Inspiring Health conference event organised by Rotherham Parents Forum Limited

We are an independent forum led by Rotherham parents who all have children with a variety of disabilities and additional needs.

We work at a strategic level, as equal partners, with the public, private & voluntary sector ensuring that the voice of our families is heard. Our vision is that children and young people with disabilities/additional needs in Rotherham enjoy the same opportunities, hopes and aspirations as others in education, health, social care & leisure.

Some of our recent work includes a very successful conference at The Carlton Park Hotel where we brought together a total of 150 people, an equal representation of parents and carers as well as people who work in Health, Education, Social Care and the Voluntary Sector. We all worked together to explore how we currently work in partnership to meet the needs of our children and what we need to do to improve this.

Below is some of the feedback we received:

“Fantastic day, as always, inspiring. Hopefully all agencies will pass on messages to teams”

“Powerful, real, everyone together under one roof for the same reason, children and families”

“Excellent insight into different perspectives, inspirational and motivational”

For more information on RPFL Contact Louise Graham on 01709 296262 or email: info@rpcf.co.uk, web: www.rpcf.co.uk

Helping support Families through Early Support Key/Lead working

George is a four year old boy diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Condition. George presents challenging behaviour at home; he bangs his head, nips, scratches and bites himself and also his siblings. At the time of the School Inclusion and Outreach Officer receiving a referral mum was at a very low point and had no support.

The School Inclusion/Outreach Officer used the Early Support Key/Lead working approach to help mum with multitude of issues from travel to housing issues. Mum is now a lot happier in herself and is now focusing on her future and in a much better position to speak out for herself and her family.

https://www.connecttosupport.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=1363 to see case studies in full

www.facebook.com/ahdc.shortbreaks
www.rotherham.gov.uk/shortbreaks
Clifton Park
18th August: Bugs and Insects Family Fun Day
Come along to our Bugs and Insects family fun day, where you can decorate a glass bottles/jars with your favourite insect. Suitable for 3 to 12 years olds.

4th August: Decorating pots family fun day
Decorate your clay pot with raku glaze and see them fired in the kiln. Suitable for 4 to 12 years olds.
Child must be accompanied by an adult.
Places are limited, contact Clifton Park Museum on 01709 336633 or call into the museum gift shop.

The Hearing Impairment Team are running two days during the summer holidays for families with hearing impaired children aged 7 and under.
The dates are the 11th August and the 24th August. Venues and times are still to be arranged.
Please contact the Team Leader, Clare Armitage for more details on 01709 336412 or email Clare.Armitage@rotherham.gov.uk

MISE Summer programme
Record in a professional studio, play a musical instrument, write a song take part in jam sessions
Come along and play on: Drums, Guitars, Keyboards and Sound Beams
FREE OF CHARGE - Wednesdays, 5th August & 12th August, 12 noon to 4pm.
The Mise Project @ Herringthorpe Valley Youth Centre, Tel: 01709 828107
www.miseproject.org

Fun, Active and Able
Reserve your places on our scheme which will help children explore how to keep fit and healthy. These sessions will be run alongside Rotherham United Community Sports Trust.
Sessions will take place every Tuesday during the holidays from 1pm to 3pm at Rotherham Parents Forum Limited, Mangham Manor House, Scrooby Lane, Parkgate, S62 6NX
Tel: 01709 296262 Email: info@rpcf.co.uk

The Thomas Centre, Louth, Lincolnshire is an outstanding 5 star holiday park. For children and adults with autism and related conditions. The park facilities include a private, heated swimming pool, sensory area, outdoor play park, indoor play barn and soft play area, trampoline and more!
Contact Claire or Jan in the office on 01507363463 
Email us at: enquiries@thethomascentre.co.uk
Visit us at: www.thethomascentre.co.uk

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On our website you’ll find detailed access information to thousands of venues across the UK and the Republic of Ireland: shops, pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, railway stations, hotels, universities, hospitals and more.
Established over 14 years ago, our mission is to maximise independence and choice for disabled people in accessing their local area and the places we all want to visit.
Web: www.disabledgo.com
Email address: enquiries@disabledgo.com
**ACTIVITIES**

**Yours Project**
The Yours Project is a short break service which provides fun active Short Breaks for children and young people with disabilities aged 0 to 19 years. We run a variety of activities Monday to Friday.

**For further information please contact**
01709 830154 www.yoursproject.org.uk
for more details.

Twitter: @TheYoursProject

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**Sportivate Exercise to Music pilot project**
Pilot project funded through Sport England to offer sport and exercise aimed at girls aged 11+ with disabilities / additional needs.

**Day:** Monday’s

**Venue:** St Barnabas Centre, Broom

**Time:** 6pm to 7.30pm

**Note:** Please wear comfortable clothing and trainers. Refreshments will be provided.

YMCA White Rose Disability Services are working in partnership with SJD Sports Coaching to deliver this project.

For any further details and to book a place please contact us on 01709 830154.

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**Rotherham Parents Forum Ltd. Swimming Drop-in**
Sessions are staffed with a qualified lifeguard in a hydrotherapy pool. All facilities are disability friendly, siblings and family welcome.

Over 8s can swim alone, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions take place at Park Rehabilitation centre Fridays 6pm to 7pm and 7pm to 8pm

**To book a place email:** info@pcf.co.uk

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**MISE Project - Music in Special Education**
The project aims to engage young people with special educational needs, aged 11 to 24, in high quality musical opportunity. They will share their creativity with mainstream peers to break down barriers to participation, to encourage understanding and to enhance social well-being and life chances.

**Email:**
matt.ellis@rotherham.gov.uk

**Phone:** 01709 828107

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**The National Autistic Society**
and work locally with children and adults of all ages with autism and their families. Drop in sessions are held fortnightly on Wednesdays at Kimberworth Place.

**Tel:** 07554 439427

**Email:** rotherham@nas.org.uk

www.nasbranch.org.uk/rotherham

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**South Yorkshire Transport Museum**
A part of history is kept alive through the careful restoration of the vehicles.

On an event day, you can stroll around and look at all the vehicles in their different stages of restoration, refreshments are served and there is merchandise and memorabilia available in our shop.

All ages welcome.

Contact details below to check on accessibility.

**Next Event days:**
- Sunday 12th July
- Sunday 9th August
- Sunday 13th September
  (Combined with our Rally)

**Visit:** sytm.co.uk for more information and full list of event days

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Rotherham Portage Service works across the whole of Rotherham with children 0 – 3 who have significant additional needs in two or more areas of their development. A member of the service visits the child and family at home weekly to support the development of play, communication and relationships and to encourage full participation in day to day life within the family and beyond the home (including accessing local preschool provision).

Email: portage.service@rotherham.gov.uk
Tel: (01709) 719164

Rotherham SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)
Every local authority should provide a service that is free, easy to access and confidential and that can help children, parents and young people take part in decisions that affect their lives.
Parents and Carers of children and young people (0-25) in Rotherham can access this service through SENDIASS (used to be called Parent Partnership Service).
We offer up to date impartial information about the law on special educational needs and disabilities, support you with letters, can help find an Independent Supporter, give advice and support you in discussions with the Local Authority.
Contact us: (01709) 823627
www.rotherhamsendiass.org.uk

Youthi is a one stop shop website for young people in Rotherham, providing information, advice and support on a wide range of issues covering careers, education, health and life.
Young people can also find activities and things to do across Rotherham, along with job vacancies offered by employers across the borough and surrounding areas.
Visit: www.youthi.org.uk and give us your feedback.
We are adding new things all the time, so check back often.

Ebb & Flow Family Support
Ebb & Flow supports Rotherham families when a parent has been diagnosed with a physical illness that is potentially life-limiting.
Drop in sessions for parents are held weekly.
The young people’s groups (for young people aged 13 – 18 years whose parents have been diagnosed with a potentially life-limiting illness) are held monthly on Saturday mornings.
For more information telephone or text Rachel on 07502 612070 or email: info@ebbflow.org
web: ebbflow.org