



SEND

Parent carer newsletter



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Design the new YPAG logo!

Children and young people are invited to participate in a competition to design the new YPAG logo.

Submit your drawing by Friday 27 October. The YPAG group will chose the winner, and the designer will receive a special reward.

Learn more: [NELC SEND Local Offer | Competition time! Design the YPAG logo - NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)



Apply now! Independent Travel Trainer

See this fantastic job role in our team as an Independent Travel Trainer.

Do you have experience of working with Young People in an Education or Training environment?

Our Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Team is seeking to recruit to an enthusiastic, dynamic, and committed Independent Travel Trainer - who will provide young people with SEND the skills and confidence to prepare for, plan and



undertake independent journeys by public transport or walking independently, between home and school/college.

Closing October 22.

Learn more and apply: [Independent Travel Trainer Job Role and Application](#)

Autism parent carer peer support and workshops

The Autism Central Peer Education programme is for parents, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

You can also take free online learning about topics such as ADHD, sensory, autism and girls, transitions, intro to autism and more.

You can access our training sessions if you have a young person with traits, undergoing, or diagnosed with autism, ADHD, FASD or sensory processing differences.

Daisy Chain is the Regional Hub for North East and Yorkshire but also services North East Lincolnshire.

Learn more: [NELC SEND Local Offer | Autism Central peer support and parent workshops - NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Littlecoates Academy SEND drop in

We are attending the Littlecoates Academy SEND parent carer coffee morning on October 29 along with NELPCF, SENDIASS, and a local activity group. This is for parent carers of children at the school regardless of if your child has a specific SEND need or not.

We love hearing from parent carers at events like this. We've recently been to Orchard, Willow, Wybers, Pilgrim and look forward to meeting more parents at local schools.

Look out for more like this to see if we are attending your child's school.

[\(3\) ** Littlecoates Academy ** We would... - Together for the West Marsh | Facebook](#)

19TH OCTOBER

SEND

Coffee MORNING

- ✓ Information
- ✓ Advice
- ✓ Guidance
- ✓ Peer Support
- ✓ And So Much More

Littlecoates Academy
School Hall
9:00am to 10:30am

Together for Childhood

SENDIASS
North East Lincolnshire

NELPCF
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE
PARENT CARER FORUM

Littlecoates
Primary Academy

BE GREAT FITNESS

Young people have their voice heard at the Big Conversation

Join the Big Conversation on Friday 27 October 2023 from 12-4pm at the Grimsby Town Hall.

North East Lincolnshire's Youth Action group invite you to attend an event bringing young people and decision makers together and facilitating conversations about the priority issues for young people in our area and what action can be taken to improve these issues.

Conversations will be taken up by Rachel DeSouza, Childrens Commissioner for England so she can represent this with policy makers nationally.

Learn more and book your place: [NELC SEND Local Offer | Join the Big Conversation at Grimsby Town Hall - NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Nominate someone unique for a YOUUnique* award

The **YOUUnique*** awards are the evolution of the hugely popular LACE awards for care experienced children and young people.

This year's awards have been planned by young people from the Our Voice Listen Up group in partnership with children's social care. We encourage you to consider and nominate children, young people and adults from all abilities, backgrounds and really celebrate the amazing things that happen in our area.

[NELC SEND Local Offer | Nominate someone unique for a YOUUnique* award - NELC SEND Local Offer \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

SEND tips for Halloween

Celebrations can be difficult for children and young people with SEND. Crowds, noise, fireworks, and things that may feel unfamiliar can affect children and young people with SEND more than their peers. Find some tips on having an enjoyable Halloween from Witherslack.

[Neurodiversity & Halloween - Witherslack Group](#)



Sensory Christmas Event at the Uniform Hut

The Uniform Hut is a local SEND friendly establishment. They are hosting a sensory Christmas celebration where children can meet Santa. The cost is £2 and children get food and a free gift.

[The Uniform Hut - So as seen as Sensory Halloween was so popular... | Facebook](#)

ADHD Awareness Month

October is ADHD awareness month.

Did you know that there is free online learning from NAViGO for parent carers of children with ADHD?

[ADHD :: NAViGO \(navigocare.co.uk\)](http://navigocare.co.uk)

Witherslack has put together a selection of our most popular webinars, podcasts and articles to celebrate the strengths and super-powers of young people who have ADHD. [ADHD Awareness Month Support Pack - Witherslack Group](#)

Makaton Taster Session at Nunny's Farm

A Makaton Taster Session is taking place at Nunny's Farm on Sunday, December 3rd.

- Cost- £15pp.
- Book your place- Call 01472 236676
- Kids Club is free.



**MAKATON
TASTER SESSION**

When: 3rd December 2023 at 10:00
Where: Nunny's Farm
Who with: Sarah Arthur, Makaton Tutor
How long: Max 2hrs
How much: £15.00pp
I have kids: Kids Club on farm is Free
Places are limited - book your place by calling 01472 236676

You'll receive a handout of the signs covered, a certificate of attendance upon completion, and a discount if you book your Level 1 after the taster session.

The taster provides an Introduction to the Makaton Language Programme as well as some general signs to get you started.
We will focus on Christmas themes

Makaton Tutor logo and Nunny's Farm logo are also present.

SEND Employment Forum Launch

Join us for the SEND Employment Forum Launch.

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Employment Forum is a new forum bringing together local businesses, services from education, health, social care and the volunteer sector, and national organisations like the Department for Work and Pensions to meet with lead officers working with young people with SEND.

Join the forum launch on Wednesday November 29 from 8:30am-12pm at The Warehouse, 155-159 Freeman Street, Grimsby, DN32 7AR.

Speakers at the event include:

- Laura Bladon, Programme Specialist from DFN Project Search
- Esther Dame, Equality, diversity, and inclusion Project Officer from Diana Princess of Wales hospital
- Anne Hayward, National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) Associate
- Vicky Kirman, from Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education
- Suzanne Kavanagh-Mills, Head of Service for Employability at Linkage College

If you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity please get in touch at: Annemarie.cook@nelincs.gov.uk.

Half-term activities

Make sure to check the Families First Facebook page for half-term activities including Halloween events, things you can do at home, events for older children and more. Visit [Families First](#).

Preparing for adulthood- Ask Annie



Email: askannie@nelincs.gov.uk
Text: 07595 122306

Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?

Do you have any questions about post 16 education, training and employment or do you want to know more about preparing for adulthood?

You can always “Ask Annie” about...

- **Planning for the future**
- **Employment**
- **Transport**
- **Leaving school & starting college**
- **Daytime activities**
- **Health**
- **Training & work experience**
- **Living independently**

Find out more about preparing for adulthood and transitions. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Preparing for adulthood \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Your Parent Carer Forum- NELPCF

NELPCF is a collective group of parents passionate about driving positive change, we have come together to rebuild a Parent Carer Forum. Our aim is to be a true representation of the voices of parent carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. We strive to have a positive impact on the planning and provision of services and decision making for the families of North East Lincolnshire- now, and in the future.



Find out more about the forum and how to get involved by visiting their Facebook [North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum | Grimsby | Facebook](#), or the [NELPCF website](#).

SENDIASS

SENDIASS provide support for SEND, across education, health and social care.

[Sendiass North East Lincolnshire | Facebook](#)

Contact SENDIASS:
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[SENDIASS](#) website



To receive this newsletter by email please contact lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk.

If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email sen@nelincs.gov.uk. We always try to make sure that children and parents/ carers voices are heard.

These Weekly SEND parent/carer newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.

If parents/carers or young people over 16 do not have access to the internet or if they prefer to receive paper copies only please contact sen@nelincs.gov.uk.