



Supporting local families to succeed



SEND IASS Newsletter

Welcome back to our newsletter

Issue: March 2020

Our newsletter aims to make it easier for our families to access information. We hope 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 – CONTINUED SUCCESS - SEND IASS SUCCESSFULLY ROLL OUT OUTREACH SURGERIES IN COLLEGES & PRE-SCHOOL SETTINGS

In October 2019 we launched our initiative to increase our reach into schools both mainstream & special schools. This initiative has proved to be extremely successful and the surgeries have been well attended.

The SEND IASS team have now successfully organised and run an outreach surgery at CONEL College in Enfield. The extension of our surgeries into post16 settings is a great achievement as we are now reaching the 16-25 year old bracket. This age bracket is notoriously hard to reach and we are really excited at this new development. We hope that our relationship with CONEL goes from strength to strength. We hope to continue to build upon on initial success.

The SEND IASS team has also developed links with SEN-DEN. SEN-DEN is a pre-school autism support group for families dealing with autism. We have organised an outreach surgery at their premises for May 2020. By building this new link we are now reaching pre-school children and families.

Please watch this space for all new developments in this area. Please see inside for further details.

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TRAINING ON SENSORY PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES

On Tuesday 25th February 2020 we ran a training /information workshop on sensory processing difficulties. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Fiona Kingsley, the Clinical Lead for Children's Occupational Therapy (NHS) who facilitated the session. Fiona ran a 90 minute workshop for 20 parents. The workshop was targeted to help parents understand sensory processing differences and discuss simple strategies for helping children manage their sensory needs.

The key points of the session were that

- Sensory Processing difficulties are real and can be distressing
 - No quick fix! Takes time but can improve.
- Managing difficulties needs a combined approach and will be different in different situations
- Consider changes to the environment, changes to the activity and supports for the children & young people.

THE WORKSHOP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS- THANK YOU TO FIONA KINGSLEY

Feedback from parents

“Very easy to understand & clear”

“Very relaxed & open”

“Fantastic”



SENDIASS SCHOOLS OUTREACH ADVICE CLINICS

Since October 2019 we have held our outreach advice clinics within the following settings:

- West Lea School
- Russet House/ENAS
- Edmonton County School
- Southbury Primary School
- Prince of Wales Primary School
- CONEL Enfield
- SEN-DEN (May 2020)

The clinics' have proved to be popular and has allowed us to extend our reach into school settings. It has also helped us to build links with SENCO's and other educational staff.

We are currently in talks with Orchardside School to set up a new clinic. Please watch this space for further details.

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). Alternatively please email Lina on lina.parmar@epandc.org.uk

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 that we serve, 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.



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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 you 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	<u>Meeting times</u>
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: 020 8373 6273



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PARENTS STEERING GROUP('PSG')

On 1st April 2020 we had a very productive PSG meeting. We adopted some new 'Terms of Reference' for the group. The purpose and the aims of the PSG are now defined as follows:

The Steering Group will:

- Take an active role in promoting and developing the Enfield SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SEND IASS), building parental, children and young people confidence in the service.
- Provide a forum for discussion of parent/carer, children and young people's issues which will help to:
- Identify and promote good practice
- Raise issues and concerns
- Identify gaps in service
- Help to define what the priorities are for the service.
- Discuss and advise on effective support for the SEND IASS activities, taking into account best practice locally, regionally and nationally
- Advice and support on how the aims of the SEND IASS are being realised in practice based on consultation with parents & carers, children and young people.
- Support and advise the Service on giving parents/carers, children and young people, impartial information about local and national independent organisations.
- Support and advise the Service in ensuring that it is accessible to all sections of the community in Enfield.

We are proud to announce that **Cleopatra Ralph** was elected as Chair and **Rosina Al-Faisal** was elected as Vice Chair of the PSG.

We continue to need parents to join the PSG. If you feel you can contribute and want to make a difference, please do come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 1st April 2020. Please see flyer above.

SEND IASS TRAINING SESSION

MARCH 2020

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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 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 24th March 2020

TIME: 10.00 – 13.00

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

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SEND IASS TRAINING SESSION

MAY 2020

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TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TOPIC:

EXCLUSIONS TRAINING

- Do you want to be better informed about schools exclusions?
- Would you like to know how to challenge school exclusions?

This session aims to help parents of children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities to be better informed about school exclusions. This session is also open to parents and carers whose children are at risk of exclusions from school.

This session will be led by Mary Mannion, SENDIASS Caseworker @ Enfield SEND IASS /Every Parent & Child.

WHEN: Tuesday 19th May 2020

TIME: 10.00 am – 12 noon

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

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YOUNG PEOPLES STEERING GROUP ('YPSG')

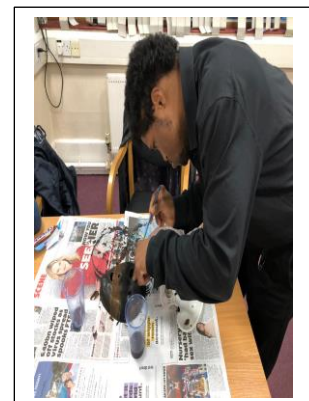
During the months of January –March 2020 the YPSG has been concentrating on Art Therapy. The sessions have been led by Councillor Saray and ably assisted by Rachelle. The sessions have been very well attended. We have seen the young people grow in confidence whilst building their masks



Rachelle Malcolm – Young Peoples Development Worker.

and we are looking forward to their performance during our forthcoming **Young Peoples' summer fest to be held in on Wednesday 17th June 2020.**

Please see below a few pictures that show what they have been up to:



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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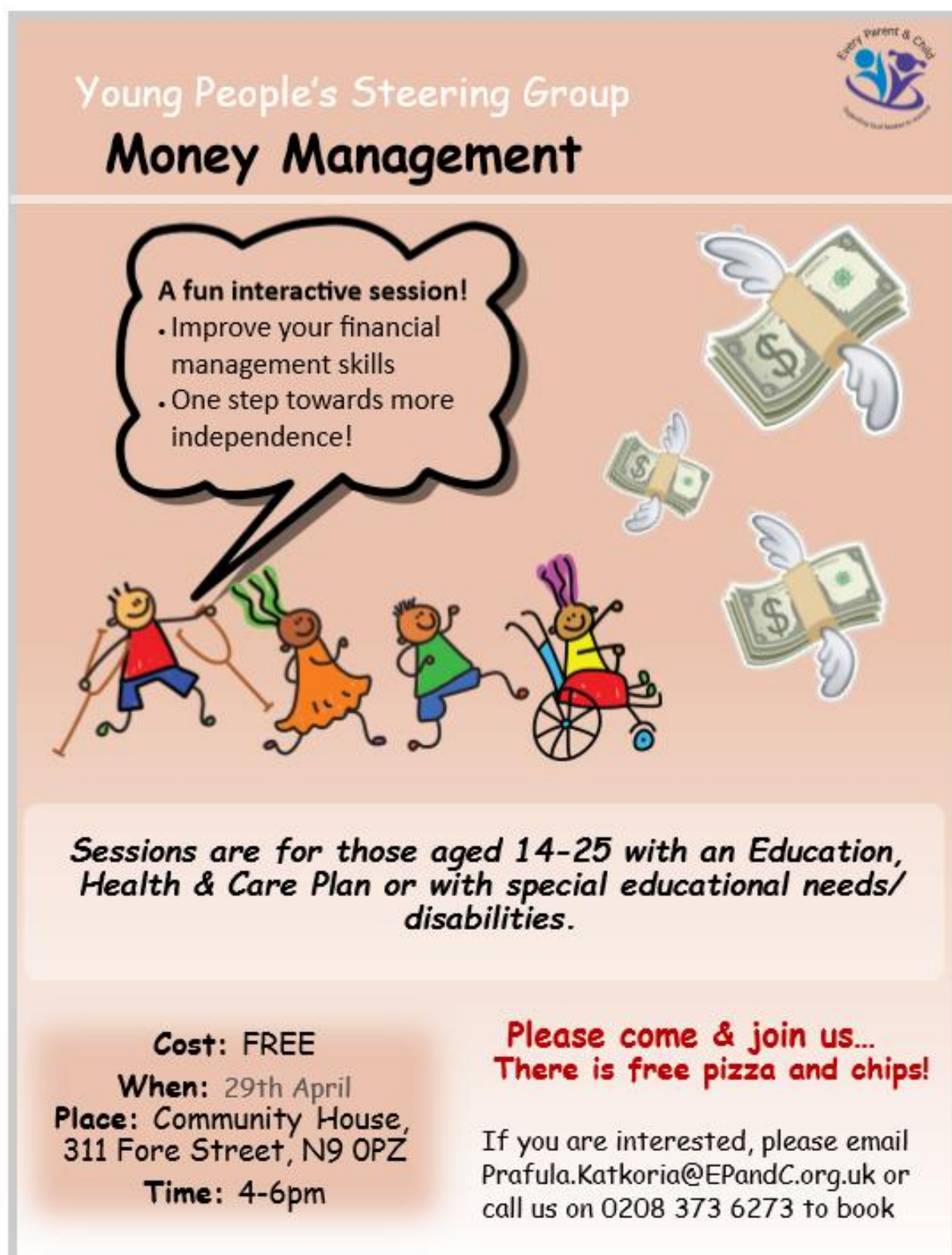
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YOUNG PEOPLES STEERING GROUP ('YPSG')

The remainder of the academic year is a busy one for the YPSG.

In April we cover the topic of money management skills for young people with SEND

Please see promotional flyer below:



The flyer features a light orange background. At the top right is the logo for 'Every Parent & Child' with the tagline 'Supporting Your Family for Good'. The main title 'Young People's Steering Group' is in a light font, and 'Money Management' is in a larger, bold black font. A central speech bubble contains the text 'A fun interactive session!' followed by two bullet points: '• Improve your financial management skills' and '• One step towards more independence!'. To the right of the speech bubble are three illustrations of stacks of money with wings, appearing to fly. Below the speech bubble is a row of four cartoon characters: a boy with a red shirt and blue pants, a girl in an orange dress, a boy in a green shirt and blue pants, and a girl in a yellow shirt and red pants sitting in a wheelchair. At the bottom, there are two text boxes. The left one lists 'Cost: FREE', 'When: 29th April', 'Place: Community House, 311 Fore Street, N9 0PZ', and 'Time: 4-6pm'. The right one says 'Please come & join us... There is free pizza and chips!' and provides contact information: 'If you are interested, please email Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk or call us on 0208 373 6273 to book'.

Young People's Steering Group
Money Management

A fun interactive session!

- Improve your financial management skills
- One step towards more independence!

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

Cost: FREE
When: 29th April
Place: Community House, 311 Fore Street, N9 0PZ
Time: 4-6pm

**Please come & join us...
There is free pizza and chips!**

If you are interested, please email Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk or call us on 0208 373 6273 to book

YOUNG PEOPLES STEERING GROUP ('YPSG') - MAY

During the half term May break we will be having a movie night! We will be showing Lion King.

Young Peoples' Steering Group **Movie Night!**



Join us for a film evening at our Steering Group!
We will be showcasing the Lion King



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

Cost: FREE

When: 27th May 2020

**Place: Community House,
311 Fore Street, N9 OPZ**

Time: 4-6pm



Please come & join us... There is free pizza and chips!

If you are interested, please email Prafula.Katkoria@EPandC.org.uk or call us on 0208 373 6273 to book



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YOUNG PEOPLES STEERING GROUP ('YPSG')

June marks the month of our annual Young People's Summer Fest and this year we have a treat planned for you all. Hurry and book as places are limited! **The Summer Fest is aimed at those aged 14-25 years old.**

Please see promotional flyer below:



Every Parent & Child
Supporting local families to thrive

Young People's Summer Fest

Programme:
4pm - Welcome & Introductions
4.30pm - Mindfulness session
5pm - Key Note Speaker: Amani
6pm - Performance by YPSG
6.30pm - Food & drinks served
7pm - Finish

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

Wednesday 17th June 2020

Time: 4pm-7pm

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Amani Simpson
Amani Simpson is an award-winning social entrepreneur, film maker and youth activist. He now uses a short film he created to help transform the lives of young people across the country.



Young Peoples Steering Group ('YPSG') MASK PERFORMANCE
To celebrate their achievements some members of the YPSG will be putting on a performance with their masks, unveiling their characters for the first time. This session promises to be inspirational & is not to be missed.



REFRESHMENTS AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT- Please advise us in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

Places are limited. In order to book your place please email us on: Prafula.Katkoria@epandc.org.uk or call 020 373 6273.
We look forward to welcoming you all to our Summer FEST.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rachelle Malcolm, our much treasured Young People's Development Worker has been offered an excellent opportunity to undertake a post graduate diploma in her chosen field. **As a result she will be leaving her post at the end of March 2020.** We understand that this is an excellent opportunity for her but are extremely sad to see her go. She has made an incredible contribution to the SEND IASS team and built an excellent foundation for us to build on. She will be sadly missed by us all. We would like to talk this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication that she has shown to us over the last six months. We wish her all the best for her glittering future.

All future enquiries regarding the YPSG or post 16 matters should now be forwarded to Prafula Katkoria on prafula.katkoria@epandc.org.uk or to Lina Parmar on lina.parmar@epandc.org.uk

Alternatively, please call us on 020 8373 6273.

***SO SORRY TO SEE
YOU GO RACHELLE***

GOOD BYE

AUTISM ALERT CARD AND PASSPORT SCHEME

An Autism Alert Card and Passport scheme has been introduced across London, as a result of 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**.

Good News!





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AT EVERY PARENT & CHILD'S OFFICE

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

INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD

CAREERS ADVICE SESSIONS RUN BY ENFIELD COUNCIL

DATES			
Monday 6th April 2020	10:30 – 12:30	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 27th April 2020	14:00 - 16:00	Room 4 Enfield Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Advice for Enfield Residents aged 16-18 who are not in education, training or employment
Monday 11th May 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 8th June 2020	13:00-14:00	Room 6 Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Advice for Enfield Residents aged 16-18 who are not in education, training or employment

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CAREERS ADVICE SESSIONS RUN BY ENFIELD COUNCIL

DATES			
Monday 20 th July 2020	11:00 – 13:30	Room 2 Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Advice for Enfield Residents aged 16-18 who are not in education, training or employment
Monday 17th August 2020	10:30 - 13:00	Room 2 Enfield Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Enfield Residents aged 16-18 'A' level Results Day Sessions
Monday 24th August 2020	10:30 – 13:00	Room 2 Enfield Civic Centre Silver Street EN1 3XA	Enfield Residents aged 16-18 GCSE Results Day Sessions

MOVING ON EVENTS

TOPIC	DATE & TIME	VENUE
GETTING A JOB	WEDNESDAY 20 TH May 2020 10-30-12.30	Dugdale Centre, 39 London Road, ENFIELD EN2 6DS
MENTAL CAPACITY	TUESDAY 9 TH JUNE 2020 10.30-12.30	New Options, 25 Connop Road, Enfield, EN3 5FB
MOVING –ON DROP IN's	THURSDAY 25 th June 2020 14:00-19:00	St Andrew's Court 1 – 4 River Front Enfield EN1 3SY

ENFIELD'S 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)**

ENFIELD YOUTH CENTRES

Enfield has six Youth Centres in the borough and welcomes all young people between 11 and 19 years old. They provide a range of positive activities for young people including music, media, sports and various needs-led, issue-based workshops around personal and social development, SRE, drugs and alcohol and much more.

Ponders End Youth Centre

129 South St, Enfield EN3 4PX

Unity Hub @ Craig Park

2 Lawrence Road, Baxter Road, Edmonton N18 2HN

Croyland Youth Centre

1 Croyland Road, Edmonton, N9 7BA

Allan Pullinger Centre

1 John Bradshaw Road, Southgate N14 6BN

Enfield Island Village Youth Centre

Unit 52 Island Centre Way, EN3 6GS

Bell Lane Youth Centre

Bell Lane, Enfield EN3 5PA

To find out more about what's on offer at the centres, call on 020 8379 5800.

PAST HIGHLIGHTS!

ART THERAPY – January –March 2020



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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