parentcarervoice NORTH YORKSHIRE
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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Building on September's momentum...

WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Who are Parent Carer Voice and what do we do?

We're a small team of parent carers dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of parents and carers across North Yorkshire and their children. Our remit is to ensure the voices of parents and carers inform SEND services development and practice during consultations with North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting our region. In addition to this, we provide training and information workshops, attend community events and carers groups and host wellbeing opportunities.

SEND EVENTS AND GROUPS ATTENDED THIS OCTOBER

- RAFT (Ryedale Autism & ADHD Families Together
- Homestart
- Home Ed Support Group
- Mencap Northallerton & Dales
- AWC Power Hour
- SEMH Network
- and more...

PARENT CARER CONVERSATIONS: YOUR SEND QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

The inaugural event on 21st October was well attended and a positive starting point on which to build. We received some great constructive feedback after outlining that these Parent Carer Conversations are a 'work in progress' and we will be using this feedback in our discussions with NYC to shape the next session in Feb/March 27 (date tbc).

PCVs actions from this event: We're creating an action and accountability tracker to identify the Council's commitment to improving outcomes for our SEND families and the evidence needed to demonstrate the progress.

OCTOBER'S NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL, ICB & NNPCF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

- Local Offer Co-production
- PCF & ICB - quarterly review
- Community of Interest workshop
- NYC Partnerships & Sufficiency
- SENDIASS Steering Group
- SENDIASS SEND Reform development
- SEND Reform PCF impact review

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK - YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!!!

HOLIDAY Clubs for SEND children and young people

- What SEND provision, activities, services, and support are already available in your local area AND what types of provision, activities, or support would you like to see offered during the school holidays in the future?

NYC want to improve the SEND Holiday Club offering, but need your help! Please complete the survey here: **Here is the link**.

Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit - Is your CYPs school using it? Are you using it with your CYPs school? The IMT is THE toolkit for reasonable adjustments to be used in all North Yorkshire mainstream schools. Please contact us if you haven't received our recent email. We need to know how it's being used to improve the support given to our children and young people!!!

UPCOMING ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

CAMHS - Share your experience to help shape the future of CAMHS.
Date: 12th November
Time: 12:30 & 6:30pm
Follow us on FB for more info.

Digital EHCP - update and Q&A opportunity
Date: Monday 30th November
Time: 2pm & 6:30pm
Follow us on FB for more info.

Unlocking Autism - NYES (North Yorkshire Education Service) FREE information and training to support neurodivergent children, young people and their families including ADHD, PDA, Selective Mutism, SEMH, Identity and more. LINK Unlocking Autism
(NB. You need to create a free NYES account to access the courses and please direct any tech issues directly to NYES!)



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D.

TRAINING WE'VE UNDERTAKEN

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion - workshop with Contact. How to be more inclusive as a forum and how to engage with under-represented communities.

Anxiety Workshop - What is anxiety and how to recognise signs and symptoms. Tips to help manage support for ourselves and others we care for.

Making Surveys Count - better engagement and feedback - Contact Online learning session. We'll definitely be feeding the ideas into our SEND Reform engagement.

Easy Fundraising Discover Free Funding webinar - We've applied for funding, but there's only 15 x £1,000 grants and thousands of applications...

Disability Hate Crime - All the PCV team have now accessed this training highlighting the vulnerability of our children and young people. We will be offering this to everyone as soon as we have a date confirmation.

WHERE TO FIND US

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And finally...

- We want to pay tribute to Andrew Turner, the parent behind the major **Child Trust Fund Victory** which has led to the government legislating for a simpler way for young disabled people to access their Child Trust Fund Savings. Contact.org.uk sum it up: "His courage, dedication, and leadership have been the driving force behind this victory. Andrew's work demonstrates what can be achieved when parent carers stand up to demand fairness for their children."

We hope you found our newsletter informative - 'til next time!
Catherine, Donna, Helen, Janet, Janine, Rebecca and Sarah

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