Creative Hangout sessions for young adults with learning disabilities and/or autism, **starting on Monday 30th January**. If you're aged 16 to 25 and live in Halton join them in a supportive, positive space, to develop your creative skills and socialise with friends old and new.

At each session there will be the opportunity to try a whole host of creative activities; ranging from animation, coding and graphic design through to crafting and electronics. [Click here to find out more and register for a place.](#)

**Cooking classes with SEND R US at Castlefields
and Halton Lea this January**



For individuals & families in Halton with SEND

Free COOKING CLASSES



For funding purposes these sessions are primarily for residents who live in Castlefields and Murdishaw

Attend both sessions and receive a free slow cooker

Places are limited so Direct Message us on Facebook or email sendrus@mail.com to book

**Thursday 12th January & Thursday 19th January
5pm-7.30pm**

**Castlefields Community Centre
Village Square
Castlefields
WA7 2ST**

Please inform us of any food allergies or intolerances when booking

SEND R US CIC
sendrus@mail.com

All children/young persons must be accompanied by a family member/carer



The SEND R US cooking classes are back at Castlefields Community Centre on Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th January – 5pm-7.30pm. Attend both sessions and you can receive a free slow cooker!

There are also three sessions at Halton Lea library on Saturdays from 14th January 10.30am-1.30pm. Attend all three sessions here and also receive a free slow cooker!

Spaces are limited at both venues so email sendrus@mail.com or send a DM through their Facebook page.



Free COOKING CLASSES

For individuals & families in Halton with SEND

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**Halton Lea Library
Room 2
Halton Lea
Runcorn
WA7 2PF**

**Saturday 14th January
Saturday 21st January
Saturday 28th January
10.30am-1.30pm**

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Little Stars play sessions for children with additional needs



for accessible play and support



SPACE was set up by parents of children with additional needs to relieve isolation experienced by children with additional needs and their families by providing fully accessible support and facilities.

Based in Chester they offer support to parents and children across Cheshire.

Their popular Little Stars play sessions for early years young children are held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-12noon costing £5 per household per session. As well as giving children the chance for messy play, music and sensory activities, parents also have the opportunity to chat to others and receive support.

[Click here to visit their website](#) for more information and you can **[click this link to view the available sessions and book on.](#)**



for accessible play and support

SPACE, Unit 6, Grange Road, Chester, CH2 2AN

LITTLE STARS

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10am - 12pm
Play Sessions

A pay-as-you-go class that incorporates messy play, music and sensory activities. Giving parents the opportunity to chat to others and receive support.



For children with additional needs and their families.

Includes use of Sensory Room, Arts & Crafts, and Soft-Play.



Tickets are £5 per household per session. Bookings can be made through: www.spacecheshire.org

Mako Create Coding clubs in Widnes and Runcorn



Mako Create's **FREE monthly Mako Coding Club** is a fun and supportive place for young people from Halton to get together to enjoy learning coding skills, completing challenges and meeting new people. There are sessions running in both Widnes and Runcorn through until March – [click here to find out more and to book a place.](#)

There are lots of other activities with Mako Create coming up this year – [click here to check out their website for more information,](#) including [Digital Music Making](#) this Saturday 14th January 10am-12noon at The Studio Widnes.

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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