

Let's Play Project Newsletter - February 2014



To find out about information, services & advice for families of disabled children, SEN & additional needs please go to:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/disabilityinformation

Play Day Dates (all 11am—3pm)

Saturday 28th June: LITTLEMORE,
Oxford Road Recreation Ground, OX4 4PF

Saturday 5th July: WANTAGE
Manor Road Memorial Park, OX12 8DW

Saturday 19th July: FARINGDON Venue TBC

Wednesday 23rd July: BANBURY Peoples Park, OX16 0AD

Wednesday 30th July: CHIPPING NORTON Venue TBC

Wednesday 6th August: BICESTER Garth Park, Launton Road, OX26 6PS

Saturday 30th August: THAME Southern Road Recreation Ground, OX9 2EP

Wednesday 29th October: WITNEY
The Leys Recreation Ground, OX28

National Autistic Society - Parent to Parent Service.

Parent to Parent (P2P) is the NAS' UK-wide confidential telephone support service providing emotional support to parents and carers of a child or adult with autism. The service is provided by trained parent volunteers, both mothers and fathers, who offer telephone support from their own homes. The Parent to Parent volunteers are based across the whole of the UK, this means that there is increased anonymity for parents who may not want to share information with someone in their local area.

The parent volunteers both mothers and fathers have a wealth of experience, knowledge and insight and can talk through any issues, problems or feelings parents are experiencing. They all know what life can be like for families affected by autism and want to do something to support others in similar situations. They can also direct callers to other sources of information and support.

Parents and carers can contact the service via phone or online. They can either call **0808 800 4106** at any time day and night and leave a message. It is not a manned line, but if they leave a message, a volunteer will call them back as soon as possible, at a time which suits them. Alternatively they can fill in our online enquiry form by visiting the Parent to Parent pages of the NAS website.

<http://www.autism.org.uk/our-services/advice-and-information-services/parent-to-parent-service/parent-to-parent-enquiry.aspx>
<http://www.autism.org.uk/Our-services/Advice-and-information-services/Parent-to-Parent-Service.aspx>

Oxfordshire Play Conference 2014:

Saturday 15th March 2014
9:30am – 3:30pm
Oxford University Wheatley Campus, OX33 1HX
Cost: £15.00
To book a place please contact:
Jane Gallagher 01865 779474
www.oxonplay.org.uk/playconference

Soundabout

Fun, creative and inspirational music sessions for children, young people and young adults with physical and/or learning difficulties and their families or carers - using music to enhance interaction for all please come along! Please see table below for times and dates.

At: 2 Elizabeth House, Wornal Park, Menmarsh Road, Worminshall, HP18 9PH.
Price: £10 per family.

Job Opportunity:

Full time post for Project worker being advertised at My Life My Choice. Please follow this link for full Job Description and application form.

<http://mylifemychoice.org.uk/job-opportunities -2/>

Date	Time	Name of session	Who is it for?	Who is leading?
1 Mar 2014	10.30am - 12.30pm	Multi-sensory Music using resonance boards	Under 16 years old wheelchair users	Sue and Felicity
1 Mar 2014	2pm - 4pm	Multi-sensory Music- quiet session	Under 25 years old	Sue and Felicity
8 Mar 2014	11am - 1pm	Songquest using music therapy techniques	Young adults	Pete & Tom
8 Mar 2014	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Songquest using music therapy techniques	Adults	Pete & Tom
15 Mar 2014	10.30am - 12.30pm	Active session with drumming	Under 16 years old mobile	Pete Ord and Isabel
15 Mar 2014	2pm - 4pm	Themed session : The weather	Over 16 years old	Pete Ord and Isabel
29 Mar 2014	11am - 1pm	Storytelling through music	All ages	Steve
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Newlife – Free Equipment for Disabled Young People

Almost one hundred items of specialist equipment are now ready and waiting to be delivered to children across the UK. Newlife's pilot project called 'Newlifeable' has launched offering a large selection of new and clinically refurbished and certified equipment, all available through a grant for 'priority delivery' at no cost. Equipment includes specialist seating, manual wheelchairs, buggies, walking frames and assisted living aids like height adjustable tables **all free**.

To view the current range of equipment please visit
www.newlifeable.co.uk

Oxfordshire Disability Sport and Activity Opportunities:

If you would like to find out more about disability sports in Oxfordshire including inclusive cycling, football, cricket and more please visit:

Oxfordshire Youth Awards:

The nominations for the Oxfordshire Youth Awards are now open! The Oxfordshire Youth Awards will take place at the Oxford New Theatre on Monday 17th March 2014. There are 7 award categories: Inspirational, Entrepreneur, Community, Champion, Sporting, Achievement, Arts Superstar, Young Einstein of the Year, Youth Project of the Year, Pride Oxfordshire.

You can nominate now by visiting:
www.oxfordshireyouthawards.org

"Setting Out" Down's Syndrome & Early Development for Parents & Practitioners 0—3 yrs.

This course shares key information about Down's syndrome and discusses what we can do to help children to learn and develop. With practical strategies to use at home and beyond.

This course is on Saturday 1st March 10am—4pm (registration from 9:30am)

Venue: Sandills Community Primary School, Terrett Avenue, Sandhills, Oxford OX3 8FN

Mencap Young Ambassadors:

Hello,

I'm the Regional Youth Coordinator for Mencap's Young Ambassador programme, an exciting and empowering scheme for young people with a learning disability.

The programme lasts for 6 months and is completely free of charge. We also pay for all travel costs incurred. Commitment wise, we are very flexible and happy to work around peoples availability.

Throughout the duration of the programme we will offer various opportunities to the Young Ambassadors. It's entirely up to them whether they would like to be involved or not.

The programme culminates with a Community Impact Project. These projects are targeted at having a positive impact on a local community and create a great sense of ownership and accomplishment for those involved.

I'm going to be carrying out some training for new applicants in the Oxfordshire region within the next few weeks. I was therefore hoping whether you could possibly pass this information on to anyone who may be interested please?

Many thanks,

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For further information check out:
<http://www.mencap.org.uk/what-we-do/our-projects/inspire-me/young-ambassadors>
Facebook -
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Inspire-Me-Mencap/108642992557962>

Rough Guide to Accessible Britain

Please follow the link to find out more about over 200 inspiring ideas for fantastic worry-free days outs with reviews, hints and tips on some of the UK's best attractions written by and for disabled people.

<http://www.accessibleguide.co.uk>