

March Newsletter 2022

What the Forum achieved this quarter?

The Forum have been active in the community this quarter and started a Free online cookery course and a Dad's Breakfast Group.

We have been attending meetings to get better services with Halton Borough Council, CCG and ChatterBug's and giving them the feedback from our members' experiences, which is helping them shape their strategies to improve their services.

Please follow us on our social media platforms:

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Information & Support Day



The Forum are hosting an Information & Support Day on

Saturday 19th March 2022.

This is taking place 12pm-4pm, at

Moon Meadow, 21 Farnworth St, Widnes, WA8 9LH.

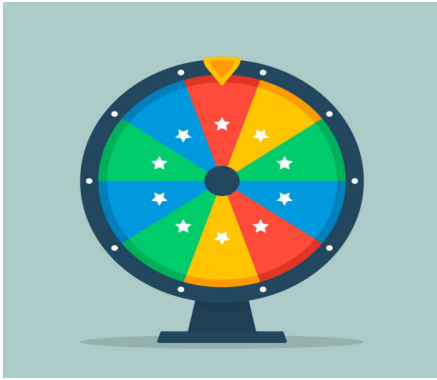
Halton Borough Council will be in attendance where you can see what is on offer in Halton.

Annual Surveys

The Forum are conducting annual surveys which have recently been emailed to all our members.

If you can complete the survey before 30th April 2022, your voice can be heard for 2022/23.

A free £5 Amazon voucher will be sent to all members who return the survey.



£65

LATEST WINNER!! Lauren S

Wheel of Fortune Club

Our monthly Wheel of Fortune is growing month on month.

The prize keeps getting bigger as we grow as a forum.

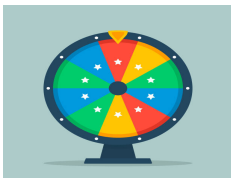
The Wheel of Fortune is run Live on 30th of every month on our Facebook page.

It works by entering with your name at £5.00 per name.

You can enter as many times as you like, as long as you are aged 18 and over.

To enter our monthly Wheel of Fortune Club you can email us at haltonsendcarersforum@gmail.com or office.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com.

All entries to be paid by the 20th of each month.



YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT !!!

Fundraising Opportunities

Easyfundraising

We have registered with easyfundraising to help raise additional funds.

This works by our MEMBERS registering for free via the website or app and using it when making online purchases.

WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

The retailers then sends a free donation at no extra cost to you to the forum.

Up to now there are 6,000 online retailers who will donate. As well as online shopping, if our supporters book a holiday, flights, train tickets and much more, you can also raise money for the forum.

Please think of Halton SEND Carers Forum when making an online purchase. To date we have raised £179.88 by this platform.



Halton Local Offer



The Local Offer isn't just for children and young people with an EHCP and their families. It's a website with lots of information about different services, advice and support open to all families. It's like a bit like an online one-stop shop of Halton information.

Have you heard of the Local Offer? If not, I am currently delivering *Getting to Grips with the Local Offer* online/virtual sessions as an informal way for you to find out about the website. If you've heard of the Local Offer, I'll be delivering *Bitesize Section Guide sessions* shortly as a way you can find out how much the website has to offer on all things in Halton.

If you would like to register interest to attend a session, please contact either:

- Jamie Cole office.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com
- or
- Clare Collins haltonsendcarersforum@gmail.com

This was supplied by Tracy Ryan - SEND CYP Policy Officer HBC
All members can access the local offer at www.halton.gov.uk/localoffer



SENDIASS

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has, or may have, Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities?

Are you aged 25 or under? Are you disabled or do you have Special Educational Needs where you need extra support to learn things?

Halton SENDIASS is a statutory service, which provides a range of free, confidential and impartial help to parents/carers, children and young people.

Through the provision of information advice and support, SENDIASS aim to empower children, young people and their families and play an active and informed role in their education.

We promote informed decision making.

To contact Halton SENDIASS you can call 0151 511 7733 (leave a message with name date of birth and contact details) or email SENDIASS@halton.gov.uk.

Sharon Spruce – Manager Emma Sergent - Caseworker



Plans for the FORUM next Quarter

We have many Fundraising opportunities coming up.

Informational coffee zoom evenings with service providers from Halton Borough Council every month. (Please email with any requests)

We have free Parent Carers Courses running with Chaps on,

- Autism in a Nutshell
- Masking
- Introduction to Sensory Processing differences

We will be holding two craft Evenings at Humming Bird Studios.

They are planned for Friday Nights - 5pm to 7.30pm

- Parent Carer Crafting
- Kids Crafting and Pizza Night

We are continuing to attend SEND strategic meetings with the relevant departments of Halton Borough Council, Disability Children's Services, Inclusion Service, SEN Team, Preparing for Adulthood, Transport and many more to help shape and better the service provisions in Halton.

We are also continuing to attending SEN meetings with the CCG.

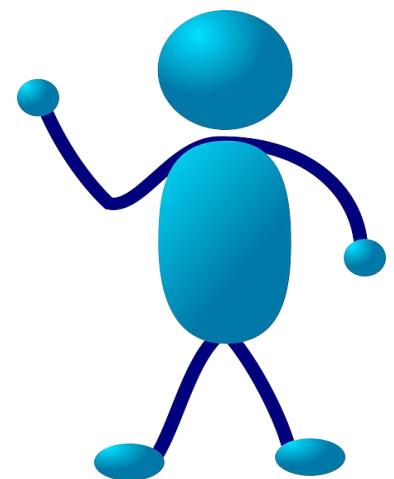
This is supported by the feedback we have received, and continue to receive, from Children, Parents and Carers in the community as

YOUR VOICE COUNTS.



Any Queries, Complaints or additional information needed on any issues in our newsletter?

Contact us at
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contact *For families with disabled children*



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'Our Strength Is Our Shared Experience'