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www.sandwellfamilylife.info - listing over 600 local universal activities for CYP and families.

INFORMATION SHARING – NOVEMBER 2024

COMING UP FROM THE EHP:

Engage, connect, and discover new partnerships through our Community **Network Meetings –** these meetings are a great opportunity for professionals across all sectors, working with babies, children and young people in Sandwell to come together on a locality basis and get to know each other, network and assist in making working together easier.



If you would like to join us at one or more of our upcoming Community Network Meetings, please book your place(s) using the links below. Please note booking is essential, all meetings are face to face only.

LOCALITY and VENUE	DATES and TIMES	BOOKING
OLDBURY - Christchurch C of E	Mon 10 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374047
Primary School, Albert Street,	Mon 16 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	
Oldbury B69 4DE		
ROWLEY - Cradley Heath	Tues 25 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374055
Community Centre, Reddal Hill	Thurs 5 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	
Road, Cradley Heath B64 5JG		
SMETHWICK - Brasshouse	Thurs 6 Feb 2025, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374074
Community Centre, Brasshouse	Thurs 12 June 2025, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	
Lane, Smethwick B66 1BA		
TIPTON - St Pauls Community	Weds 12 Feb 2025, 10.00am – 12.00noon	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374068
Centre, Brick Kiln Street, Tipton	Weds 11 June 2025, 10.00am – 12.00noon	
DY4 8QL		
WEDNESBURY - Friar Park	Weds 5 March 2025, 1.15pm – 3.15pm	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374085
Millennium Centre, Friar Park	Weds 4 June 2025, 1.15pm – 3.15pm	
Road, Wednesbury WS10 0JS		
WEST BROMWICH – WB	Weds 26 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1373999
Collegiate Academy, Kelvin	Weds 18 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	
Way, West Bromwich B70 7LE		





Vision 2030 Main Grants Programme

Up to £5000 to support the following priorities in, and across Sandwell:

- **Building Social Connections tackling loneliness/ social** isolation across all ages.
- Healthy Lives- promoting/supporting healthy living, including physical activity and good mental health.

Closing date: Monday 25th November 9.00am Further information can be found here





Vision 2030 Sports Activity Grant Programme

Grants up to £5000 supporting Sandwell community-based sports activities and opportunities to get more people involved.

Closing date: Monday 25th November 9.00am. Further information can be found here

2025 project delivery project ideas and proposals welcomed for discussion.

Please note, ahead of any application release under the Vision 2030 Grant Programme, a conversation is required with SCVO to discuss your project proposal by contacting either Liz Webster liz@scvo.info/07923259821 or Stuart Ashmore Stuart@scvo.info/ 0121 525 1127

TRAINING/EVENTS/RESOURCES:

Online **Domestic Abuse training** sessions available to Officers in Sandwell throughout the year.







Details of all the dates and booking can be done here https://training.sandwelllscb.org.uk/events-list?c=72



To register your place, click here:

Improving services together - Early Years SEND practitioners and parents Tickets | Eventbrite



Brook recognises that Professionals who work with young people are facing the task of dealing with Misogynistic behaviours and beliefs.

Brook are offering a FREE three hour training to help recognise the signs in young people and how to empower professionals with the knowledge and skills to develop young people's critical engagement with online and offline misogyny. The training will take place online on Friday 15 November 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm. To register for this session please register using the link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sandwell-tackling-misogyny-training-tickets-1054824030069?aff=oddtdtcreator



WeMatter is a totally digital service providing specialist support to children and young people aged 8-17 years old, who have been affected by domestic abuse.

WeMatter delivers the CYP Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, which offers a range of activities and discussions informed by Trauma Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This group programme is designed to help children and young people understand their own experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, increase levels of safety and achieve positive future relationships. Information for Staff including the referral process can be found here

Cost of Living, Budgeting and Scam Awareness Training Citizens Advice are delivering the below **FREE** training workshops for Professionals, Staff or Volunteers to attend (sorry not for public/clients).



Monday 25th November 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm at Friar Park Millennium Centre, Friar Park Road, Wednesbury WS10 0JS. Pre-booking is required and places are limited, if you would like to book please request a place by sending an email to: cheryl.s@citizensadvicesandwell-walsall.org

The training sessions/workshop is through a Train the Trainer style approach and focuses on a range of relevant financial capability topics and cost of living subjects to equip participants with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills.

The training looks at trusted online resources and tools, also to include Sandwell Council's Supporting Sandwell/ Resilient Residents tools, all invaluable for both frontline workers and residents seeking reliable guidance.

By empowering you with knowledge and practical strategies, the aim is to enhance your ability to support individuals in navigating financial challenges and the cost of living.

Between us we can help and support our residents across Sandwell to have access to manage everyday more efficiently.



The **NSPCC**'s Development and Implementation Team are hosting a **free online event** on **26**th **November** during the 16 Days of Activism.

The event will explore some of the ways the NSPCC is working to protect children from domestic abuse and how professionals can play their part in doing the same.

The event will feature:

- A Welcome from Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner
- What NSPCC are doing to protect children from Domestic Abuse: NSPCC Policy Team
- An introduction to Domestic Abuse Recovering Together programme (DART)
- Supporting healthy relationships with young people: Niamh Kennedy, Talk Relationships

And much more! Click here to reserve your FREE space

Together we can make a difference and ensure children's voices are heard.

NSPCC have also recently published: Voluntary agencies: learning from case reviews. A summary of key issues and learning for improved practice for voluntary agencies October 2024

BARNARDOS Stepping into Parenthood:

Changing the way we think about Parenting Programmes

Join us for a day of exploring Programmes for

Parent/Carers delivered by Barnardo's and the wider offer within Sandwell Family Hubs from 0 - 19 years (25



Thursday 16th January 2025, 9.30 - 4.30pm, West Bromwich Albion Ground



This event is your chance to dive into the world of parenting like never before! Join us at West Bromwich Albion Football Club for a day filled with speed networking through the Programmes for Parents offer, interactive workshop to explore the programmes from a parent/carers perspective, and expert advice from the parenting team.

Whether you're a new professional in Sandwell or a seasoned pro, this day will challenge your current beliefs on Parenting Programmes and help you discover new ways to support the Parent/Carers you are supporting Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other professionals, explore the wider Family Hub offer and gain valuable insights in new Programmes being delivered from January onwards



To book your place:

Stepping into Parenthood: Changing the way we think about Parenting Programmes Tickets, Thu
16 Jan 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite



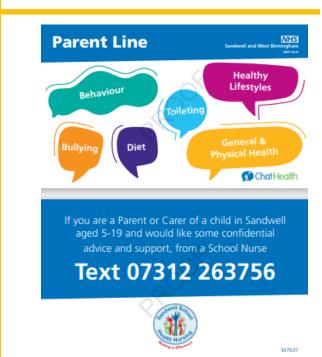


Be You is our new, free service for girls aged 11-19 at risk of offending. We will work closely with schools to help girls to:

- Develop confidence, self-belief and aspirations to keep them safe from criminal exploitation
- Benefit from the structure and supervision of school to help avoid suspension and exclusion
- Improve lifeskills including resisting negative peer pressure, establishing healthy relationships and developing better ways to transition into adulthood
- Build positive, supportive networks to reduce their risk of offending

For further details, download the 'Be You' service poster <u>here</u>.

To refer a pupil, please email youthjustice@blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk or call 0121 553 0090



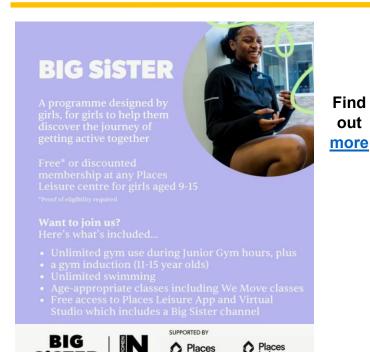


Sandwell Children's
Safeguarding
Partnership

The last of the SCSP Roadshow's around Sandwell's response to Working Together 23, including an overview of the ST*R Partnership Practice Model and Sandwell's Integrated Front Door took place on 17th October. There was great attendance across all 5 dates and some really positive feedback was received

If you didn't manage to make it, or want to share the information across your teams/services you can find a recording on the SCSP website here

STAR Partnership Practice Model and the Integrated Front Door - Sandwell CSP







Do you struggle with the following?



Contact Ian Office: 0121 525 2558 Mobile: 07976 807743 or Email: Ian@sweda.org.uk





What is Sign Cafe?

Another Sign Cafe is taking place on both
20th November and 18th December from
12pm until 2pm. It will be held at West
Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Rd.,
West Bromwich, B71 1QS.

It's an opportunity for the Deaf community to meet and chat. People who have been signing for a while but may have forgotten some signs or be wanting to brush up their signing can also come along and refresh their skills in a relaxed environment.

There is also food and drink available to buy. It's the perfect chance for people to join in and socialise in a relaxed environment.

For more information, please contact Craig Pothecary (Well-being Coach)

on craig pothecary@sdca.co.uk

COMING UP FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:















15TH OF NOVEMBER AND 17TH OF JANUARY

MAKATON TASTER WORKSHOP

10.00am - 12.00pm

To find out more and to book on please scan the QR code below or visit

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fantastic-journeys-cic

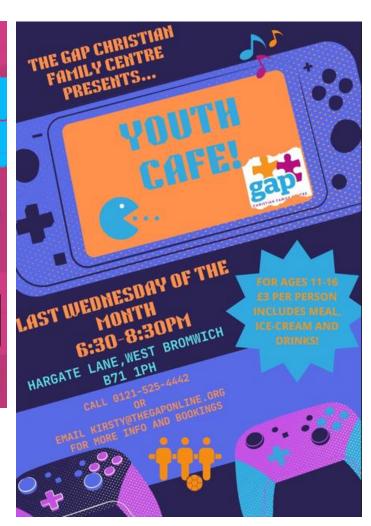
WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MESSENGER ROAD,
SMETHWICK, B66 3DX















Under 2's Sensory session

West Smethwick Enterprise are delivering a under 2's sensory class

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.



For ages O-2 years old

Come and join us at 9.45am-10.45am
Thursday 14th November
Thursday 28th November
Thursday 12th December

The session will be delivered at Stepping Stones Pre-school, St Paul's

Road, Smethwick, R66 1EX

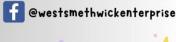
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US

community@wsenterprise.co.uk 0121 565 3209/ 07803 857184











Also upcoming for Parents and Carers from Autism West Midlands:

Thursday 7th November:

Black Country Online Autism Support Sessions for Autistic Adults/Carers.

Sunday 10th November: Black Country Stay & Play

Tuesday 12th November:

Sandwell Parent/ Carer Evening Support Group

Saturday 30th November:

Black Country Online Whistle-stop Tour of Educational Health Care Plans

Thursday 5th December:

Sandwell Christmas Parent Carer Event





SPOC Parent Carer Newsletter November 2821

November at a glance!

Thursday 7th November

Monday 11th November Hope Park & Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November

Thursday 14th November Carers M.O.T week 4

Wednesday 20th November Coffee & Craft

Thursday 21st November Carers M.O.T week 5

Thursday 26th November SPDC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28th November Carers M.O.T week 6

Saturday 30th November

Christmas Craft Showcase

Tuesdays throughout November Cost of Living Team

Support your fellow

upcoming Annual General Meeting. This is a great event to show your support and to help us to celebrate the achievements of the charity over the last 21 years.

New for this year, SPDC are offering the opportunity for parent carers to showcase and sell craft items at both the AGM as well as at our Christmas Craft Showcase so I am hoping you will join us in supporting fellow parent carers and raise funds for future SPDC activities so bring your pennies! (no card payments)

I look forward to catching up with you over the festive months and welcoming new families.





Email your bookings to spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org and SPDC will send a confirmation email

November Activities for parent carers

Hope Park Production TICKET Monday 11th November

Showtime 10am-11am Coffee Morning 11am-12pm

The Oak House Museum, Oak Road, West Bromwich B70 8HJ

Drama & SOME CIC have kindly offered parent carers an exclusive showing of the performance Hope Park. A play of unexpected encounters as Ash explores the 5 ways to wellbeing. Limited spaces so book as soon as possible.



November Activities for



Tuesday 12th November 9.30am-10.30am

Lewisham Park (opposite SPDC office), Great Arthur St, Smethwick B66 1DH Meeting at Galton Valley Children's Centre reception

We are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to take a short leisurely bike ride led by Quasim from Stepping Stones in the community.

Wether you are a beginner, experienced or not tried to ride for some time, it is an opportunity for you to try something new!

Bikes and safety helmets will be supplied on the day

Following the bike ride, you will have the opportunity to have refreshments at SPDC HQ.



This is a bookable event and will need to be booked by Monday 11th November.





Information Session Sandwell

Monday 18th November 10.00am-11.30am Galton Valley Children's Centre, Great Arthur St, Smethwick B66 1DH Meeting at Galton Valley Children's Centre reception

SPDC are delighted to welcome Natalie Saunders, Head of Service for West Bromwich & Wednesbury and Lead on SEND at Sandwell Childrens Trust.

Natalie is taking time out of her busy schedule to seek parent carers views on a new short breaks hub for families currently known to the Children with Disabilities team and have a wider conversation about how Sandwell Children's Trust can support those who do not have contact with the team.

This is a great opportunity for Natalie to meet you and parent carers to positively help shape the future of short breaks.

This is a bookable event and will need to be booked by Monday 11th November.

November Activities for parent carers Coffee & Craft

Wednesday 20th November 10.00am-11.30am

South Staffs Water Hub, Unit 17 Union Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7HD

Our popular monthly craft session is going on tour!

This month we will be exploring the art of wood burning to make a Christmas decoration, although this may not take all of the session, we would love to see what projects you are working on at home, bring it along and show your skill!

Whilst you are crafting you have the opportunity to speak with South Staff Water for advice.



Light refreshments available



This is a bookable event and will need to be booked by Monday 11th November.

SPDC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26th November 11am-12.30pm Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1HE







Family Club Newsletter can be downloaded here

If you would like to share any upcoming activities, events, training opportunities, new services or a good news story, please feel free to send over to me earlyhelp@scvo.info or drop me a line on **07587 136072**

Take care and have a good day.

Angel, Early Help Partnership Co-ordinator



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