

# The Information exchange

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**Aiming High for  
Disabled Children**  
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## Short Breaks

**As a result of staffing issues with Liberty and Cherry Tree House the Short Break facilities at Liberty House had not been available over the Christmas period.**

At short notice YMCA White Rose stepped in to provide additional activities and support to a number of children. This involved pulling in additional staff to provide 1:1 support for some children to include them into existing sessions, as well as additional sessions and outreach work. The result provided additional support for activities across 6 days of the week.

The ability of the YMCA White Rose to step in and deliver provision at such short notice was possible because of the existence of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme.



Had this programme not been in place the working relationships with the provider would not have existed to deliver the sessions.

Of the 8 children who attended all have expressed interest in continuing, 5 have signed up to attend activities in the future and 2 have already started attending.

## The Inspiring Youth Award Programme

TWO students with Visual Impairments (VI) showcase their skills they have developed from the VI team for The Inspiring Youth Award Programme.

The programme is run by South Yorkshire Police in partnership with Schools in Sheffield and Rotherham. It aims to develop the potential in young people to perform better in school, at home and in their own community.

The VI Team provided the students with an extended curriculum in the following specialist areas, Habilitation skills, Braille skills and Specialist Technology skills to help complete the 4 categories of the Inspiring Youth Award Programme.

Both students really enjoyed this project as it has showcased the skills they have developed with the support from the Visual Impairment Team.

Visit [www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=844](http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=844) to see case studies in full



**Active Disability Swimming Event**  
**Friday 27th March**  
**13yrs+**  
**Aston Leisure Centre S26 4TF**  
**1pm - 3pm**  
**INSPIRE a Generation**  
**To book contact Leon at: leon.wormley@rotherham.gov.uk or on 01709 363355**  
 Lottery Funded | Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council | Where Everyone Matters

## Easter Animal Magic

**Saturday 4th April 2014** at the Town centre

Times: **10.30am to 3.30pm** Cost: **Free**

The wonderful miniature petting farm returns to All Saints' Square. Children and adults alike can see and pet a range of animals, from rabbits to pygmy goats.

There will be animal themed crafts for children to make and take home.



Under the Stars is a small not for profit social enterprise based in Sheffield. We run music workshops and nightclubs for people with learning disabilities over 18. Our nights run ever 2 months in Sheffield

or Doncaster with the next event being on the 23rd of April at the hubs in Sheffield.

For more information visit our website

**www.underthestars.org.uk** or call **0114**

**2331869** or email **ruth@underthestars.org.uk**



Activities are £3 & run from 10am  
 getsorted changing lives through music  
 Ages 6-12 years  
**SEN DAY**  
 Karaoke Games | Art and Crafts  
 Special Educational Needs  
**Monday 30th March**  
 52 Westgate Rotherham S60 1AX 01709 513099  
 info@getsortedmusic.co.uk www.facebook.com/getsortedmusic  
 Please bring a packed lunch

## GRANTS



**Buttle UK** helps children and young people across the UK. It has three grant programmes:

- Small grants programme to support families living in crisis
- School fees programme to support boarding fees where the state system is unable to meet the needs of the child.
- Support for Estranged Young People

Call **020 7828 7311** or visit **www.buttletrust.org** for more information



We raise funds to support children under the age of 18 and their families who suffer from a wide range of life

hindering illnesses to include, but not limited to, Leukaemia, The Deaf, The Blind, Cystic Fibrosis and all other serious or terminal illnesses.

Our Aim is to help as many children as possible for such things as hospital travel, respite, medical equipment, holidays and travel expenses.

For more information call: **01274 405 324**

or visit **www.buttercupchildrenstrust.org.uk**



**Children Today** is a charity that raises funds to provide specialised equipment and services for children and young

people with disabilities throughout the UK.

Call us on **01244 335622** to discuss your needs and request an application form. Or go to:

**www.childrentoday.org.uk/** for more info.

**Chat n Chill** are now back in the newly refurbished Chislett Youth and Community Centre. We held an open night on 27th February and welcome young people in Rotherham with a diagnosis of Autism aged 13+ to come along and join us. Sessions run on Tuesday evenings in term time from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Contact the Autism Communication team on **01709336413** or email **AutismCommunicationTeam@rotherham.gov.uk**

## Rotherham Branch of the National Autistic Society



**Society** is part of a national charity and work locally with children and adults of all ages with autism and their families. We offer support, information and activities for both children and adults with Autism living in Rotherham.

**[www.nasbranch.org.uk/rotherham](http://www.nasbranch.org.uk/rotherham)**

Tel: **07554 439427**

Email: **rotherham@nas.org.uk**

## BOOST

Boost is a project for Rotherham's young people aged 16 – 25 with mild to moderate learning difficulties, to provide them with the skills, confidence and support to enable them into the world of paid or voluntary work. The aim of the project is to provide a personal and social development, which prepares these young people with additional knowledge and skills to meet the challenge of their goals.

The BOOST programme meets Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays 9.30am – 2.30pm

Pick up and drop of point My Place,

St. Anne's Round –a-bout, Rotherham.

For more information call: **0114 2438219**

Email: **lerece.wilson@endeavour.org.uk**

**[www.endeavour.org.uk](http://www.endeavour.org.uk)**

## South Yorkshire Inclusive Judo Club

Learn the Olympic sport of judo

Self Confidence – Self Discipline

Self-Respect and Fitness at the Aston Leisure Club

**Classes for Beginners, Special Needs, Advanced Juniors and Seniors**

**All Ages welcome**

Contact Chris Jeffries on **07795170339**

or Aston Leisure Centre on **01142 942580**

## Young People's Support, Advice and Guidance

At Maltby Linx Youth Centre Time:

**8.30am to 4.30pm**

Cost: **FREE**

The drop in sessions are open to all young people, 16 – 19 years who would like support, advice and information on Education, Training or Employment.

This can include CV writing, developing interview skills, signposting to other agencies, support with benefit claims and general advice regarding any issues facing young people today.

For more information call **01709 8195813**

## High Hopes Riding for the Disabled

Lessons in riding, horse care and knowledge for children and adults of all ages with physical or learning disabilities.

**New Holmes Farm**

**Barnsley Road**

**Thorpe Hesley**

**Rotherham**

**S61 2RR**

**[highhopesrda@hotmail.com](mailto:highhopesrda@hotmail.com)**

**07900534512**

Margery Sheppard





**www.amyhouse.org.uk**  
**The Stables 225a**  
**Handsworth road**  
**Handsworth**  
**01142422294**

We provide a life line for families living with the daily challenges faced when caring for a child with additional, often life changing needs and life limiting conditions or illnesses.

From play based Saturday and school holiday sessions, therapeutic sensory room sessions, life skills learning support, to support in the home or hospital, providing information and advice or just being a familiar voice at the end of the phone to talk to when things get difficult, we support families with all aspects of daily life.

We are a small charity governed by a voluntary board of directors and have no paid fundraisers so every penny raised goes directly to the care and support of our families.

Our aim is to provide love and 'joy' in the children's lives.



## Independent Support Services in Rotherham

Between September 2014 and March 2016 the Government has made funding available to provide specialist individual support to parents, carers, children and young people who are involved in an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment.

Trained Independent Supporters will work with you throughout this assessment period. They can explain each stage, help you to get your views across and ensure you take an active lead role in this process.

For further information please contact us on;

IS helpline number is **0800 028 8455**

Email **ISreferrals@coreassets.com**

Website **<http://www.coreassets.com/what-we-do/independent-support-service>**

## Short Breaks

Launch of new family friendly Short Breaks page for Disabled Children, Young People, Carers and their Families on the Local Offer.

If you want to find out information on Activities, Early Support, Activities, The Disability Team and much more go to the SEND Local Offer at

**[www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org](http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org)** and look for Short Breaks in Social Care.



## KeyRing Living Support Networks

KeyRing provides support for people with learning disabilities to live independently, in their own home. In a KeyRing Network 9 people (KeyRing Members) live a short distance from each other. A KeyRing volunteer lives in the same area, and provides flexible support with things like budgeting, dealing with letters and bills, and getting involved in the community. KeyRing Members also share skills and support each other.

For more information contact Steve Pritchard on **07939 724 820**

Email: **[steve.pritchard@keyring.org](mailto:steve.pritchard@keyring.org)**

## Rotherham Community Transport

has over 25 years experience of shaping services around the needs of our passengers and can help you to get out and about.

Door 2 Door Community Transport is being used by children and young people to make journeys that include:

Home to School, Aiming High – after school activities and short breaks, Dial-A-Ride – to local colleges, Respite Care, Family Holiday Travel and much more

For more information call our Booking Centre on **01709 517100** or see our web site at **[www.door2door.org.uk](http://www.door2door.org.uk)**

**For up to date information on activities and events for disabled children or to go to:**  
**[www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org](http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org)** or contact Andy Lound tel: **01709 336423**  
 email: **[andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk)**