VOICES EVENT IS A HUGE SUCCESS

On 21 November an exciting “Voices Next Steps Day” took place at the University Centre, Rotherham, attended by more than 100 young people with SEND, parent carers, leaders and practitioners across Education, Health and Care.

The event showcased the wide variety of creative and imaginative ways young people with SEND have shared their thoughts, which included film, masks and a lively presentation led by young people which was the highlight of the event for many of the attendees.

Members of Rotherham Parent Carer’s Forum craft group designed a racetrack to visually demonstrate services that help families, slowed down the process of getting support or showed services where the system “got stuck”.

Lots of examples of good practice were identified as well as key priorities for development which included having a greater focus on:

- Listening, involving and believing children and young people with SEND and their parent carers
- Working in a person/family-centred way
- Clearer pathways especially during transitions, and better joined up thinking

These key priorities will be fed into a refreshed Rotherham SEND Strategy.

TO READ THE ARTICLES IN FULL VISIT THE SEND LOCAL OFFER NEWS PAGE
Christmas can be an exciting and fun time for many of us, but new activity can be overwhelming – particularly for some autistic people. However, with good planning and communication, Christmas can be enjoyed by all.

With the help of autistic people and their friends and families, we have put together a list of tips for the festive period.

You can download the tips by going to: www.autism.org.uk

Accessible performances available at the Lyceum:

CINDERELLA
Wednesday 18 December, 1pm – Signed
Thursday 19 December, 1pm – Captioned
Friday 27 December, 7pm – Captioned
Thursday 2 January, 7pm – Audio Described

GUYS AND DOLLS
Thursday 19 December, 2.15pm – Relaxed performance, 7.15pm – Audio described, Signed.
Saturday 21 December, 2.15pm – Captioned
Saturday 4 January, 2.15pm – Captioned
Wednesday 8 January, 2.15pm – Dementia Friendly
Thursday 9 January, 7.15pm – Audio Described

www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/whats-on/access
T: 0114 249 6000

Relaxed and signed performances at Rotherham Civic Theatre of pantomime Sleeping Beauty.
Saturday 4 January, 11am, relaxed and signed performance.
Tickets
Adult £14.50, Children and Concessions £12.50, and Family £50
Tickets can be purchased on line at www.rotherhamtheatres.co.uk or telephone the box office on 01709 823621.

Christmas at the Markets

FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS AND FACE PAINTING
21 December 10am to 2pm,
Indoor Market seating area.

FREE WEEKEND PARKING THIS CHRISTMAS IN ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE
In all Council owned off-street town centre car parks and on-street metered parking bays. Maximum stay still applies. Every Saturday until Saturday 21 December inclusive (free Sunday parking all year round).

Term Time
Wednesday
MORNING PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS
Masbrough and Thorhill Community Hall
SENDIASS will be there on 18 December 2019
Enjoy a cuppa and a chat whilst having access to support, knowledge, understanding and information. SENDIASS will be attending our drop-in from 9.30am to 12 noon.

JUMP STARS
6pm to 7pm
7 January 2020
A monthly adapted inflatable session for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families.

For further information or to book please visit the website: www.rpcf.co.uk/ or contact 01709 296262
**Send Session 14+**

5pm to 6pm
Tuesdays at Thrybergh Sport Hall

Steve Woodhouse  
t: 07838180008  
e: rotherhamhawks@yahoo.co.uk  
www.rotherhamhawksbasketball.co.uk

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**Tumbi Club**  
(Little Elephants in Steps)

 Provision for 7 to 12 year olds with disabilities

Dalton Youth Centre, Magna Lane, Rotherham, S65 4HH.

Each month has a theme and young people may like to dress up.

**Santa’s Ho Ho Ho Down**

Tuesday 17 December, 4.30pm to 7pm

For more information:  
e: bhupinder.manku@rotherham.gov.uk  
t: 07920 285572

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**Chantry Bowmen**

Sports Park Bawtry Road, Sheffield, S9 1UA

At Chantry Bowmen we love to welcome new people to the sport of archery. We run a series of beginners’ courses throughout the year where you will receive one classroom session followed by six 2 hour lessons.

Our course costs £50 per person.

We can cater for most disabilities, so please contact us using the details below if you have any questions at all.

8 years +, under 16s must have a responsible adult with them.

e: TrainingEnquiries@chantrybowmen.co.uk  
t: 0114 2 664 145

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**Elephants in Steps**

 Provision for 13 to 25 year olds with disabilities.

Dalton Youth Centre, Magna Lane, Rotherham, S65 4HH

**Sessions include:**

- Arts and Crafts
- Music and Dance
- Group Games
- Refreshments

The next session is 19 December 6pm to 8.30pm

For more information:  
e: bhupinder.manku@rotherham.gov.uk  
t: 07920 285572

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**Rotherham School of Gymnastics**

Our vision is to provide every child in the Rotherham area with an opportunity to take part in gymnastics at a level appropriate to their needs, ability and interest. We provide a wide range of gymnastics classes for both boys and girls of all abilities, ranging from beginners through to competitive gymnasts.

**Send Class**, Tuesday, 5pm to 6pm

Age: open age

For any new starters at the club we offer a two week trial which is £13.

t: 017098 29471   www.rothergym.co.uk

Due to flooding in the Parkate area we will be reopening from the end of January.
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES YOUTH CLUB
Jade Youth Centre, Dinnington
Come and join us every Wednesday night
5pm to 7pm, hot food available at a small cost.
Cost: £1
SEND youth club  t: 01909 565639

Rotherham SENDIASS
(SEND information, advice and support service)
We are running a number of parent and carer information sessions throughout 2020.
The first two information days will be on Thursday 13 February 2020
10am – 12pm will be: Supporting special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in schools. This is for parents of a child/young person who does not have an EHCP, and would like to know what support is available in school for children and young people with SEND.
12.30pm to 2.30pm Reviewing an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP)
This is for parents of children/young people who have an EHCP or are going through the assessment.
For further information call Andy Lound on 01709 336423 or e: Andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk

STRICTLY COME DANCING THE LIVE TOUR – RELAXED PERFORMANCE
Wednesday 5 February 2020, matinee performance,
Nottingham Motorpoint Arena
Tickets on sale, call the box office t: 0843 474 3000

The Black & Minority Ethnic BME Disabled Young People and Carers Project is a unique provision that accommodates for the needs of disabled young people and their carers. The sessions offer a variety of activities and a place to meet socially and acts as a self-help group.
For more information please contact Showkat Ali or Izbeth Khan t: 07977 774032    t: 07539259198

There are a number of programs throughout the year for families who have a child/young person with a autism diagnosis. We have programs on:
• Autism the Basics • Teen Life • Sensory Needs and Managing Anger
Please visit the local offer or contact 01709 336404 autismadvie@rotherham.gov.uk for more information.

For up to date information on activities, events and services for children and young people with disabilities contact Andy Lound, Rotherham Councils Children’s Disability Information Officer t: 01709 336423 e: andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk