

# Let's Play Project Monthly Update - May 2013



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

## Short Breaks Consultation Invitation

You are invited to take part in a workshop so that Short Breaks can find out what is important to you about short breaks and childcare services in Oxfordshire.

- \* County wide consultations will be running from 3rd June to 5th July 2013 for everyone to have their say.
- \* A workshop will run on 4th June from 9.30—12.30pm at Stratfield Break, Kidlington, OX5 1UP

Please RSVP [erin.harker@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:erin.harker@oxfordshire.gov.uk) by 24th May as places are limited.



## Childcare Vouchers

Did you know that you may be eligible to pay for your childcare (including sessions at Let's Play) with childcare vouchers?

Please visit the links below which may help to make things a bit clearer and explain how you may be eligible for working tax credits or childcare vouchers:

[www.kuvouchers.co.uk](http://www.kuvouchers.co.uk)

[http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/data/files/information\\_services/facesheets/help\\_with\\_childcare\\_costs\\_for\\_working\\_parents\\_october\\_2012.pdf](http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/data/files/information_services/facesheets/help_with_childcare_costs_for_working_parents_october_2012.pdf)

## Disabled Children Parent's Guide to Employment

Please find attached a guide which may be useful if you want to find out more about employment opportunities for your child.

If you would like to be added to the Carers Voice mailing list to receive the "Care Matters" newsletter please email [Joanna.Robinson@Oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.Robinson@Oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## Summer Holiday Activities

Autism Family Support Project – "Children in touch" will be running activities for young people age 8—18 yrs old with AS or HFASD. Parents can apply through the website about a month before the holidays start to book places. Please go to: <http://www.childrenintouch.org.uk>

## Sting Teens Night Club Event

**Date and Theme:** 2nd July 2013—Summer party (Hawaiian shirts optional!)

**Background:** Stingray Night Club (the adult version of StingTeens) has long been a huge success. Oxford's only night club run by and for people with learning disabilities has for a long time wanted to offer a club night for young people transitioning into adulthood. The initial StingTeens event in December 2012 attracted around 100 people.

**Development:** The StingTeens team are actively looking for young people who would like to volunteer to organise StingTeens Night Club or DJ. The current team are experienced in training new DJ's with learning disabilities in the art of being a Club DJ.

**Alcohol:** No alcohol will be served on the premises during StingTeens Night Club. Anyone found to be in possession of alcohol will have it confiscated. Soft drinks will be on sale, and water will be available for free.

**Strobe Lighting:** Strobe lighting will not be used during StingTeens Night Club.

**Risk Assessments:** StingTeens Night Club and Plush Night Club have both conducted risk assessments of the venue and every effort has and will be made to ensure the event is safe.

**Duty of Care:** The StingTeens Night Club team are responsible for the delivery of a high quality, safe & enjoyable event which includes a DJ's, Club Guardians & door staff. Security staff will be supplied by Plush Night Club. It is the responsibility of those bringing young people to assess the care & support needs of those attending & to supply adequate staff to accompany their party.

**Sting TEENS-**  
July 2nd 2013  
October 8th 2013  
December 17th 2013  
6pm until 9pm  
for 14 to 19 year olds  
at Plush Club, Park End St, Oxford  
click [www.mylifemychoice.org.uk](http://www.mylifemychoice.org.uk)  
contact [bryan@mylifemychoice.org.uk](mailto:bryan@mylifemychoice.org.uk) 01865 204214

## Free Entry Ticket (attached)

An event for child with disabilities and their parents/carers to find out more about:



- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Mobility
- ◆ Accessible Vehicles
- ◆ Sensory items
- ◆ Seating/Beds/Baths
- ◆ Sports
- ◆ And much more...

**Thursday 13th June 2013**  
**9.30am—4.30pm**  
**Rivermead Leisure Complex,**  
**Richfield Avenue, Reading,**

## Carers Week 10th—16th June 2013

Carers Voice Oxfordshire are keen to see if you would like to do something for carers week such as have a coffee morning, pamper night, information sharing event etc

If you are thinking of arranging something to mark carers week please let Michelle Evans know the details of the event you are planning on [michelle@oxoncarersforum.org.uk](mailto:michelle@oxoncarersforum.org.uk)