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SEND Youth News





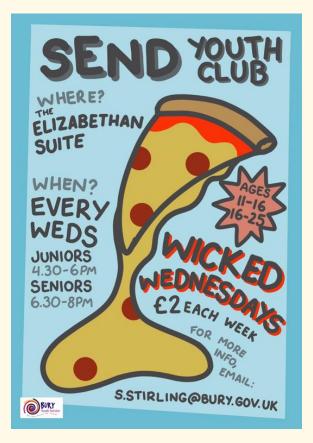
What we've been up to

By Scout Stirling

As we've been eagerly awaiting the re-launch of our programme in our new venue, the Elizabethan Suite, we all went on a trip to the bowling alley to see our friends, have a catch-up, and play a few games together. It was great to see everyone and we're so excited to get back to youth club!

Our football teams, the Bury Bears and Bury Cubs, have also been away recently to play in a tournament against four other pan-disability football teams in Leyland. Everyone travelled in from all over Lancashire to play some football on a gorgeous, sunny day. We had so much fun competing and we're all really looking forward to the next match! In other exciting news, Bury's SEND Youth Voice Network hosted their first ever youth-led SEND conference with the help of the Youth Cabinet. We had students representing seven different schools, including our specialist provisions Millwood and Elms Bank, plus twentytwo of Bury's top decision makers all come together to have discussions around bullying, safety, accessibility, and displacement. It was a fantastic day with so many voices and ideas being shared. We want to say a huge thank you to every single young person who attended and made the day possible – we couldn't have done it without you!





O SURY YOUTH CLUB Bury TIMETABLE

MONDAY

3pm-4.30pm Youth club The Elizabethan Suite 4.30pm-5.15pm SEND junior football club Castle Leisure Centre / stirling@burygovuk 5pm-5.30pm Tadpoles - junior LGBT session Contact a hulton@burygovuk for info 5pm-7pm young women's group Contact c.reynolds@burygovuk for info 5,15-6pm SEND senior football club Castle Leisure Centre / sstirling@burygovuk

TUESDAY

3pm-4.30pm Youth club The Elizabethan Suite

5-6.30pm Youth Cabinet The Elizabethan Suite / a.crowshaw@bury.go.u 5pm-7pm FROQS - senior LGBT session Contact I.davis@bury.gov.uk.fc

WEDNESDAY

3pm-4.30pm nentoring groups Contact a hulton@burygovuk for info 4.30pm-6pm SEND junior youth club The Elizabethan Suite / sstirling@burygovuk 6pm-7.30pm Green Café Clarence Park / k/reemanaatridge@burygovuk 6.30pm-8pm SEND senior youth club The Elizabethan Suite / sstirling@burygovuk

THURSDAY

3pm-4.30pm Youth club The Elizabethan Suite 5pm-6pm Duke of Edinburgh Contact I.davis@bury.gov.uk for info

5pm-7pm young carers - senior group Contact c.reynolds@bury.gov.uk for info

FRIDAY

m-4.30pm Youth club The Elizabethan Suite

4pm-6pm Children in Care Council Contact stirling@burygovuk for info (fortnightly) (4.30pm-6.30pm ROC youth club ROC, Westminster Ave, Radcliffe / a hulton@burygovuk 5pm-7pm young cares - junior group Contact hi, fisher@burygovuk for info (monthly) 5.30pm-7.30pm Phoenix youth club St Mary's Park, Prestwich

SEND Graduated Approach Toolkit

The Graduated Approach Toolkit (GAT) is an online resource to support Bury schools, services and families with understanding and using the Graduated Approach as outlined in the SEND Code of Practice. The Toolkit can be found here: <u>Bury SEND Graduated Approach Toolkit | The Bury</u> <u>Directory</u>

The Continuing Professional Development programme supporting the implementation of the Graduated Approach Toolkit is continuing throughout this academic year and sessions for the remainder of the spring term, and the full summer term are shown below. Attendance at the events is open to all. Some of the new sessions are specifically offered with SENCOs in mind but this doesn't preclude other practitioners from attending if they would be of interest.

GAT familiarisation sessions

These 30-minute sessions offer a virtual walkthrough of the Toolkit. They are repeats of the autumn term and spring 1 sessions and are for **any practitioner** wishing to understand how to navigate the Toolkit and explore its contents. Practitioners only need to attend one session.

Dates are as follows:

8am Wednesday 6th March
12pm Tuesday 19th March

• 12pm Wednesday 8th May

• 4pm Thursday 13th June

• 8am Monday 24th June

• 8am Tuesday 23rd April

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GAT Drop-in sessions

These 30-minute phase specific sessions will provide an opportunity for **any practitioner** to bring a question or an anonymous pupil case for advice and support in using the GAT. SENCOs and practitioners can attend any sessions; content of the sessions will be in response to the questions raised.

Primary

- 8am Thursday 29th February
- 12pm Monday 4th March
- 4pm Wednesday 13th March

<u>Click here to join the meeting</u> <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

Secondary

- 8am Thursday 7th March
- 4pm Tuesday 12th March

<u>Click here to join the meeting</u> <u>Click here to join the meeting</u>

Sharing GAT Practice for SENCOs

These 30-minute sessions are for SENCOs to share practice in embedding use of the GAT. These sessions will be led by Bury SENCOs from a range of schools who will talk about how they have used the GAT in their own schools. SENCOs can attend as many of the sessions as they would like to gather a range of ideas and inspiration from colleagues.

Primary

- 8am Tuesday 19th March; Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 12pm Wednesday 20th March; Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 8am Wednesday 24th April; St Thomas's CE Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 12pm Monday 29th April; Woodbank Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 4pm Wednesday 8th May; Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 8am Tuesday 11th June; Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 4pm Thursday 20th June: Woodbank Primary School Click here to join the meeting
- 12pm Monday 24th June; St Thomas's CE Primary School Click here to join the meeting

Secondary

- 8am Thursday 14th March; The Elton High School
- 8am Tuesday 30th April; The Derby High School
- 4pm Monday 13th May; The Elton High School
- 4pm Thursday 20th June; The Derby High School

Strengthening approaches to SEND for SENCOs

These 30-minute sessions are for SENCOs to revisit pre-Graduated Approach systems and to discuss how decisions are made to put children and young people on the Graduated Approach at SEN Support. The sessions will help SENCOs to better understand expectations in relation to successful applications for top-up funding and service support. All sessions have the same content.

- 8am Monday 11th March
- 4pm Tuesday 23rd April
- 4pm Thursday 23rd May
- 12pm Tuesday 11th June
- 8am Wednesday 3rd July

Click here to join the meeting 12pm Wednesday 27th March
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There is no requirement to book on any of the sessions – just click the link to join on the day.

Any enquiries or comments about the CPD events, or the Toolkit itself can be directed to Cath Atherden, Service Lead, SEND Support: c.atherden@bury.gov.uk

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Home to School Travel Consultation

We have been working with Bury2gether to co-produce a new proposed policy for Home to School Travel for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. A series of engagement sessions were held with parents/carers throughout January, during which we received valuable feedback that has been taken into consideration when drafting the proposed policy with Bury2gether.

The revised policy also takes into account the updated guidance issued by the Department for Education; **Travel to school for children of compulsory school age - January 2024**.

The main changes to the policy are:

- Clearly explaining the forms of travel assistance that may be offered to eligible children and young people. These include mileage reimbursement, personal travel budgets, transport, travel passes and independent travel training.
- Clarifying the Council's statutory duty in relation to pre-school age children, 5-16 year olds, post 16 provision and adult learners (post 19).
- Realigning the assessment for travel assistance with the current Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process where appropriate.
- Simplifying the process for a change in circumstances (change of address, school, or the child/young person's individual needs).
- Providing additional flexibility for transport wherever possible to accommodate timetable changes or changes to the school day.

We would like to invite you to submit your views on the proposed policy by completing an online survey. The online survey and proposed policy can be viewed on the following webpage;

https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-college-travelassistance/home-to-school-travel-policy-consultation.

Please tell us about your views by Friday 5 April 2024. Following the end of the consultation period a report will be presented to the Council's Cabinet members on 17 April 2024.

School & College Transport Team



Paediatric Occupational Therapy Service - Bury Community

Details of the Paediatric Occupational Therapy service can be found via the Bury Directory: <u>https://theburydirectory.co.uk/services/occupational-therapy-childrens-paediatric</u>

It is an open referral policy, so anyone is welcome to refer into the service. A referral form can be found attached. Anyone wishing to make a referral to the service sends the completed referral form to <u>SPOA.fax@nca.nhs.uk</u>.



Elms Bank, Ripon Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester M45 8PJ

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SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Elms Bank School, Ripon Ave, Open Day Monday 18 March 10am

The Open Day is aimed at prospective parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5, although we wouldn't turn anyone away.

If possible, we would ask parents to contact Elms Bank on 0161 766 1597 or email on <u>enquiries@elmsbank.oaklp.co.uk</u> to book a space.

Bury Universal /Universal Plus Family Offer- 0-5 Years.

January 2024- end March 2024

https://padlet.com/BuryEarlyYears/bury-universal-universal-plus-familyoffer-0-5-years-ea7fsql0nk8ynfjb -

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Supporting PAs Health & Wellbeing Reward Your Personal Care Assistants



Blue Light Card provide those in the NHS, emergency services, social care sector and armed forces with an array of online and in-store discounts. Up until now, despite the best efforts of many people and organisations in our sector, Personal Assistants have been excluded from this cohort. This exclusion is partly because of a lack of awareness about the PA role and partly due to difficulties verifying employed PAs.

We contacted Blue Light Card at the back end of 2023 because wanted to try and change this. We explained why we set up <u>ILG PA</u> for employed PAs and what it already does to help recognise and support this hugely important but often undervalued workforce. We also explained the stringent verification process we have in place to identify and register new members.

As a result, I am delighted to confirm that we have now partnered with Blue Light Card - **meaning ILG PA members can now register for Blue Light Card.**

I am sure you will agree that this is a huge step forward for the PA workforce.

If you represent a funding body and would like to discuss how we are planning to roll this out and what you can do to support take up in your area, please don't hesitate to get in touch so we can arrange a virtual or face to face meeting.

Below are some links you might find useful, and I have also attached our latest pdf leaflet for your info.

Individual Employer/Customer enquiries – <u>https://www.ilg-pa.com/employer-apply-here/</u>

Employed PA enquiries – <u>https://www.ilg-pa.com/employed-pca/</u> Blue Light Card enquiries – <u>https://www.ilg-pa.com/blue-light-card-info/</u>

For specific questions regarding ILG PA membership enquiries or technical queries please email <u>hello@ilg-pa.com</u>.

ILG are extremely proud to be leading this development and hope you can join us as we seek to elevate and support the PA workforce.

SEND Communications and Engagement:

Tel: 07581020879

Follow us on Twitter @BuryLocalOffer

Facebook: Bury SEND Local Offer

Bury2Gether Parent/Carer Forum: www.bury2gether.co.uk/membership



SENDiass provide information, advice and support on Education, Health and Social Care issues relating to SEND. We have a team of practitioners who support families in Bury either via telephone, email and sometimes if needed through face to face support. SENDiass can be contacted by telephone 01706 769634 and email (<u>bury.sendiass@barnardos.org.uk</u>). All queries will be responded to within 2 days.

We thought it would be nice to introduce ourselves – and have included a little information about each member of the team below:

Hayley Chianca – Team Manager	Afia Jabeen – SENDiass practitioner
"My name is Hayley and I am the Team Manager for the Bury and Rochdale SEND Services; including the SENDiass team. Prior to my current role, I was a SENDiass practitioner for 8 years. I work full time but in my spare time I enjoy going outdoors with my family and going to the gym.	practitioner of 2 years. Prior to this I was a
Keelie Rigby - SENDiass practitioner	Kate Donaghue – SENDiass Practitioner
"My name is Keelie. I have been a SENDiass practitioner for a number of years. I work four days a week (Monday – Thursday). I like to be organised and at weekends I love going for walks"	Practitioner. Before joining Barnardo's I worked

Vision and Hearing Impairment/Deaf Education Service



The service aims to provide social activities to support secondary age pupils (11-16y) with a vision and/or hearing impairment in local authority mainstream high schools. Many CYP with a sensory impairment feel socially isolated and the 'Social HI-Eyes' Youth Group, facilitated by the Specialist staff, aims to help young people form friendships, develop skills and enjoy a wide range of social activities.

Alice Brennan, Teacher of the Deaf, is busy researching new activities for the group as we hurtle towards the spring and summer! Pottery, Alpacas, Manchester City in the Community and Manchester Museum are all in the mix but don't tell anyone just yet!

The range of activities offered is broad but due to financial constraints the Social HI-Eyes Youth Group is tasked with raising funds to offset the cost of activities. The Service also explores possible charitable funding for more expensive activities and parents are asked to make a financial contribution.

We are keen to hear your ideas and would love to know of any great venues/events that you have attended locally and think that our youth group might enjoy. Please email Alice or Lesley with any thoughts.

Many thanks. Lesley Woods (Manager) & Alice Brennan (Teacher of the Deaf)

Vision & Hearing/Deaf Education Service

L.A.Woods@bury.gov.uk / A.Brennan@bury.gov.uk



SPECTRUM GAMING

Spectrum Gaming is a community for autistic young people aged 8-17 which run two online Discord servers, a Minecraft server and host meetups in Greater Manchester. Membership to our community is free and Spectrum Gaming is currently accepting new applications for autistic young people residing in the Greater Manchester area. Interested families can find out more and apply online at:

www.spectrumgaming.net

This month Spectrum Gaming has some exciting news! We have just secured a lease on a building in Bury town centre which will become our new home. Opening within the next couple of months, this will be the venue for a range of social activities based on a variety of interests such as Pokemon, anime, board games, arts and craft and films, in addition to our regular youth club.



The centre will also offer pre and post diagnostic support to young people, host training for parents and professionals and act as a space for self-directed education for young people not currently attending school.

Anyone wishing to support us in getting the centre up and running can donate via our **Just Giving Page**



Creating hope through autistic community

Andy recently did a talk for the University of Reading. You can access a free recording of the webinar <u>here</u>

Resources

Spectrum Gaming has created a variety of resources free for access/use by families and professionals. You can find links to all of these on the advocacy page of our website: <u>https://www.spectrumgaming.net/advocacy</u>

We spoke with 31 young people about CAMHS/emotional wellbeing support in one area. We believe that the insight was so important that we have removed the localised information and made a public version of the report: <u>CAMHS report Jan 2024</u>

You can contact Spectrum Gaming at: info@spectrumgaming.net

Visit our <u>Youtube</u> channel to see content created by members

Follow us on Facebook to find out more







We have 2 new medics joining us in February and March which will enable a reduction in our psychiatry waiting times. We also have some therapy posts (family therapy) out to advert which is very exciting and we have recruited to our psychology post with some neuro diversity and learning disability experience.

Our parent carer support sessions will be running up to November 2024. These are getting booked up very quickly.





WHAT'S C	ON AT THE BURY SEND HUB
SAT 2 MAR 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	KIDSROCK MUSIC 4 GENERATIONS SEND MUSIC SESSION. JOIN CHRIS AND AH YEE FOR A FUN, INTERACTIVE MUSIC SESSION. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK: EMAIL - KIDSROCKWITHCHRIS@HOTMAIL.CO.UK TELEPHONE - 07855 733308
WED 6 MAR 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	PARENT/CARER POST DIAGNOSIS PEER-TO-PEER SESSION, BOOKING ESSENTIAL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM
WED 6 MAR 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PARENT/CARER SLEEP NURSE PRESENTATION AND Q&A SESSION. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM
WED 6 MAR 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM
WED 13 MAR 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	SEND EARLY YEARS (0-5 YEARS) STAY & PLAY/CARE & CONVO WITH SEND HEALTH VISITOR AND SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER. BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE
WED 13 MAR 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM
WED 20 MAR 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	HAPPY SIGNS CHOIR: A SINGING AND SIGNING CHOIR FOR PEOPLE WITH SEND AND THEIR FAMILIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION/TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EMMA: HAPPPYSIGNSCIC@YAHOO.COM
THU 21 MAR 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BURY2GETHER CARE AND CONVO. OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS. SENDIASS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM
THU 21 MAR 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	PARENT/CARER ENGAGEMENT SESSION: SHORT BREAKS. BOOKING ESSENTIAL: BURY2GETHER@GMAIL.COM
SAT 23 MAR 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	KIDSROCK MUSIC 4 GENERATIONS SEND MUSIC SESSION. JOIN CHRIS AND AH YEE FOR A FUN, INTERACTIVE MUSIC SESSION. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK: EMAIL - KIDSROCKWITHCHRIS@HOTMAIL.CO.UK TELEPHONE - 07855 733308
WED 27 MAR 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	SEND EARLY YEARS (0-5 YEARS) STAY & PLAY/CARE & CONVO WITH SEND HEALTH VISITOR AND SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER. BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT BOOKWHEN.COM/BEEINCLUSIVE
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Try your hand at bowling wearing sim specs and experience the challenge of being visually impaired

Help us support blind and visually impaired people in the Borough of Bury

Tuesday 16 April

Fun starts at 5.30pm Hollywood Bowl Bury 11 The Rock, Bury BL9 0JX £5 for 2 games maximum of 6 people per team To register your team call 0161 763 7014 Registered Charity Number: 1102525





CARE & CONVO Supporting Parents/Carers who have a Child/Young Person with a

Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND), aged 0-25, who access Bury services.

Are you a Parent/Carer?

Fancy a brew and an offload to other parent/carers? We are here to listen. (Children/Young People welcome). Bury SENDiass will be attending to support/advise parents. Next date: Thurs 21st March 11.00am - 12.00pm

During this session, our arent/carer wellbeing library will be open! This is the portunity for our members to rrow wellbeing resources and equipment to use at home. Delease let us know you are



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