

# THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Rotherham Disabled Children and Young People's Information Exchange

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## RAINBOWS CORNER RESOURCE CENTRE OPENS ITS DOORS

**A brand new alternative provision has opened its doors in West Melton, Rotherham. Rainbows Corner is provision for young people with additional needs.**

They offer a diverse space for young people to be able to learn, grow and have fun offering bespoke packages to children and young people with learning disabilities.

The service will offer a range of supported activities, opportunities for tailored packages including day services, after school and holiday clubs and access to alternative educational resources.

All of the spaces are completely wheelchair friendly.

**Please contact Jason Darbyshire**  
e: [j.darbyshire@rainbowshouse.co.uk](mailto:j.darbyshire@rainbowshouse.co.uk)  
t: 01709 872468 for more information.



## NEW SENSORY CORNER LAUNCHED AT KIVETON PARK LIBRARY

Sensory Corner was launched on Friday 28 June at Kiveton Park library to help children with special needs to enjoy the library and all that it offers. The idea came from regular borrower Heather Sheldon who worked with the Rotherham Libraries team to gain funding to purchase materials and get the corner up and running.

Heather said: "Having a child with Dup15q, autism and severe sensory needs made doing little things like visiting the library challenging at best. My proposal for a sensory corner was well received and as a family we're delighted that it will benefit all in the community."

Dinnington library will be next to launch a sensory corner, with the hope for all Rotherham libraries to eventually have a sensory corner.



TO READ THE ARTICLES IN FULL VISIT THE SEND LOCAL OFFER NEWS PAGE

[www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org](http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org)

## ROTHERHAM AFRICAN DRUMS



### TUESDAYS

1pm to 2pm (LLD drumming group)  
6pm to 7pm beginners at  
ROAR, Westgate, S60 1AN

### THURSDAYS

5.30pm to 6.30pm at St. Simon and St. Jude  
Church, Thurcroft, S66 9LH  
£6 Adults, £4.50 Concs, £3 Children  
t: (Amy) 07533 092225,  
e: amy@drummers.org.uk

## CLIFTON PARK WATER SPLASH

Opening times: Weekends and  
Rotherham school holidays 11am to 5pm

### CLIFTON PARK MUSEUM AND BOSTON CASTLE:

Join us this summer for great family fun day  
craft sessions at Clifton Park Museum (CPM)  
and Boston Castle (BC). Sessions at Clifton Park  
Museum will run 11am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm  
to 3pm with sessions at Boston Castle running  
11am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 2.30pm. Suitable  
for 4 – 11 year olds unless stated otherwise.  
£3.50 per child (non-refundable)

**WOW SAID THE OWL – PUPPETS**  
(CPM) Tuesday 13th August

**WIND CHIMES (BC)** Wednesday 14 August

**FIRING CANNONS AND BRIDGES**  
(CPM) Tuesday 20 August

**LET'S GO FLY A KITE**  
(BC) Wednesday 21 August

**LINO PRINTING**  
(CPM) Tuesday 27 August  
Suitable for 8 – 15 year olds. £5.50 per child.

**ALL ABOUT BUGS**  
(BC) Wednesday 28th August



## SUPERBOWL FAMILY BOWLING

Wednesday 28 August, 6pm till 7.30pm

We are proud to announce our new family activity  
of family bowling, which will be running every  
fourth Wednesday of the month. Come along to  
Rotherham Superbowl and have fun with their  
brand new bowling lanes and new signing  
in screens. With the newest technology from  
America you can even become a character on  
screen by taking a selfie.

### OPTIONS:

Game and adult meal £8.95  
Game and children's meal £7.95  
Game only/extra game £3.80

Rotherham Superbowl,  
Wortley Road, Kimberworth S61 1QN  
To book visit [www.rpcf.co.uk](http://www.rpcf.co.uk)

## NATIONAL GAMING MUSEUM

Thursday 15 August, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

We have secured **EXCLUSIVE** use of the  
National Videogame Museum for our  
members from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

You can play on the arcade machines; such as  
Space Invaders, Pacman and Teenage Mutant  
Hero Turtles. You can visit the lab to see where  
they make the museum and get all the fresh  
experiments their team are working on, or you  
can join **PIXELHEADS** – a club for young people  
who want to talk, play and learn about  
games and create their own.

We have managed to secure a special price  
of just £6 per person.  
To book visit [www.rpcf.co.uk](http://www.rpcf.co.uk)

## FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

We are one of a select few prestigious TRX HOST facilities within the UK. Our 'MOVEMENT' based philosophy means that we can adapt and tailor sessions to suit a vast range of fitness levels and abilities.

Unit 2, Galax Building, Eastwood Trading Estate, Fitzwilliam Road, S65 1SL

Age: 16+

t. 07740188212

e: [Functionalfitnesstex@gmail.com](mailto:Functionalfitnesstex@gmail.com)

[www.functionalfitnesstrx.co.uk](http://www.functionalfitnesstrx.co.uk)



## MAGNA MAYHEM

South Yorkshire's best indoor inflatable adventure zone is back for the summer holidays.

**Monday 12 to Friday 16 August**

Kids can bounce, boing, jump, slide, bop and boogie.

Mini Mayhem sessions are everyday at 10.30am and are for children aged 5 and under only.

**Autism Friendly SEND Mayhem session:  
Thursday 15 August, 2pm**

Adults are free of charge to Magna Mayhem when accompanying a fee paying child.

**Book online at [www.visitmagna.co.uk](http://www.visitmagna.co.uk)  
t. 01709 720002**

## SIMPLY SKATE SEND Family Time

**Thursday 15 August, 7pm to 8pm**

A SEND Friendly Roller Skating session that is FULLY ACCESSIBLE.

The cost is just £3.50 per skater, including skate hire if required.

t: 01709 830011

## SPECTRUM Autism Friendly Festivals 2019

**Sunday 23 September, 10am to 6pm  
Lea Green Learning and Development Centre,  
Main Road, Lea, Matlock, DE4 5GJ**

- live acts • bouncy castles • silent disco
- face painting • superheroes • disney characters
- climbing walls • information stands • prizes
- creative studio • outdoor activities • yoga
- sensory areas • magicians • creepy crawlies and lots and lots more.

**Adults £12.50, Teens (13-18) £7.50,  
Children £5.50**

Tickets available at [www.peaksGO.com](http://www.peaksGO.com)



## ELEPHANTS IN STEPS

Provision for 13 to 25 year olds with disabilities.

**Dalton Youth Centre, Magna Lane,  
Rotherham, S65 4HH**

Sessions include:

- arts and crafts • music and dance
- group games • refreshments

**The next session is:**

**Thursday 19 September, 6pm to 8.30pm**

**For more information:**

**e: [bhupinder.manku@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:bhupinder.manku@rotherham.gov.uk)  
t: 07920285572**



**Fitness and wellbeing facilities for young adults 14 years and over with autism and mild/ moderate learning disabilities.**

At My Place, St. Ann's Road, Rotherham, S65 1PH  
Come along with your care provider or PA.

**£5 per person one hour session**

t: 01709 872678 or t: 07597690506  
[www.thebasecommunityhub.co.uk](http://www.thebasecommunityhub.co.uk)



The Blue Badge scheme to be extended to people who have less visible disabilities, making journeys more accessible, this change to the scheme is the biggest in nearly 50 years with the extended criteria coming into force on Friday 30 August 2019.

The new criteria will extend eligibility to people who:

- cannot undertake a journey without there being a risk of serious harm to their health or safety or that of any other person (such as young children with autism);
- cannot undertake a journey without it causing them very considerable psychological distress;
- have very considerable difficulty when walking (both the physical act and experience of walking).

For more information visit:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/review-of-blue-badge-fraud-as-scheme-is-extended-to-those-with-hidden-disabilities](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/review-of-blue-badge-fraud-as-scheme-is-extended-to-those-with-hidden-disabilities)

## ROTHERCARD DISCOUNT CARD

A Rothercard entitles you to discount Council services.

You can receive concessionary rate is available on a range of leisure activities, discount on removals of furniture, electrical and gas appliances from your home, concessionary rate at Rotherham theatres and much more...

To see the full range of discounts and to see if you qualify for a free Rothercard go to:

[www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits\\_and\\_support/709/apply\\_for\\_a\\_rothercard/2](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/709/apply_for_a_rothercard/2)



A brand new service providing online access to manage your healthcare 24 hours a day.

Book appointments, manage your medication, view test results, and access your medical record. Available 24/7, wherever you are, on desktop, tablet, or mobile devices.

<https://rotherhamhealthapp.com/splash>



**FREE Keeping Healthy event for children and young people with learning disabilities, autism or both age 14 to 24.**

Come and join us and lets talk about our health. Try activities and attend interactive workshops on keeping active, nutrition, health screening and health support services available to you.

**Tuesday 10 September 10.30am to 2.30pm  
Doncaster Communicatoin Specialist College  
Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6AY**

If you wish to attend please contact Speakup:  
t: 01709 720462

e: [amy@speakup.org.uk](mailto:amy@speakup.org.uk) booking is essential

**ALL these events and activities in this newsletter plus much more can be found on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer.**

Click on the new Events page to look for activities over the holidays.

Visit the website

[www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org](http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org)

For up to date information on activities, events and services for children and young people with disabilities contact Andy Lound, Rotherham Councils Children's Disability Information Officer t: 01709 336423 e: [andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk)