



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 12th June 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 Carer's Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halton SEND PARENT Carer's Forum
Your voice counts

- JUNE 15**
PARENT DROP IN SESSION - 10.00AM - 11.30AM
Brookfields School, Moorfield Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 3JA.
WILLS AND TRUSTS - 7.30PM - 20.30PM
HSPCF Vulnerable Beneficiary Webinar - Join Zoom Meeting.
- JUNE 22**
PARENT & CARERS COFFEE CAKE & RELAX MORNING
9.30AM - 11.30PM
Runcorn Community Shop - Priory House, Northway, Runcorn, WA7 2FS
Email us for the carpark code
- JUNE 29**
PARENT DROP IN SESSION - 9.30AM - 11.30AM
Oakfield Community Primary School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes, WA8 8BQ
HSPCF WHINE & WINE Q&A ZOOM
Team Q&A for parents who work and cant come coffee mornings.
Join Zoom Meeting.
- JUNE 30**
HUMMINGBIRDS - 17.00PM - 19.00PM - FULL
Hummingbirds Art Studio, 12 Mainstreet, Halton. Runcorn WA7 2AN.

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Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have plenty of activities during June, including their next parent drop in session on Thursday 15th June at Brookfields School, and the parent and carers coffee, cake and relax session on Thursday 22nd June between 9.03am-11.30am at Runcorn Community Shop.

Plus, don't forget the next Zoom meeting webinars on wills and trusts for vulnerable beneficiaries on **Thursday 15th June 2023 at 7:30pm**

Visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to find out more. If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

Plus a reminder that they have released dates for their popular Family Craft and Pizza nights – see the dates below and email Claire.collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk to secure your places!



HALTON SEND PARENT CARERS FORUM



FREE FAMILY CRAFT & PIZZA NIGHT



Friday 14th July 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces
Friday 22nd Sept 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces
Friday 20th Oct 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces
Friday 24th Nov 2023 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces

At Hummingbird Art Studio
Village Hall, 12 Main Street, Halton Village WA7 2AN.

To Join us on the night:
Email: Clare.Collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk and book your place.

Parents, Carers, Children and Young People, all members are welcome, but you need to book your place by email.



 Halton Send Parent Carers Forum
Contact: 07784240161

WWW.Haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk
Email: info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk

Summer Holiday activities with Inclusivitee



SS - SOLELY FOR CYP WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES

WE CAN CATER FOR ALL CYP IN HALTON WITH SEND

INCLUSIVITEE CIC

25, 26 & 27 July
1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 & 24 August
10AM-3PM

MOON MEADOW SCOUT HUT, FARNWORTH ST, WIDNES, WA8 9LH

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP) AGED 10-17

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR CYP WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON

INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, OUTDOOR MULTI SPORTS, INDOOR SOFT SPORTS, COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRONIC GAMING, LIFE SKILLS, STEM AND LEGO ACTIVITIES

Healthy lunch provided, all needs will be met for all CYP and own food and drink can be brought if required

Spaces are limited, please email to register for a place:
inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **inclusiviteeuk** email: inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **Inclusivitee CIC**

 **SEND KEY**
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 Department for Education

 **HALTON**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Inclusivitee have announced their summer holiday activities programme for children and young people in Halton aged 10-17 with SEND. Sessions will take place at Moon Meadow Scout hut in Widnes on various date from Tuesday 25th July through to Thursday 24th August with a healthy lunch provided.

Spaces are limited so please email inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com to register for a place or [visit their Facebook page for more information.](#)

Play By Nature Summer Forest School sessions



Play By Nature have released the dates for their popular Forest School sessions over the summer holidays – Monday 24th July to Thursday 27th July and Monday 31st July to Thursday 3rd August (9am-3pm). The sessions cost £20 and you can find out more and reserve you place by contacting the team through their [Facebook page here](#).

Mako Create activities



A poster for a video game design workshop. The background is dark green with a white pixelated character on the left. Text on the right includes 'HALTON SHORT BREAKS', 'VIDEO GAME DESIGN', 'The Studio, Widnes', 'Saturday 1.7.23', and '10am-12pm for ages 8-17'. Logos for Mako Create, Halton High, and Halton Borough Council are at the bottom.

HALTON SHORT BREAKS

VIDEO GAME DESIGN

The Studio, Widnes
Saturday 1.7.23
10am-12pm for ages 8-17

Mako CREATE  

Mako Create have several activities coming up over the next few weeks. Their Video Game Design workshop is on **Saturday 1st July 10am-12pm at The Studio Widnes**. The session is part of the Short Breaks activities specifically for young people aged 8-17 in Halton with additional needs.

In this hands-on, two-hour game design workshop young people will discover the techniques and tools required to design their own retro 2D platform game. [Click here to find out more and to register for the workshop.](#)



Two posters for coding clubs. The left one is blue and for Runcorn, the right one is red and for Widnes. Both say 'CODING CLUB', 'Learn to code...', 'MUSIC', and 'USING MICRO:BIT'. Logos for UKRI, Science and Technology Facilities Council, Halton Borough Council, and Mako Create are at the bottom.

RUNCORN: MAKO CODING CLUB
Learn to code...
MUSIC
USING MICRO:BIT

WIDNES: MAKO CODING CLUB
Learn to code...
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Mako Create's free monthly 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. The sessions will introduce the young people to coding using sound, experimenting with the various ways in which Micro:bits can be programmed to make sound, before having the opportunity to make their own basic MIDI musical instruments.

- The Widnes session is on **Thursday 6th July 4pm-6pm** at Widnes Library – [click here to book on.](#)
- The Runcorn session is on **Thursday 13th July 4pm-6pm** at Grangeway Community Centre – [click here to book on.](#)

Information and resources with ADDvanced Solutions



Don't forget there are lots of useful resources on the [ADDvanced Solutions website](#) and on [their Facebook page](#), including information on upcoming activities throughout the summer in Halton.

You can also sign up for their regular newsletters – [click here to view the latest edition.](#)

Contact for families with disabled children newsletter



Contact are the charity for families with disabled children and they have lots of useful information and resources that can support you and your family.

[Their website](#) also has all the latest news and updates for families of children with disabilities, including a dedicated section on [cost of living advice](#). You can sign up for regular emails, updates and newsletters by [clicking here](#) or check out [their Facebook page here.](#)

Caudwell Children's Autism Sensory Packs



Caudwell Children are still accepting applications for their new Autism Sensory Pack!

Processing everyday sensory information can be extremely difficult for children with Autism, any of their senses can become over or under-stimulated by their environment. Caudwell have been mindful that the pack must be fun, educational, durable, and safe, so many of the items in the pack are compact, so they are suitable for travel or to take to school.

The pack is worth £112.80, but they ask families to contribute just 20%, which is £22. Apply now [using this link](#) or visit [their website here](#) for more information.

National Development Team for Inclusion webinar



The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) work to enable people at risk of exclusion, due to age or disability, to live the life they choose.

On Thursday 18th May, along with the Department of Education, and Family Fund they hosted the webinar "**Spotlight on Supported Internships**", a webinar aimed towards parents and carers of young people that are preparing for adult life.

The 90 minute webinar was attended by over 450 people who had the opportunity to listen to personal experiences shared by supported interns and their family members. Government representatives also provided information about the investment in supporting more young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in finding work. The webinar was recorded, and [you can click here to see all the presentations and information shared on the day.](#)

[The NDTi website here](#) has lots of other useful information and resources for young people and their parents and carers who are preparing for adult life.

MAX cards



As summer holidays start to approach don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the [MAX Card website](#) for further details or check out [the Local Offer](#). Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk or call 0151 511 6560 for more details

This newsletter provides general information and resources for parents and carers of young people with SEND, and for professionals who support them. Please note, while we take every care to ensure the information we share is accurate the information provided is not a direct recommendation from the Short Breaks Service and we recommend that you complete your own research about the information and events we signpost.

We recognise that not all of the information in this newsletter will be relevant to everyone included on the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service that you'd like to share 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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