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What's New? 5th Dec 23



Our Voice Christmas party

We were delighted to hold the 'Our Voice Christmas party on Sunday. We were joined by around 100 parents and children for a great party with a magic show, disco, bouncy castle and slide, a raffle, arts and crafts, lots of food and a special festive guest!

Reminder – launch of our drop-in sessions at the Youth and Family Hub



Our Voice drop-in service launch event

**Wednesday 6th Dec 23: 10 am to 1 pm
at the Ponders End Family and Youth Hub**



Join members of the Our Voice team for this informal coffee and cake session to launch our regular drop-in sessions at the [Youth and Family Hub](#) in Ponders End.

We'll be joined by [Autism Central](#) who will talk about the support they offer.

**Wednesday 6th December
10 am to 1 pm**

**Ponders End Youth and
Family Hub
129, South Street, Enfield,
EN3 4 PX**

**Drop in – no need to
book**



Just a quick reminder of the launch event for our drop in sessions at the Youth and Family Hub in Ponders End (129 South Street, Enfield EN3 4 PX)

Please do join us if you can, for coffee and cake, a talk by Autism Central about the support that they offer, and a chat with members of the Our Voice team and other parents/carers.

See our website [here](#) for more information.

Our regular drop-in dates coming up are:

Wed 10 th Jan	10 am to 1 pm
Tue 23 rd Jan	12 pm – 2 pm
Wed 7 th Feb	10 am to 1 pm
Tue 20 th Feb	12 pm to 2 pm

International Volunteers Day today

Today we celebrate [International Volunteers Day](#) and would like to take this opportunity to **thank all our wonderful team of volunteers for everything that they do for Our Voice.**



We are a parent-led organization with only a very small number of paid staff working part-time, so the work done by our volunteers is absolutely vital and we could not continue to exist without them.

All the members of our team of volunteers are themselves parent-carers of at least one child with additional needs, and they bring this lived experience to a whole host of activities including:

- Supporting our various family events, parent-carer conferences and information sessions
- Meeting parents at coffee mornings and other events
- Representing parent carer voices at a wide range of different meetings with the Local Authority and Health Services
- Joining team meetings and strategy days to discuss what we want to do as an organisation and how we can achieve our goals.
- Giving feedback on our own communications and a variety of documents from the Local Authority and Health.



Enfield Advisory Service for Autism (EASA)

The [Enfield Advisory Service for Autism \(EASA\)](#) supports autistic children and young people (from 0-25 years) and their families.

This month they will have one session for the parents of children and young people of all ages, looking at preparing for the festive/holiday season.

This takes place next Thursday 14th December from 9.30 to 11 am at Russet House School

More information and booking link [here](#).

Please book your space on the EASA website
www.enfieldasa.org.uk

9:30am–11:00am
Russet House School (Dining Hall),
Autumn Close, Enfield, EN1 4JA

ENFIELD ADVISORY SERVICE FOR AUTISM

EASA

Cuppa and Chat

MONTHLY SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

2nd Thursday of the month:
Early Years and Primary-aged children

3rd Thursday of the month:
Secondary and Post-16 children & young people

- Meet the EASA team
- Hear about topical issues
- Socialise with other parents
- Friendly & relaxed atmosphere

Limited parking is available on site.
A small donation towards the cost of refreshments is appreciated.

Autism Central: events from the London Autism Hub

The London Autism Central Hub offers guidance to families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. This includes opportunities to book one-to-one appointments and a range of different workshops. You can see details and booking links [here](#).

The online sessions during December are:

Preparing for Meetings: Thursday 7th 7 – 9 pm and 14th 10 am to 12 pm

Supporting Strategies for the Festive Period: Tuesday 12th 7 – 9 pm



Digital workshops from Family Fund

Family Fund offers a range of workshops to help you and your child make the most of your iPad. See [here](#) and the Our Voice website [here](#) for more information and details and links for the sessions coming up in December.

Thursday 7 December 2023

iPad workshop: Make it work for you

Join the 'Make it work for you' workshop to learn how to use the accessibility features on your iPad to support your child's needs.

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Make an Elfie Selfie iPad workshop

Join the Elfie Selfies iPad to create your own festive masterpiece!

Saturday 30 December 2023

Animated fireworks for New Year's Eve iPad workshop

Get creative and learn new skills with your child using their iPad. Create your own fireworks display to enjoy from the comfort of your own home!

SEN Coffee and Chat

Join this coffee morning in Cockfosters on Friday to chat with other parent carers.

Taking place at Costa Coffee in Cockfosters.

If you can't make it this week, there will be other sessions in January and February – dates coming soon.

SEN COFFEE & CHAT MORNINGS

To all Parent/Carers of children on the AUTISM/ADHD Spectrum, I would love for you to join me and other parents for my SEN Coffee & Chat Mornings.



DATES RUNNING 2023

Friday 3rd Nov
(Special guest from OUR VOICE)
Friday 17th Nov
Friday 8th Dec

COSTA COFFEE
16 Station Parade
Cockfosters
EN4 0DN
9.30am-11am

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See also our 'It's good to talk' guide [here](#) for details of other coffee and chat sessions and support groups.

Events coming up

See our 'What's On' guide to ongoing inclusive and SEND-specific play and leisure activities and days out (last updated 23rd November) [here](#).

See our round-up of coffee mornings, social activities and coffee mornings for parents [here](#)

For the parents and carers of children/young people who are:	Event	Date and time	Venue	More information
All	Launch of the Our Voice Drop-in service	Wednesday 6 th December 10 am to 1 pm	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, EN3 4 PX	Here
Neurodiverse, with eating difficulties	Childhood Neurodiversity understanding and supporting eating difficulties	Thursday 7 th December 1 pm	Online	Page 5 and here
Autistic	Preparing for Meetings – online workshop from Autism Central	Thursday 7 th December 7 – 9 pm	Online	Page 3 and here
All	SEN coffee and chat	Friday 8 th December 9.30 – 11 am	Costa Coffee Cockfosters	Page 3 flyer
Children with communication difficulties starting school next September	Rising to Reception – workshop with SENDIASS	Tuesday 12 th December	Online	here
Autistic	Supporting Strategies for the Festive period– online workshop from Autism Central	Tuesday 12 th December 7 – 9 pm	Online	Page 3 and here
Autistic	Preparing for Meetings – online workshop from Autism Central	Thursday 14 th December 10 am – 12 pm	Online	Page 3 and here
Aged 16 – 24, with an EHCP and looking for employment	Supported Internship Programme open evening	Thursday 14 th December 5-6 pm	West Lea School, Haselbury Campus	Page 4
All	Our Voice drop-in session	Wednesday 10 th Jan 10 am – 1 pm	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, EN3 4 PX	Here
All	Our Voice drop-in session	Tuesday 23 rd Jan 12 - 2 pm	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, EN3 4 PX	Here
All	Our Voice presents: Get to Know SEN Services	Wednesday 31 st January	Park Avenue Disability Centre	Page 1 More information coming soon
All	Our Voice drop-in session	Wednesday 7 th Feb 10 am – 1 pm	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, EN3 4 PX	Here
All	Our Voice drop-in session	Tuesday 20 th Feb 12 – 2 pm	Ponders End Youth and Family Hub, 129 South Street, EN3 4 PX	Here

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/ourvoiceenfield/>



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