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Special Needs Objective Outreach Project

WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2 CAROLS



Here comes Spring and doesn't it make us all feel better ! There are so many good things happening here at SNOOP and these are exciting times. From 2 new services starting for young adults, a new Junior Youth Club opening around May, a new Trustee coming on board, we have just become members of WYCANN West Yorkshire CANN | Children's Additional Needs Network and we are pleased to be a part of a network which has such positive influence. We will also be having a stand at the Aware World Autism Day Event on 7th April at Bradford City Conference Centre and we are hopefully having a social worker from the Duty Team based at SNOOP once a month for parent/carers to discuss issues with (so watch this space).

Our 'vision' here at SNOOP is "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". This includes people with neurodiverse conditions. Always with this as our focus, we work together with our young people and parent/carers to try to influence and improve the things which affect your daily lives.

Here are some of the things we are currently involved in:

- SEND network of parent/carer support groups to improve communication and information between the Local Authority and parent/carers and to influence improvements to processes from a parent/carer and child/adult perspective
- Meeting with Ofsted and CQC Inspectors during the Local Authority's very recent inspection of children's services in Bradford to raise issues being experienced by parent/carers and young people and as a provider
- Representation on the Preparation for Adulthood Workstream and being a part of the pilot project to establish a 'Minimum Standards for PfA' which all local authorities/education/health and social care will be expected to abide by. This is in partnership with the NDTi (National Development Team for Inclusion)
- Raising awareness of health issues for young people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions and we are working with NHS England and Public Health and Bradford's Healthier Lives Group to improve HPV and cancer screening information, awareness and practice for people with learning disabilities and neurodiverse conditions.

We are involved in so much more too..... But we will stop there so you can read on and find out what brilliant work your children and adults have been doing during their sessions at SNOOP. Hope you like what we are doing and if you do, please go to our facebook page and let us know.

Thank you
The 2 Carols

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Young adult services update

Time flies when you're having fun! Our young adult service continues to be a hive of activity with lots of different projects taking place.

As part of our garden project; Seed 2 Plate we have already started preparing for our vegetable plots and with window sills full of seed trays ready to grow on, we can't wait to get going. This year we hope to grow even more of our own produce which we will turn in to tasty dishes in the kitchen.

Our In-stiches project is going from strength to strength, we have expanded our range of activities, with glass jar painting, candle making and pebble designing being popular.

As part of our 'Mind, Body and Soul' project we have been improving our fitness levels with daily walks and YouTube workouts, along side lots of team building activities.

Our Help I'm Lost Card Scheme/Safe Place scheme, headed up by a couple of very enthusiastic young adults, continues to thrive. We are delivering updated training to organisations and participants of the scheme, new information packs are being put together and new window stickers being delivered. If you would like more information about joining the scheme please speak to the Young Adults team.

Recently we have started two new sessions, 'Thursday Social' for adults aged 25 to 40 years, focusing on building friendships and social skills and a Preparation for Adulthood session for young people in or entering into the PfA process. Both sessions are going really well, with lots of exciting things to come!

The Young Adults team

Dan's story

Hello my name is Daniel. I have been coming to SNOOP for a very long time. I come two days a week. I have lots of friends at SNOOP and my girlfriend comes too. It is nice to see her here. I like Sophie, my keyworker, she helps me with things. I do Mind, Body and Soul sessions, group games, 'In-stiches', baking and learn things like ASDAN. My favourite project is the Help I'm Lost Card Scheme.



Children's services update

The children and young people who attend our After School Club and our Play Schemes have been getting involved in creating new resources, planning new activities and sharing their views as part of their evaluation of our service and how they feel. Learning to work together and listen to each other, respecting that other people may have a different opinion to theirs, can be a hard thing to learn how to do. But they loved it and have done some brilliant work. Well done kids 😊

We have also been building our own sensory board and the young people have been learning how to use tools to put together a resource which contains the sensory things they really like as well as helping them to practice skills for example; fasten laces, zips, buckles, snap buttons, chains, keys, fidget spinners and much more. (photo)

Our play schemes have been full of fun, with our sensory days and our ability days working to the strengths and needs of the children attending. We've had a great time as you can see and can't wait for the Easter Playscheme.



The children's team

Youth club

Hey everyone! Just an update from the Youth Club team - Over the last few months we have enjoyed taking part in different activities, such as karaoke night & Pancake Day. At youth club we focus on socialising, building friendships and having fun! Our youth club runs on a Tuesday evening 6-8pm (term-time only), we have some spaces available, for more information, contact Ciara or Becky at SNOOP on 01274 292126.



"Youth Club is my favourite time of the week - JJ"
"I love chillin' out - Qasim"



Nursery update

Here at Tadpoles we have been celebrating each of our children's abilities and our differences. We have had new children start their early years journey with us here at Tadpoles and it's great to see how well the children welcome and support others. The children have been working together to learn through play about the changes in the seasons, now that Spring is here and we've had some lovely sunshine to help us to understand as you can see from our group art activity in the photo.

We have also celebrated traditions and festivals to help the children learn how we used to celebrate times like Easter and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and Mother's Day in the past and how we do it today. We all made pancakes and had fun 'tossing the pancake' too.

Our parents are a fantastic support to us and their children too. One of our parents is running a raffle to raise funds for Tadpoles Nursery too, the prizes.

There are 3 prizes so please do buy your raffle tickets from SNOOP or Tadpoles. Tickets are £1 for 5.



The TadPoles team



Parent carer info and other news

Preparation for Adulthood sessions

This session runs Thursdays, term time only 3-6pm.

It is for young people aged 14-25 years with a learning disability and/or autism and must be entering or already in the Preparation for Adulthood process for leaving school or college and moving into adulthood. Sessions will focus on the Preparation for Adulthood Pathways.

Parents/carers are invited to 2 sessions to look at the PfA process in Bradford for people with learning disabilities to get support in putting together their own support plan from a parent/carers point of view.



Parent carer support

Our parent carer forum is for parent/carers of young people going through, preparing for or who have come through the 'Preparation for Adulthood' PfA process. Parent carers can share their experiences, ideas and views on preparing for adulthood and making the transition from school into adult life.

Our dedicated private Facebook group can help with your PfA journey.

Here is the link to our page-

www.facebook.com/groups/snoopppfa/

We recently held our second virtual meeting and it was a great success!



Thursday Social sessions

This session runs every Thursday term time only from 10-2pm for adults with learning disabilities aged 25-40 years.

This is a friendship and social skills group for those adults with learning disabilities who want to meet socially but need support to learn the skills necessary to engage or who otherwise might become isolated.

Please call SNOOP to enquire about: 01274 292126



Our socials!



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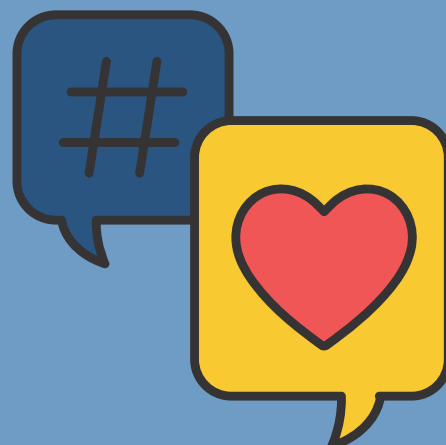
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