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Our Voice



# What's New?

## 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 24

### What's On at February Half-term 2024?

In this update, we give you news of some of the events and activities for children and young people with SEND, which will be taking place over the half-term (or close to the Enfield area) as well as some days out in London and nearby.

We have included a selection of our own activities and those of others. These are specifically aimed at children and young people with additional needs and others are more general but may be suitable for some. Please do check individual websites and talk to the service providers if you are not sure whether something may be suitable.

We will update this guide with any other relevant information, so if you do hear of something that you think would be useful for other families, do let us know (contact details are at the end of this update).

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## What's On this February half-term

Our guide to 'What's On this February Half term' is now available on our website [here](#), with lots of information about local SEND-specific and inclusive activities in and around the Enfield area.

The Local Authority have also published their guide to SEND holiday playschemes which you can see on the Local Offer [here](#).

We also have a general guide to play and leisure activities during term-time, which you can find on our website [here](#).

## Reminder – don't forget to book for our Youth evening (for ages 14-25) – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Don't forget to book your places for our first-ever event for young people with additional needs aged 14 –25, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 6 -8 pm at the Ponders End Youth Club.

**Numbers are very strictly limited and all places must be pre-booked via Eventbrite.** Parents/carers will be expected to remain in the building but will be in a separate area to the young people so everyone can relax!

We have lots of fun activities planned for the young people including a disco, photobooth, popcorn and candyfloss machines, slushies and pizza.

There will be coffee, tea and biscuits for parents and carers, and a chance to chat with other parents and some of the Our Voice team.

[Book here.](#)

# Follow up from the 'Our Voice presents: Get to Know SEN Services' last week

Last week we held 'Our Voice Presents: Get to Know SEN Services'. Members of the Our Voice team and fifty other parent carers, were joined by Barbara Thurogood, Head of SEN Services and senior members of her team.

These events are very important in providing a platform for parents to hear from, and give their views to, key figures in the Local Authority, and this is a critical part of what we do as an organisation.

We are planning to have a follow-up discussion with SEN Services about the issues raised in the session and are also asking them to provide written answers to those questions raised by parents which we didn't have time to address in the Q&A session.

You can see the presentations and other resources from the event on our website [here](#). The Q&A and any further information will be added to this page over the next couple of weeks.

## Save the Date for 'Our Voice Presents: Get to Know Health and Therapies' Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March



We're busy working on plans for our next event 'Our Voice Presents: Get to Know Health and Therapies' which will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Details and booking information to follow soon after half-term.

## 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 next online sessions during February are:

**Navigating the System – Post 16** – This workshop aims to provide you with an understanding of the rights, entitlements and benefits that families may be able to access. **Thu 8th Feb 7 – 9 pm**

**Understanding Teenage Behaviour** - This workshop will help you understand your teen's behaviour and provide ways in which you can support them. **Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 AM – 12 PM**

**Growing Up Sex and Relationships** - A workshop for parents and carers exploring how best to support your child going through puberty and teenage years. **Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 10 AM – 12 PM**

**Understanding and Supporting an Anxious Teenager** - this workshop will help you understand the causes of anxiety and how it makes your teen feel, and discuss strategies to support **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 AM – 12 PM**

# Parents of deaf children and young people - stay up to date and get involved in Enfield's Children's Hearing Services Working Group

## What's up with your hearing services?

Find out what the **Haringey and Enfield Children's Hearing Services Working Group** (CHSWG) is doing.

- ✓ How could hearing services work better for **you**?
- ✓ What changes are coming to **your** services?
- ✓ How could **you** help?

Scan the QR code below and sign up to get updates, join in, or give feedback.

**The group meets virtually 3 times a year.** You can join the meetings or just get updates after by email.

### What's a CHSWG?

The CHSWG connects everyone working to improve hearing services for children and young people:

- Parents and carers
- Audiology
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Teachers of the Deaf
- Newborn Hearing Screening
- ENT/Audiovestibular medicine
- NDCS
- Local schools for deaf children



We would like more input from parents, carers, and D/deaf children and young people in the boroughs.

**Scan the QR code to sign up for updates and meeting invites.**

<https://nidcs.org/useful-links/chswg/haringey-enfield-chswg/>

The Children's Hearing and Services Working Group is made up of all the services involved in supporting D/deaf children and young people in Enfield. It would love to have more involvement from parents to ensure the needs of D/deaf or hard-of-hearing children and young people are being met. The next meetings are on Tuesday 27 February and Tuesday 11th June at 9.30 am. To get details of how to attend, or to sign up for updates and stay informed, please scan the QR code.

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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