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SEND IASS Newsletter

Welcome back to our newsletter

Issue: January 2020

Our newsletter aims to make it easier for our families to access information and hope that it helps us to be more responsive and participatory for all our users.

Features include:

Service updates ∞ Recent and upcoming events within the SEND IAS service ∞ What's on in the Local Area that may be of interest.

STOP PRESS – SUCCESS IN RECRUITING A YOUNG PERSONS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER ('YPDO')

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rachelle Malcolm as the Young Persons Development Officer. Rachelle joined the SEND IASS team in September 2019 and has become the first dedicated worker for young people aged 14-25. We are so pleased to have her on board! More information relating to the excellent work that Rachelle has already completed is continued inside...please read on for more details about this exciting new chapter for the service.

STOP PRESS AGAIN – SEND IASS SUCCESSFULLY ROLL OUT OUTREACH SURGERIES IN SCHOOLS

In October 2019, we launched a new initiative to increase our reach into local mainstream & special schools. This initiative has proved to be extremely successful and the surgeries have been well attended. We hope to continue to build upon on initial success. Further details about this initiative are contained within.

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TRAINING ON AUTISM

On Tuesday 15th October 2019, the SEND IAS service held a training session on Autism. The training session was conducted by Andrew Miller, Autism Education and Home Life Consultant, Speaker and Author.

The session was very well attended with over 60 parents and other professionals attending the session.

Feedback from parents:

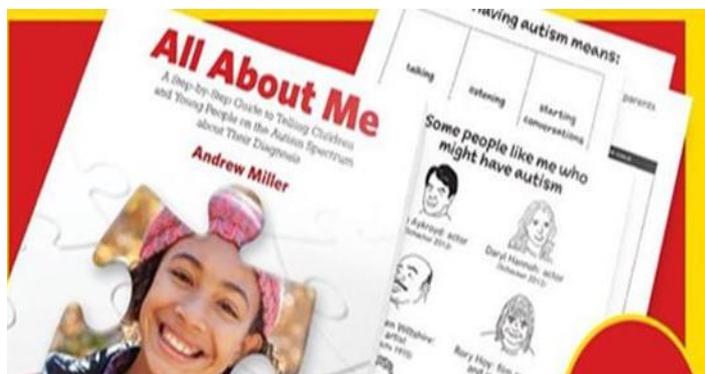
“Very knowledgeable & informative”

“Very well presented & thought out”

“Very informative but also practical”

“Very clear & engaging”

“Just brilliant”



TRAINING ON ANNUAL REVIEWS

On 26th November 2019, two members of the SEND IASS team, Florence Mampasi & MG Atundu, provided an informative and interactive training session on Annual Reviews to parents & carers. This session was very well attended and we received amazing feedback.

Feedback from parents

“Excellent”

“Amazing and extremely professional”

“I think you covered everything!”

We would like to extend our thanks to **Andrew Miller** for providing our parents and carers with excellent training and information on Autism. We are sure to engage your services at a future date but for now... **THANK YOU!**

Well done also to **Florence & MG** for compiling yet another great training package for all our parents and families.

Excellent feedback as usual!

SENDIASS SCHOOLS OUTREACH ADVICE CLINICS

In October 2019, we began our Outreach Advice Clinics within the following setting:

- West Lea School
- Russet House/ENAS
- Edmonton County School
- Southbury Primary School
- Prince of Wales Primary School.

The clinics' have proved to be popular and has helped us to build links with SENCO's and other educational staff.

We are currently in talks with the following schools to set up further clinics:

- Orchard side School
- Oasis Hadley
- Barnet & Southgate College.

If you feel that your school or college would benefit from setting up a clinic, please contact us on 020 8373 6273 & ask to speak to Lina Parmar (SEND IASS MANAGER).

SENDIASS SCHOOLS OUTREACH ADVICE CLINIC

If you are a parent or, if you are a child or young person with SEN or Disability, we can support you with free, confidential, and impartial law based information, advice and support.

As part of our commitment to increase our reach into the community, we will be attending your school to run an advice clinic to allow you access to our expertise and support. Our clinic will be run by one of our experienced SEND IASS team.

If you have concerns relating to the education and support of your child with SEN or feel that there may be underlying SEN issues as to why your child is struggling at school, please drop into the clinic to speak to us.

All our advice is free and confidential.





Volunteering with SEND IASS

We have had a successful period of recruitment & training of SEND IASS volunteers in 2019. We are eternally grateful for the time and commitment that our volunteers commit to SEND IASS. All our volunteers play a vital role in the smooth running of our organisation, we would be lost without them! We would like to extend our gratitude to:

Roz Jones, Brenda Roach, Gillian Slater, Mukti Choudhry, Naime Pekkan, Louis Peppos, Stephanie, Nicola Gordan & Sonya.

Feedback from Volunteers

Question: What did you like most about this training?

"I understood all the information which means it was good for me"

Question: What aspects of the training could be improved?

"It was perfect!"

Interested in Volunteering?

Please contact our
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Renata Carlet

EMAIL:

Renata.Carlet@EPandC.org.uk



The recruitment and retention of the volunteers is as a direct result of the hard work of Renata Carlet, the Volunteer Co-ordinator @ Every Parent & Child and our Volunteer Trainer, Prafula Katkoria.

Prafula has been able to provide dedicated support and ongoing training for all new and current volunteers. This is a level of support that we have previously been unable to provide. As a result our volunteers' feel valued, supported and appreciated.

THANK YOU!

PARENTS STEERING GROUP (PSG)

Our Parents Steering Group continues to be well attended. The PSG is run every 8 weeks. The group runs from 10-12 noon on Wednesday mornings. In October & December 2019, the PSG discussed and were trained on the following topics:

Right Wing Extremism in the Community

Improving your Communication Skills



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SENDIASS PARENT STEERING GROUP
DATE: WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019
10am -12 noon
Workshop: Improving your Communication Skills

Feedback from Parents and Carers- Evaluations

“Very clear & informative”

“Excellent”

“Very Intellectual”

“Interactive and practical”

THANK YOU TO:

Megan Roberts & Samuel Howe -Prevent Officer – Community & Programme Support

Community Safety Unit

London Borough of Enfield

&

Jaspal Dhani @ Every Parent and Child.

YOUNG PEOPLES STEERING GROUP ('YPSG')

In September 2019, we had the pleasure of recruiting Rachelle Malcolm as our new Young Peoples Development Officer ('YPDO').

Rachelle's role is to provide dedicated support to our Young people aged

14-25. Rachelle is working hard to build a network of support and build her expertise in post 16 education and training opportunities for young people with SEN. She is currently working on building closer relationships with Pupil Referral Units, colleges, Enfield Careers Services, West Lea – Internship Programme and those dealing with excluded and vulnerable young people with SEN.

Rachelle is also responsible for developing and running the YPSG. Rachelle has made a great start and has already started to recruit new members to the YPSG as well as provide guidance and mentorship to current members. Topics that Rachelle has covered include, 'All about me profiles, Mental Health – Positivity and Gratitude, Halloween celebrations and organised a great Christmas party. (Please see photos at the end of this newsletter).

In the short time that Rachelle has been with us she has attended a Youth Leadership programme in Georgia. Representing EPC, Rachelle provided support as a trainer at this international forum for young people.. It is hoped that we can continue to build our links with this ERASMUS+ based programme so that at a future date we can take the members of our YPSG to attend as participants. Watch this space!

The next session of the YPSG is ART THERAPY, please see flyer below.



Young Peoples' Steering Group Art Therapy



*Give yourself a chance to express yourself non-verbally and boost your confidence through this rewarding and creative art therapy mask making workshop.
Run by Saray Karakus.*



When a mask completed and worn for the first time a new character is born.

We are making masks to then wear them and perform our character's story to your families.



Sessions are for those aged 14-25 with an Education, Health & Care Plan or with special educational needs/disabilities.

Cost: FREE

When: 29th January
26th February
25th March

Place: Community House,
311 Fore Street, N9 0PZ

Time: 4-6pm



Please ensure you can make all the dates listed as it is an ongoing workshop

If you are interested, please email me on rachelle.malcolm@epandc.org.uk or call us on 0208 373 6273 / 07903 708 944 to book. **SPACES ARE LIMITED**



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SEND IASS is looking for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability who **WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

SEND IASS PARENT STEERING GROUP

INVITATION TO PARENTS

Are you passionate about helping children and young people to get the best out of life?

Are you interested in giving your views on local services and helping others with similar issues?

If so, we would like you to become a member of our Parent Steering Group ('PSG').

We meet every 8 weeks to discuss issues which affect families and your contribution would be welcomed. The aim of the PSG is to improve and advise the SEND IAS service, by giving us your suggestions and feedback. All parents are welcome to make contributions and to give their opinions on services. The PSG has an important role to play, as a way to channel feedback to the Local Authority and to inform and influence policies and procedures.

If the above is of interest, please come along to our next meeting.

All our meetings are held at Community House, 311 Fore Street, London N9 0PZ.
The dates of our next meetings are listed below:

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Meeting times

Wednesday 1st April 2020

10am-12 noon

Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Wednesday 7th October 2020

Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Please confirm your attendance by emailing: Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk or telephone 0208 373 6273



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ADDITIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

February 2020

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TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TOPIC:**SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES**

- Is your child sensitive to loud noises, bright lights and different clothing textures?
- Would you like to understand your child's sensory needs

This session aims to help parents understand sensory processing differences and discuss simple strategies for helping children manage their sensory needs.

This session will be led by **Fiona Kinsley, Children's Occupational Therapy Clinical Lead @ Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust**

WHEN: Tuesday 25th February 2020

TIME: 10.30 am – 12 noon

VENUE: Every Parent & Child/SEND IASS, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London N9 0PZ

PLACES ARE LIMITED. Please book a place by emailing: Prafula.Katkorla@EPandC.org.uk or telephone: 020 8373 6273

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TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TOPIC:

DISABILITY EQUALITY & AWARENESS TRAINING

- **Would you like to raise your awareness around disability rights & equality?**
- **Are you confused around the language and concepts used in the world of disability rights? If so, come along to our training course.**

This session aims to help parents/carers to increase their knowledge and expertise in the world of Disability Equality. Please come along and ask questions that you are confused and/or concerned about regarding your child/young person's experience of Disability.

This session will be led by **Jaspal Dhani, Chief Executive @ Every Parent & Child**. Jaspal is an activist in the area of Disability Rights and has long campaigned for increased awareness and equality in all areas of disability rights.

WHEN: Tuesday 17th March 2020

TIME: 10.00 – 13.00

VENUE: Every Parent & Child/SEND IASS, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London N9 0PZ

PLACES ARE LIMITED. Please book a place by emailing: Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk or telephone: 020 8373 6273



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AUTISM ALERT CARD AND PASSPORT SCHEME

An Autism Alert Card and Passport scheme, has been introduced across London, as a result of a collaboration between the Metropolitan Police Service, City of London Police and British Transport Police.

It has been developed following extensive consultations with individuals with autism and their parents, the National Autistic Society, Autism Partnership Boards, and supported by the National Police Autism Association.

The cards will alert officers to the fact that the individual may have difficulty with communication and exhibit unusual or unpredictable behaviour. In turn, officers will be able to make appropriate and reasonable adjustments and interact with the individual appropriately.

The larger passports will include the same information and can be carried in bags or rucksacks for the individual to produce when required.

To receive your own card & passport, please send your full postal address in an email to:

Autism@met.police.uk

This information will soon be available on the **Enfield Local Offer**.





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PARENTS' COFFEE MORNINGS

EPC, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London N9 0PZ

SENDIASS COFFEE MORNINGS

Make new friends, share views and ideas!

Please feel welcome to come along our next Parents' Coffee Morning.

Dates:

Wednesday 9th October 2019
Wednesday 6th November 2019
Wednesday 8th January 2020
Wednesday 4th March 2020
Wednesday 6th May 2020
Wednesday 1st July 2020

Time:

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where:

EPC office, Community House, 311 Fore Street, N9 0PZ

Light refreshments are provided.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing: Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk

Telephone: 0208 373 6273

EPC'S ANNUAL CORPORATE CHARITY FUNDRAISER NETWORKING EVENT



DATE: 29th January 2020

EPC is being supported by **Forster Chase** who will be holding our **Annual Corporate Charity Fundraiser Networking Event**. Foster Chase specializes in Executive Search, Interim Management and Corporate Finance.

Venue: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Ln, Holborn, London WC2A 1PL
Date: 29th January 2020
Time: 6pm – 10pm

All money raised from the sale of tickets, raffle and auction will be donated to Every Parent & Child.

For further information, please visit the EPC website at <https://epandc.org.uk/event/forster-chase-annual-city-networking-event>

Please let EPC know if you would be willing to donate quality items towards the Auction and Raffle!

Careers Advice

Monday 3 rd February 2020	10:30 – 13:00	Room 6 Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Advice for Enfield Residents aged 16-18 who are not in education, training or employment
Monday 9 th March 2020			

Next Step Sessions run by Enfield Council

For further careers advice and information please see below for the [Moving On event](#).

LOCAL OFFER FOR SEND

Enfield's Local Offer provides help and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families. We offer a wide range of services for parents and carers, as well as young people who want to live as independently as possible.

To access, please click link below

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/local-offer/>

KEY AREAS HIGHLIGHTED ARE:

- Early years and school
- Short breaks and family support
- Young people
- Health and social care
- Referrals, policies and feedback
- Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH)

Annual Moving On Event

Thursday 12 March 2020

10:30 – 13:30

Dugdale Centre

39 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS

This is a great opportunity to have all the professionals and services that are there for your young person in one room. Visit as many as possible, ask lots of questions and hear about the experience of young people who have successfully transitioned into adulthood.

- Meet a range of providers from colleges, day services, supported living and training providers.

- Hear from young people telling their stories about learning, work and living independently.

- Meet young people who use local services.

- Find out what opportunities exist for young people to be active and make friends as they become adults

- Hear from parents about what it's like when your young person becomes an adult

PAST HIGHLIGHTS!

- Rachele's trip to Georgia
- Halloween Party - YPSG
- Christmas Party - YPSG



Rachele's trip to Georgia – with the Dojo Organisation www.thedojo.org.uk



Young People's Steering group – Halloween session



Young People's Steering group – Christmas session



SUPPORTER REQUEST!

We believe that small local charities, like us, provide better, tailored services and keep the personal touch which is extremely important in terms of local community and trust. Your support would make a **massive difference** to the lives of many Enfield residents.

What your donation could buy:

£350 pays for one child accessing the Starfish project for 6 weeks

£16 pays for a DBS check to allow a volunteer to be trained to support young people

£50 will pay for us to train a mentor to support a child for a month

£250 pays for 10 counselling sessions for a child or family

What our families say about EPC:

"The project made me feel that I am capable of a variety of things. I have the ability to express myself and I can communicate with new people"

"Thank you for bringing me the strength to keep going and always being so reliable."

"EPC takes care of your family as a whole they answer your questions unlike every other place. At EPC they listen to you rather than just cut you off which is something that shouldn't be underestimated it's hard enough to keep up with what's happening to the Child and their appointments, how the Family life is always changing around the special Child"

"This charity who helped my son with getting his EHCP are the most helpful people you will ever meet - they are there 24/7 - even when they are off sick- they are truly people who care."

Any support, no matter how small, will go a long way to help us to carry out our services, so that together we will build a better, stronger and happier community in Enfield.

Donations can be made via our website or the **PayPal Giving Fund**
<https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/2358023>

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. Gift Aid is a scheme administered by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £20 we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque or alternative donations to Every Parent & Child, Community House, 311 Fore Street, London, N9 0PZ.

***** We are also looking for quality items for our auction and raffle on the 6th November! *****

CONTACT US!

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