

Newsletter

April 2024

Welcome to our April newsletter. We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter! We are keen to keep you informed with information relevant to SEND and Walsall. Regular updates can also be found on our Facebook page so please do give us a [Like](#).



Parent / Carer Workshops

At Walsall SENDIAS we will be running parent carer workshops every month where you can learn more about how children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities (SEND) can be supported. Please join us and improve your knowledge of the law around SEND so you feel more confident in discussions and understanding decisions.

Our upcoming sessions are:

Appealing to the SEND Tribunal – Support with Evidence Bundles & the process

Tuesday 23RD April 10am– 11:30pm
Manor Farm Community Centre

For more details and to book your place please email us at:

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Youth Club

POP Walsall youth Team and part of the Bloxwich Community Partnership are announcing the opening of a brand new Youth Club, free for Young people ages 7-16 years

The venue offers a wide range of activities for youngsters to enjoy, from pool and table tennis to tech and games.

See the [Facebook](#) page for more details

Drop in Session with SENDIAS

Do you have any questions about:

- What Walsall SENDIAS do?
- Anything SEND related?

Join our friendly team for an informal chat and a coffee at **North Locality Hub, 275 Blakenall Heath, Blakenall, Walsall WS3 1HJ**

Friday 19th April 10-12pm

West Midlands Autism Fayre

Monday 29th April, 10am-2pm
The Igoo @ The National Brownfield Institute,
University of Wolverhampton, WV10 0JP
Book via [eventbrite](#)

This event aims to showcase local services to support Autistic children, young people and their families. In addition, there will also be a range of speakers covering topics including...

- Personal experiences of Autism from Autistic individuals
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's)
- ADHD
- Sibling experiences
- Autism in girls
- 1:1 advice sessions (to be held via Zoom online software)

Gear Up for... SEND

Children, families and community providers

FREE online sessions to equip families and community providers on SEND Law & Practice. Bring queries and questions - take away contacts and answers.

FOUR online learning sessions in April and May 2024

Tuesday 9th April 10.00 to 12 noon
Education Health Care (EHC) Needs Assessments and Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) – The Legal Tests

Tuesday 16th April 10.00 to 12 noon
Annual Reviews – The Annual Review Meeting and the Local Authority Role in reviewing EHCPs

Tuesday 14th May 10.00 to 12 noon
SENDIST Appeals & Tribunals – forms, procedures, evidence and outcomes

Tuesday 21st May 10.00 to 12 noon
Home to School Transport – for Children and Young People with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

book at development@childrensquarter.org or at childrensquarter.org/gearupforSEND



online learning led by Birmingham Education Advisory Service



supported by Birmingham Parent Carer Forum



in collaboration with Children's Quarter



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Understanding Autism for Parents and Carers

Walsall SENDIASS workshops delivered by Autism Hub Midlands, as part of the Autism Central programme

WALSALL SENDIASS WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 10th April 2024 - 10am-12pm

UNDERSTANDING OVERWHELM, MELTDOWNS AND SHUTDOWNS

- To gain an understanding of how stress and anxiety can impact autistic people
- To understand autistic burnout, meltdowns and/ or shutdowns
- To outline practical ideas to help you and the person you support



Delivered online via Zoom

Friday 10th May 2024 - 10 am-12 pm

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

- Develop your understanding of autism
- Begin to understand what a diagnosis of autism might mean
- Gain some insight into different autistic experiences



Delivered in-person at Manor Farm Community Centre, WS4 1EU

Thursday 13th June 2024 - 6:30pm-8:30pm

UNDERSTANDING SENSORY PROCESSING

- Understand what sensory processing is
- Become familiar with all senses
- Understand how different activities or environments may impact autistic people



Delivered online via Zoom

All workshops are delivered by people with lived experience of autism and are being facilitated by Autism Hub Midlands, as part of Autism Central.

For more information about Autism Central visit:

autismcentral.org.uk/midlands



Walsall SENDIASS Feedback

If you have used our service, we would love to receive any feedback from you, please complete this very short survey [here](#) – Thank you!



UNDERSTANDING AUTISM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Would you like to learn more about ways to understand and support your autistic child or adult?

Come along to our FREE workshops, run by Autism Central, a Peer Educator programme supporting parents, carers and PA's of autistic people in partnership with Walsall SENDIASS

Overwhelm | Autism | Sensory Processing

Wednesday 10th April, Friday 10th May, Thursday 13th June 2024

All our workshops are delivered by people with lived experience of autism

Visit: autismcentral.org.uk/midlands for online workshops & 1:1 support



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Walsall Family Hubs

Walsall Family Hubs have some activities and sessions on over Easter including their Easter Stay and Play for families with children 0-5 years. The session is free of charge. To find out more you can call 01922 654 589.

There is also a free soft play session, see below for details:



Free Soft Play Session

Come along to our free Soft Play Session
Join us at Palace Play on
Tuesday 16th April 2024
09:30-11:00 am

For parents and children aged 0-5
Meet the Walsall Family Hubs Team
Have your say with our Parent Carer Panel
Bouncy Castles and Soft Play
Free refreshments

Email familyhubs@walsall.gov.uk
to book your space



Contacting the service

We are experiencing a high volume of calls. When contacting the service please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can and within 2 working days.

Thank you

You can access FREE and impartial advice from us on any aspect of SEN/disability in relation to education, health and social care for children and young people 0-25 years – just contact us with your questions.

**HAPPY EASTER,
FROM WALSALL SENDIASS**



SEN and Disability
Information, Advice
and Support

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Contact us:

Website:

www.walsall-sendiass.org.uk

Email:

walsallsendiass@family-action.org.uk

Phone:

01922 612008 – 24 hour messaging service

Find us on Facebook [here](#)