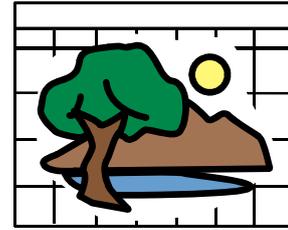




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**South Manchester
Down's Syndrome Support Group**
Fulfilling Potential



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SMDSSG has an office! Come along and visit us:

Unit 17, 41 Old Birley Street, Manchester M15 5RF



We are moving in on **Friday July 1** - why not come along for coffee/tea and cake between **11am and 1pm** to warm the office!

There is an intercom at the front of the building—just buzz it and ask us to let you in.



We will be looking for office furniture, equipment etc, especially a lockable filing cabinet— please let us know if you have something you would like to donate: phone: 07593 542 107 email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk



Chatterbox Club



**Heaton Moor Evangelical church, Green Lane, Heaton Moor SK4 3LH
9.30am-12.30pm**

A family social occasion providing the opportunity for children to meet with others of a similar age for group speech therapy. Sessions are delivered by qualified speech and language therapists who have specialist training in the specific communication needs of people who have Down's syndrome. If you do not enrol for the SLT sessions, you are welcome to join us for all the other activities. Feel free to pop a donation in the box at the refreshments counter towards the cost of running the club, which includes arts and craft activities, provided by Venture Arts (<http://www.venturearts.org>), yoga and sing and sign.

Remaining Chatterbox dates for 2016: September 17, October 15, November 19, December 3.

Our 2016 Chatterbox clubs are subsidised with a grant from Stockport company CDL, following a successful grant application to Forever Manchester. Arts and Crafts, delivered by Venture Arts, are funded from April 2016—April 2017 by a grant from Sport Relief.

To enrol your child in speech groups from September—December 2016, please contact Helen at enrol@dsmanchester.org.uk by the end of July at the latest.

Although we understand there will be times when you cannot attend due to illness etc, because of the way we devise group activities and organise the timetable, we do need a level of commitment to attend if you enrol for SLT.





SMDSSG PRESCHOOL GROUP



COME AND JOIN US

Tuesdays each fortnight, 10am-12noon

July 5 (a visit from Manchester Reed Trio provided by Music in Hospitals),
July 19, no meetings in August, September 6 and 20, October 4 and 18,
November 1, 15 and 29, December 13

- All children welcome aged from birth to 4 (inc siblings)
- Drop in or stay the whole time. Have a drink, biscuit and chat with other parents/carers, grandparents.
- Come and tell us what you'd like to be on offer at these groups.

East Didsbury Methodist Church, Parrs Wood Road, East Didsbury, M20 5QQ eastdidsburymeth.com

Contact Bernadette: phone: 07593 542 107 email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk

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SMDSSG TRAINING

Supporting Communication and Language	October 1
IPad Training	October 3
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In 2017

Supporting Social Development and Behaviour 2-11 years	January 16
Supporting Social Development and Behaviour 11-18 years	January 17

Details and booking form attached

Sharing Information

If you know about any events/training/funding/information that may be useful, or of interest, to share with other families via the newsletter, please let us know:
contact@dsmanchester.org.uk



You can now find us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/SMDSSG

Come and like the page and keep up to date with what the group is doing.

Funding news

Huge thanks to the following

Sport Relief have awarded us £1000 for our Arts and Crafts at Chatterbox, delivered by Venture Arts, following a successful application to Forever Manchester.

Methodist Women in Britain at Didsbury Methodist Church who donated £50

Heald Green URC Ladies Group who donated £20

KPMG who donated £200

Tony Ellis who donated £30.

Anyone For Tennis

Down's Syndrome Active Tennis at Hale LTC, Park Avenue, Hale, Cheshire WA15 9DL, at 4pm, for ages 5+

Saturday 9th July

Saturday 30th July

Saturday 3rd September

Saturday 1st October



The sessions will last an hour and are run by qualified coaches. If you could please confirm your child's availability to Phil, email: phil.adams@altium.co.uk or call/text Phil on 07770536666 that would be great.

FROM IPSEA: Clarity From The UT On Appeals Involving Young People And EHC Plans

The Upper Tribunal has issued its decision in the case of [Buckinghamshire County Council v SJ \[2016\] UKUT 254 \(AAC\)](#), which deals with important issues for young people with SEN and their families. IPSEA were very pleased to have been able to support the parents both in the First Tier Tribunal and in the Upper Tribunal, after the Local Authority appealed against the First Tier Tribunal's decision ordering an EHC plan to be issued for the young person. IPSEA are very grateful to David Wolfe QC, who represented the family on a Pro-Bono basis in the Upper Tribunal where he was able to make crucial points on the issues, which will be of wide interest to other cases. The decision provides much-needed clarity on how Tribunals should deal with appeals involving young people, including those cases where the young person lacks the mental capacity to conduct an appeal themselves. The decision is also a very positive one for young people as it confirms the wide category of those who might need an EHC plan, and firmly rejects the suggestion (being made increasingly frequently by Local Authorities) that it is only those who are seeking to study and gain further qualifications who would qualify for such a plan.

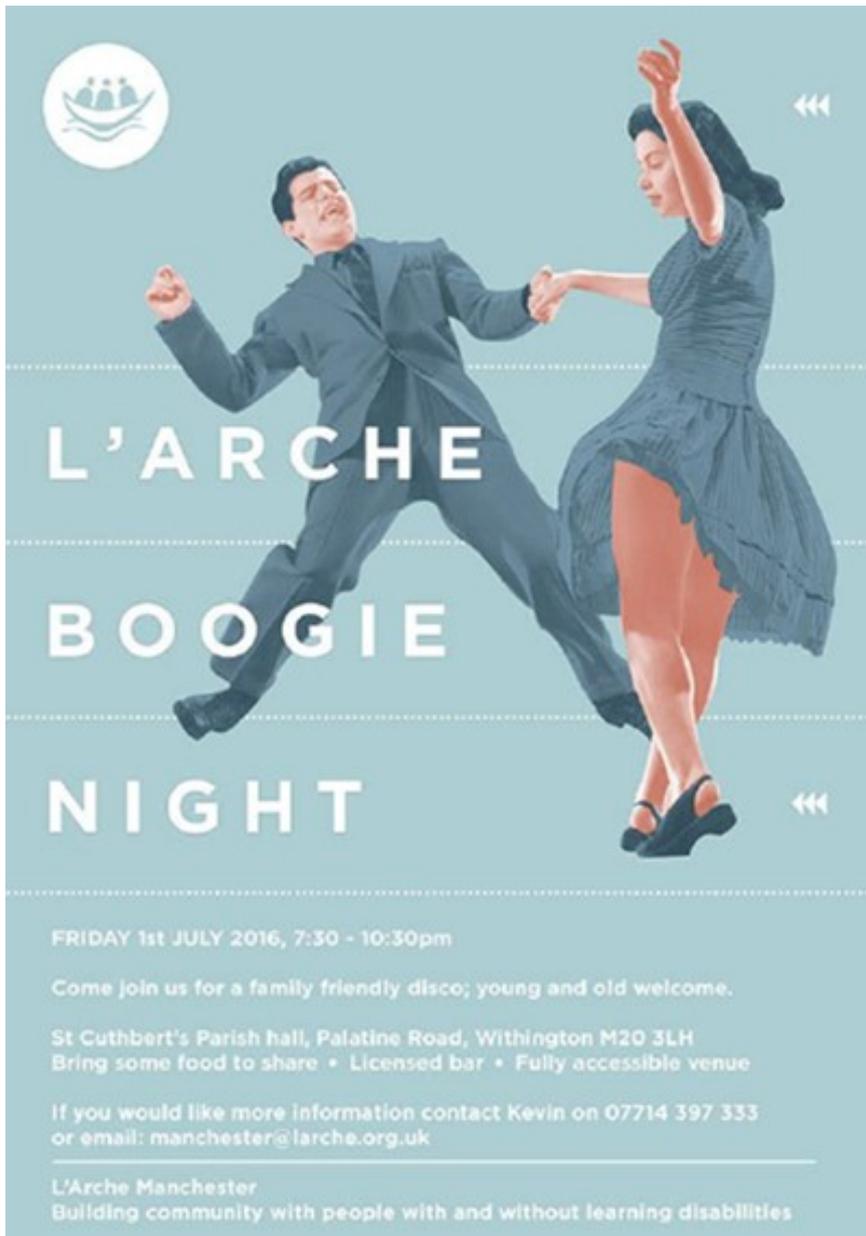
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From the DSA: Alison Thwaite wins award as Learning & Skills Champion



Alison Thwaite, WorkFit Employment Development Officer (North) has won a Highly Commended Award as Learning and Skills Champion at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce's Skills for Business Awards. As the largest Chamber of Commerce in the UK, the awards are very highly regarded within the business community across the region, giving both Alison and our WorkFit programme well deserved, high-profile recognition.

<http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/news/alison-thwaite-wins-award-as-learning-skills-champion/>



L'ARCHE

BOOGIE

NIGHT

FRIDAY 1st JULY 2016, 7:30 - 10:30pm

Come join us for a family friendly disco; young and old welcome.

St Cuthbert's Parish hall, Palatine Road, Withington M20 3LH
Bring some food to share • Licensed bar • Fully accessible venue

If you would like more information contact Kevin on 07714 397 333
or email: manchester@larche.org.uk

L'Arche Manchester
Building community with people with and without learning disabilities

FREE SESSIONS AT CHALLENGE 4 CHANGE from Daytrippers Charity which funds day trips and events for disabled and/or terminally ill children and young people. Most of our events take place in London however in July we have an event called Challenge 4 Change in Manchester. We are offering young people and supporting adults free places to take part in aerial and trapeze activities based in an indoor training centre. For information about the event, please see our website

<http://www.daytrippers.org.uk/event/take-the-challenge/>

DATE: Saturday 16th July 2016

TIMES: 10am-1pm or 2-5pm

VENUE: Challenge 4 Change - 373 Trafford Park Road, Manchester M17 1AN

Limited places. If you would like to attend contact: Keeley Williams, Charity Manager, Daytrippers Charity, TEL: +44 (0) 20 7758 0030 www.daytrippers.org.uk

For Manchester Parents From MCC: Does your child / young person have a speech, language and communication need and would you like to give your view at an informal meeting?

The Local Authority and the Health Clinical Commissioning Group are currently reviewing Speech and Language therapy services. These services have always been commissioned separately by the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Local Authority. The aim of the review is to develop a more joined up, child centred approach to the commissioning of speech and language services.

Date: 30th June

Time: 10am - 11.30am

Venue: Grange School, Matthews Lane, M12 4GR

We will be running a further session in north Manchester - we will send date and venue as soon as confirmed.

If you would like to take part, please contact Mary Merritt / Mona Bhabuta: (If you are replying by email, please copy in both because they job-share.) Please state the age and school attended by your child. Places are limited so we'd very much like to get a wide representation of parents attending.

Tel: 0161 234 1946.

Email: m.merritt@manchester.gov.uk / m.bhabuta@manchester.gov.uk

The Clinical Commissioning Group would also be grateful if parents/carers could respond to their on-line survey on speech and language therapy provision in the city:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DR63BGW> Closing date: 8th July

For anyone who has a visually impaired or hearing impaired child in Manchester

Please read and reply to the consultation about these services:-

http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_surveys/7239/consultation-proposed-changes-to-the-sensory-service-for-children-with-visual-and-hearing-impairments

Recommended by parents: MenCap Planning For the Future Events

How you can financially protect your child with a learning disability

When your child has a learning disability, planning becomes a crucial part of daily life, but what happens when you are no longer around to care for them?

The benefits of planning ahead are simple, yet carry huge weight and influence and can give you peace of mind about your child's welfare and financial future.

Mencap provides advice and information to more than 3,000 families each year on making a will and setting up a trust for their child.

Mencap also hosts 42 Wills and Trusts seminars across England, Wales and Northern Ireland each year which are free to attend.

These 2 hour seminars are designed to provide clear and helpful advice and information on how to best safeguard money being left to somebody with a learning disability, and are delivered by solicitors who specialise in this complex area of law.

Whether you already have a will in place or not, these seminars offer all the information to point you in the right direction and provide piece of mind.

It is a chance to get a clear understanding what things you may need to consider, what you need to do, and crucially what could happen if you don't have a will or trust in place for your child.

Find details about seminars in your area below and book your place onto a Planning for the Future event in your area. Alternatively you can call the team on 0207 696 6925.

September-North West

Tuesday 6 September 12.30pm-2.30pm

Blackpool Central Library, Queen Street, **Blackpool**, FY1 1PX

Wednesday 7 September 12.30pm-2.30pm

Old Fire Station, Warwick Street, **Carlisle**, CA3 8QP

Tuesday 13 September 10.30am- 12.30pm & 6.30pm-8.30pm

Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, **Manchester**, M2 5NS

Wednesday 8 September 12.30pm-2.30pm

The Quaker Meeting House, 22 School Lane, **Liverpool**, L1 3BT

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/our-services/wills-and-trusts/planning-future-events#September%20-%20North%20West>

Ongoing activities

Special Virtuosi - music provision for people with additional needs. Thursday nights during term time at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester from 5.15 until 7pm. Everybody is able to play in the orchestra with those that do not play an orchestral instrument playing a variety of percussion parts (no prior experience necessary). For details: www.specialvirtuosi.co.uk contact: specialvirtuosi@gmail.com

Macclesfield Saturday Club monthly youth group for children with Down's syndrome from the Macclesfield area. At Elim Church, Parsonage St, Macclesfield, Cheshire East SK11 7GY from 2:30-4:30pm. Join the Saturday Club Facebook group <http://www.facebook.com/groups/saturdayclubmacc/> for updates and details. Siblings are welcome! Parents/carers are required to stay with their children. Contact: Heidi - 07904301059, Anna - 07920851771, Dawn - 07938924527

DSActive football sessions with Moorside Rangers Victoria Lane (Beechfarm Playing Fields) Swinton Manchester M27 9LF. Sunday mornings every fortnight 11am-1pm. <http://www.dsactive.org/teams/moorside-rangers-dsactive/> Contact Ian Clarke at clarkey@parklife.fsworld.co.uk.

The Donkey sanctuary Manchester, Green Fold Abbey Hey Manchester M18 8RJ www.elisabethsvendsentrust.org.uk/view/manchester. For children with additional needs and their families. Rides are booked in as you arrive from 10am—1pm. **Saturday clubs usually third Saturday of the month** Tel 0161 301 4051. Relax over a cup of tea/coffee, bring a picnic or have a snack and meet other parents, carers and supporters.

Simply Cycling <http://www.simply-cycling.org/> Cycling for all abilities and opportunity to learn cycle skills with qualified teachers. £2 per rider. **Please call the numbers given in advance for details and to check dates –also website for any closures. Trafford Wheelers at Longford Park Athletic Stadium Ryebank Road, Stretford (Sat Nav M21 9LJ) Monday: 9.30 – 12 noon, Friday: 9.30 – 12 noon, Sunday: 1.00 – 3.00 pm.** For more information call Helen on: **07871 621778 email: helenhines68@hotmail.co.uk**
Wythenshawe Wheelers at Wythenshawe Park Athletics Track Wythenshawe Road, (Sat Nav. M23 OPH) **Tuesday: 9.30 – 3.00 pm, Weds: 9.30 – 12 noon, Friday: 9.30 – 3.00 pm, Sat: 1.00 – 3.00 pm.** For more information please call Sue on: 07753 428937 **e.mail:sueblaylock2708@aol.com**

CADS (Children's able and disabled sports) Clubs

www.seashelltrust.org.uk/sports/what-we-offer

The Friendship Club for school age children who have Down's syndrome, their siblings and friends to socialise together. Interested? Contact Caroline Sheehan on 0161-925-6153.

L'Arche prayer evenings A chance for people with learning disabilities, their friends, carers and family to pray and reflect together. Stay for a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards! Contact: Kevin on 07714 397333 or at kevin.coogan@larche.org.uk.



Jump Space Trampolining, Rebound Therapy and Active Sensory Play www.jumpspace.org.uk

Please note: these events are not run by the South Manchester Down's Syndrome Support Group. For information only—we are not responsible for changes to date, time or venue. Please use the contact information supplied to confirm details and to ask any questions.



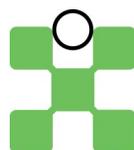
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