



Newsletter - Spring 2023



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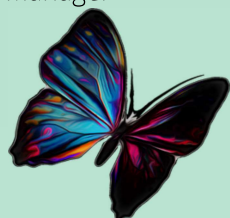
Here at the Childrens Autism Hub we have been busy planning for our Spring activities. We began the year preparing for the Annual Autism Acceptance Week. This was a great opportunity for the team to celebrate with the families who attend the hub and the wider community, in raising awareness of Autism. We have been able to team up with Telford Adults Autism hub and over the week we brought together, adults, children, and young people to celebrate through music at our Open Mic Live Lounge event. The evening brought such a wealth of musical talent with people across all ages, families and individuals each sharing with each other their experiences. It was a great night, and we had the pleasure of welcoming National Speaker Dean Beadle who also shared his own lived experiences.

Raising awareness of the hub and how we as a team can support families, including children and young people with a diagnosis of Autism is one of our priorities over the coming months. We will be on the road, attending schools to talk about the range of information, advice, and support that we offer to different audiences including staff, parents, children, and young people. We look forward to creating opportunities where we can work together to bring positive change to the lives of children and young people, and their lived experiences.

Thank you to everyone who support us, most importantly, our families, our children and young people who continue to bring their own stories and we celebrate with them their individual successes.

Thank you

Julie Collins
Childrens Service Manager



Meet the Team



Julie
Childrens Service Manager

I have been part of the Council for Voluntary Services Organisation for 18 years. During that time, I have been involved in all aspects of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. I manage both the SENDIASS Service, and the Telford Childrens Autism Hub. Prior to this I was involved in developing community support projects and supporting families as a Social Worker in Barnardos in South Derbyshire. I have always been passionate in supporting people to access the right support within their local communities. My loves are my children, my 3 grandchildren, my garden and being out in nature. Scotland being my favourite place!



Viki
Family Support

Hi, I'm Viki and my role is Family Support. It is my belief that everyone deserves to find their place in this crazy world we live in and feel valued and accepted just as they are. I feel so blessed to be a part of our families journeys and see our young people flourish and become the best version of themselves. In my spare time, I love to watch Christmas films whilst eating pizza, but most of all I just love being with my kids, getting up to mischief and embarking on new adventures together.



Tracey
Team Assistant

Hi everyone!
I'm Tracey and I'm one of the Team Assistant's at the Hub. As well as being a Special Needs Mum, I have been an SEN Governor in a Primary School, volunteered for Guide Dogs as a Puppy Raiser, worked in the Adults Autism Hub and also SENDIASS. I am committed to helping children and young people with autism achieve their goals and dreams. In my spare time, I enjoy walking my two Labrador's, Yoga and listening to music. I'm also a big fan of chocolate - be it cookies, cakes or bars!



Julie
Team Assistant

Hi, my name is Julie and I am a Team Assistant at the hub. I started with the hub 7 months ago and I feel extremely lucky to be a part of the team. I am dedicated in supporting families and their children with autism thrive and show them how amazing they are. My daughter was diagnosed with Autism 19 months ago and I am passionate in helping others that are in the same position as me. In my spare time I love being with my daughter playing games and crafting. I also enjoy watching Christmas films no matter what time of year it is.

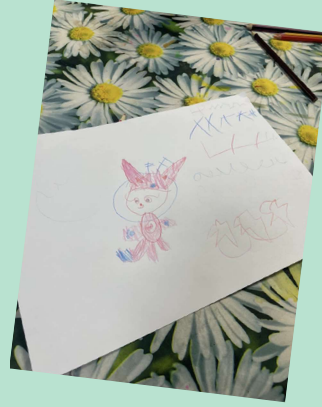


Nicola
Specialist Autism Advisor

I've been working for Autism West Midlands as a specialist Autism Advisor for a year delivering workshops and advice sessions to Telford families at the hub alongside a similar role for Shropshire. Before taking on the role I was a pastoral support in a primary school following 16 years as a primary school teacher.

2023- This year so far....

Primary and DUGOUT
Family Sessions



Coffee and Chat



A variety of Workshops with our Autism
Specialist:
Autism and Me
Understanding your Autistic Child
Teen Confidence

Anime
Workshops



Coffee and Chat with Guest Speakers



Easter Crafts



Cafe UNO



World Autism Acceptance Week

27th March - 2nd April 2023

Information Stand In Telford Town Centre

We spent the day in Telford Town Centre with the Adults hub and Autism West Midlands. We shared information, support and guidance to help raise awareness of Autism.

It was so lovely to speak to so many people.



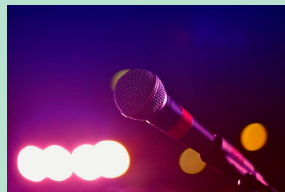
Dean Beadle

We had guest speaker Dean Beadle join us at our Live Lounge event. Dean is an autistic conference speaker, writer and singer. He has delivered over 900 talks in seven countries and has sung at balls, festivals and conferences in the UK, Ireland and Denmark. Dean spoke about Autistic self identity and self acceptance.



THANK YOU!

Thank you Dean for being a part of our World Autism Acceptance Week.



Live Lounge

The children's and Adults Autism Hub came together and held a live lounge event where our hub members could display their incredible talents. We had singers, violinists and pianists. We had such a wonderful night and we are very proud of everyone that took part.

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to Anne Plant who gave up her time to perform at our live lounge.



Autism Rocks

Our hub members joined us in an all age painting rocks session. Once they finished their amazing creations, they took them to hide for someone else to find to brighten their day and help raise awareness of Autism.

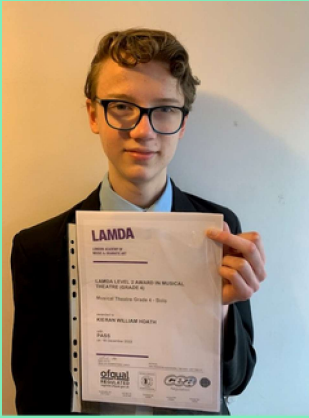
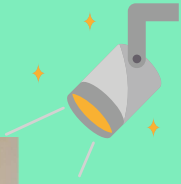




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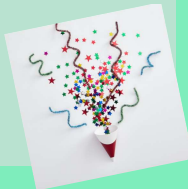


In the Spotlight



We would like to congratulate Kieran one of our wonderful hub members who has just passed his grade 4 Musical Theatre exam.

Well done Kieran - we are very proud of you!



If you have any good news stories/achievements to share, we would love to hear about it. Send us your story and we could use it in our next Newsletter



Egg Decorating for Attingham Park

Attingham Park kindly invited our hub to decorate eggs to be a part of their Easter celebration. The eggs were beautifully decorated for all to see.



A big thank you to Attingham Park for providing the families that took part with free admission tickets.



CONGRATULATIONS

Harry was the lucky winner of the EGGNORMOUS Easter Egg - Enjoy!



Thank you to MAGNA for their very kind donation of the Easter egg to help raise funds for our hub.



A special thank you to Sainsbury's who kindly donated Easter eggs for our families.

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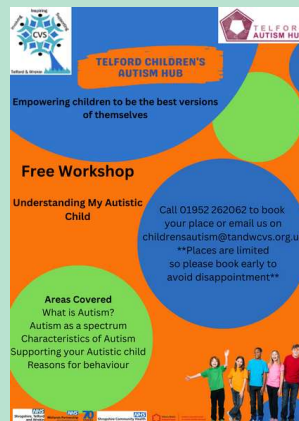
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Our Regular Offers For Those Registered With The Hub



Grab a cuppa, relax and enjoy the opportunity to meet our team, talk with other parents, share ideas and offer support



A workshop run by our Autism Specialist which covers:
What is Autism? Autism as a spectrum
Characteristics of Autism
Supporting your Autistic child
Reasons for behaviour



Our DUGOUT/Youth sessions are for 11 - 18 year olds and their families. It provides the perfect opportunity for you to spend quality time together in a relaxed, friendly environment. Each session has a variety of activities available, allowing you to have fun together as well as meet with other families from our hub.



Our family fun sessions are for primary aged children and their families. It provides the perfect opportunity for you to spend quality time together in a relaxed, friendly environment. Each session has a variety of activities available, allowing you to have fun together as well as meet with other families from our hub.



SEND support and play for early years families including those without a diagnosis. The drop in session is run alongside SENDIASS. The session offers a safe play area for children, a non judgemental environment and an understanding environment filled with support, friendship and advice.



Love games and puzzles? Then come along and join us for Cafe Uno. We have a variety of games and puzzles for you to enjoy. Your more than welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

To register with the hub your child will need a diagnosis of Autism. Please email us on childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk or call us on 01952 262062 and we will happily welcome you to the hub







Dates for your Diary

DUGOUT/Youth Group	Thursday 4th May 4.30pm - 6.00pm	A session for 11 - 18 year olds and their parents/carers.
4EYF EARLY YEARS SUPPORT GROUP (Jointly run with SENDIASS)	Monday 15th May 9.15am - 10.45am	SEND support and play for Early Years families
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 15th May 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
PRIMARY FAMILY FUN SESSION	Tuesday 16th May 4.00pm - 5.00pm	A session for our primary aged children and their parents/carers
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 22nd May 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
CAFE UNO	Wednesday 31st May 2.30pm - 4.00pm	Love games and puzzles? Then come and join us at Cafe Uno
DUGOUT/YOUTH GROUP	Thursday 1st June 4.30pm - 6.00pm	A session for 11 - 18 year olds and their parents/carers.
ARTHOG - DUGOUT/YOUTH GROUP	Friday 2nd June 9.30am - 3.00pm	An offsite session for 6 of our 11-18 year olds and their parent/carer. We will be having fun doing bush craft and other activities at the Arthog Outreach Centre
4EYF EARLY YEARS SUPPORT GROUP (Jointly run with SENDIASS)	Monday 5th June 9.15am - 10.45am	SEND support and play for Early Years families
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 5th June 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 12th June 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD WORKSHOP	Tuesday 13th June 10.00am - 12.30pm	A workshop run by our Autism Specialist
4EYF EARLY YEARS SUPPORT GROUP (Jointly run with SENDIASS)	Monday 19th June 9.15am - 10.45am	SEND support and play for Early Years families
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 19th June 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
PRIMARY FAMILY FUN SESSION	Tuesday 20th June 4.00pm - 5.00pm	TBC - Embrace Embrace will be coming along to run sports activities. Usual activities and games will be available
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 26th June 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
4EYF EARLY YEARS SUPPORT GROUP (Jointly run with SENDIASS)	Monday 3rd July 9.15am - 10.45am	SEND support and play for Early Years families
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 3rd July 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
DUGOUT/YOUTH SESSION	Thursday 6th July 4.30pm - 6.00pm	TBC - Brightstar Boxing Brightstar will be coming along and running a boxing session Usual activities and games will be available
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 10th July 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
4EYF EARLY YEARS SUPPORT GROUP (Jointly run with SENDIASS)	Monday 17th July 9.15am - 10.45am	SEND support and play for Early Years families
COFFEE AND CHAT	Monday 17th July 11.15am - 12.15pm	A relaxed support session for our parents/carers
PRIMARY FAMILY FUN SESSION	Tuesday 18th July 4.00pm - 5.00pm	A session for our primary aged children and their parents/carers





COMING SOON

TCAH's Summer Activities

