

Summer Playschemes

Summer is here again and so is our 5 weeks of Summer play scheme with lots of fun activities for the children and young people. Our aim is for the children and young people who attend to enjoy themselves and to help them build friendships.

We also aim to ensure that parents and carers are secure in the knowledge that their child or young person is having fun in a safe and happy environment.

Our play schemes do book up very quickly so if you are interested in your child or young person attending one of our play schemes please speak to a member of staff who will be able to provide all the relevant information as well as the appropriate forms, which will need to be completed and returned.



Fundraising

As a charity we are constantly looking for new ways to raise money as funding is becoming more difficult to secure, to ensure that we are able to continue to offer our unique services to young people with disabilities and their parents and carers.

Recently we held a very successful ladies night where parents and carers were greeted with a lovely glass of prosecco. On offer were reflexology, hand massages and manicures as well as a selection of stalls with beauty products, jewellery, handbags and soft furnishings.

We raised £373.90 ! Thankyou to all who came and all who helped to organise the evening.



If any parents or carers would like to fundraise for Snoop or make a donation, please speak to a staff member.

At the moment we are trying to raise funds to refurbish and update the sensory room.

We have received a very generous donation of **£4,400** and we are aiming to match fund this but in the current challenging financial climate such funding is difficult to obtain.

You could also help us to raise funds for free on your everyday online shopping !

We have raised **£213** so far and its quick and easy to use.

Follow the link below to sign up and help us to raise more.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/snoop/>

Young Adult Service



The young adults have been busy with their own 'Institches' programme learning new skills and making some beautiful soft furnishings, aprons, peg bags and other items.

They have also been very busy growing flowers and vegetables, and have made their own raised beds to grow them in.

The young people then used their home grown produce to make healthy salads and snacks and also delicious home made strawberry jam.

Stay and Play

Unfortunately we have now lost our funding to run this valuable pre 5's service and we had to close its doors on the 16th July. We did our best to keep it going as long as we could without funding.

Thank you to all the parents, childminders and their children for your support

Carers

Snoop attends the meetings of the **Strategic Carers Partnership** which enables us to share the different ways we support parents and carers with other organisations and the council, so that we can champion the needs of carers and influence the way that services are delivered.

In the UK there are 6.5 million informal carers – many of these are parents of children and young people with a learning and / or physical disability. Often parents do not see themselves as carers, but as carers they are entitled to have an assessment of their own needs and may be entitled to extra assistance in their own right. Snoop staff are able to assist with information for parents and carers as to how they apply for this assessment.

SNOOP offer a listening ear
to all parent/carers, because we too are
carers and speak from experience

No parent/carers should ever feel alone



Carer's health checks

Parents/carers are also able to register as a carer at their GP surgery. They need to complete a blue card and hand it in to the reception who will ensure it is entered onto your medical record that you are a carer, and will automatically pass on your details to Carers Resource, who should then contact you to offer information and assistance. Please do let the receptionist at the GP surgery know that you are a carer as you are entitled to a carers healthcheck which may highlight any medical assistance that is required. Blue cards can be obtained from Snoop or carers resource (01274 449660). Nearly two thirds of carers report that caring had a negative impact on their health

We have been working together to finalise the Vision, Mission and Values that we feel are important to the success of the organisation.

VISION

For a society where people with learning disabilities and their parent/carers feel valued, supported and enabled to have a good life with the same chances and opportunities as any other person.

MISSION

To give personalised support to young people with learning disabilities and their parent/carers by:

Providing a wide range of services which aim to meet individual needs

Providing practical support and solutions to parent/carers

Sharing knowledge and experience with families

Working in partnership to create opportunities which make a positive difference to the lives of those people we support



We also believe It is not only important how we work but the way we do it too. Our new "WAYS OF WORKING" illustrate what we think makes a great team and charity.

Website

We are currently in the process of re developing a new up to date website which will be more accessible and include more information.

Our Snoop branding has also been re designed and we now have a brand new logo. The photographer recently visited us and has taken lots of great photographs of Snoop facilities which we will use on the website.

We are excited and can't wait to launch it soon !



@snoopcharity

Don't forget to keep checking our Twitter and Facebook feeds to keep up to date with all the latest activities and information

Making a Difference

At Snoop we are always striving to make a difference to the lives of our parent/carers and our young people. You can help us to do this by letting us know what you do with the time when your child or young person is attending Snoop.

Please do let us have any feedback either verbally or just by writing a few words. This information helps us when we apply for funding as we often have to demonstrate how we help our parent/carers, so your feedback is extremely valuable to us.

THANK YOU

Have a Great Summer !