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News and updates from Haringey Council's SEND team.

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March 2024

Welcome to the March issue of the SEND newsletter. This is a space for us to share news and updates across the service, events and resources from our partners and highlight stories from the community.



We would like to know what you think of the layout and design of the Haringey Local Offer website, which is constantly being updated. Please use the link below to fill out our survey.

- [Visit the Local Offer pages](#)
- [Give your feedback on the Local Offer](#)
- [Accessibility guidance and tools for navigating the Local Offer](#)

Celebrating success



Take part in the UK's largest online British Sign Language
lesson

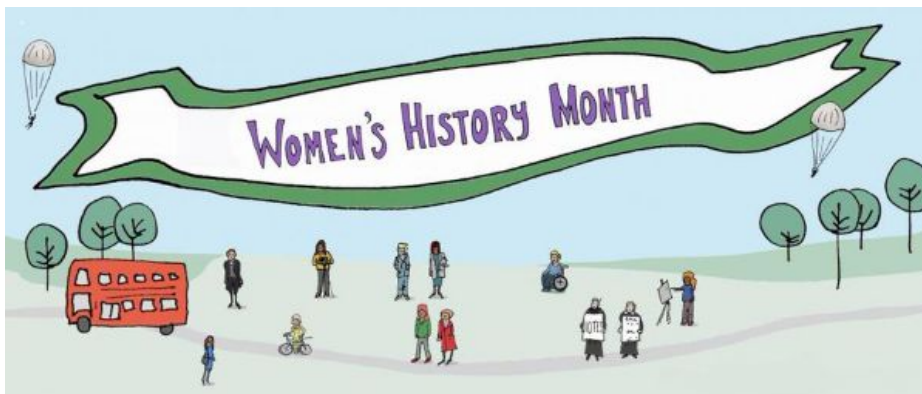


Sign Language Week, 18-24 March, celebrates the language, culture, and diversity of the deaf community.

The British Deaf Association (BDA) and Signature are inviting all primary schools across the country to participate in the UK's largest online BSL lesson on Wednesday, 20 March, at 10 a.m.

- [Learn more and register your school.](#)

Women's History Month



Women's History Month raises awareness and empowers women by discovering, documenting and celebrating women's lives and achievements. Throughout the month, events for all ages are happening across Haringey!

- [View the full programme of events.](#)

Neurodiversity Celebration Week



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Along with Sign Language Week, Neurodiversity Celebration Week occurs from 18-24 March!

Join free panel sessions with inspirational speakers from various backgrounds and professions throughout the week. Topics include Creating a Neuro-inclusive Classroom, Understanding Neurodiversity as a Family, and Neurodiversity for Parents & Carers.

- [See the events schedule and book your spot.](#)

Listening to parents: SEND inclusion in mainstream schools event



Last month, Councillor Zena Brabazon, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families, joined leaders from Children's Services, Haringey Education Partnership, and headteachers for a parent/carers engagement event hosted by SEND Power.

The event focused on SEND inclusion in mainstream schools, with parents passionately sharing their experiences, highlighting challenges such as limited resources and support, navigating systems, and the impact on families.

Haringey Shed: inclusive theatre and performing arts



Haringey Shed, an inclusive theatre and performing arts company for children and young people, has a Young Adults Company for actors 16-19.

The group meets every Wednesday at the Haringey Irish Centre at 6:30pm – 8pm. They offer a pay-what-you-can scheme so that funding/money is no barrier for any actor.

- [Visit their website for more information.](#)

News



Bookings now open for our Easter Holiday Activity & Food Programme



We have an exciting programme of free holiday camps and playschemes for children on Free School Meals aged 5-16 during the Easter holidays, including activities with Haringey Shed Inclusive Theatre, The Brook and The Vale, and The Markfield Project.

You can book activities once you have received a booking code from your child's school.

- [View and book activities.](#)

Free childcare offers are increasing for working parents

Help with childcare costs for working parents of two-year-olds.

You could get up to 15hrs FREE childcare p.w.

FREE 15
hours childcare for working parents



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of free childcare at a range of places such as nurseries, children's centre, and playgroups.

Parents need to apply for their codes before 31 March 2024 to secure a place from April 2024.

- [Visit our Free Early Learning/Education webpage to learn more.](#)

Survey: wraparound childcare in Haringey



Help shape the future of before-and-after-school (Wraparound) childcare in Haringey. We want to hear your views about Wraparound childcare, part of the government's expansion of childcare for primary school-aged children.

If you are a Haringey parent/carer with children aged 3 to 11, please complete our 3-minute survey.

- [Complete the wraparound childcare in Haringey survey.](#)

Your local Children's Hearing Services Working Group



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local professionals, parents of deaf children, and young people working together to improve local services. Get involved to share your views, join workshops and get support.

- [Visit their website to learn more and get involved.](#)

Get Talking Haringey: developing your child's communication and language skills



The Haringey Early Years team aims to support families in developing communication and language with young children. Join their next free family-focused event with author Jamel Carly at Hornsey Library on 28 March 2024, 12-3 pm.

- [Learn more on the Get Talking Haringey webpage.](#)

Youth Clubs at Rising Green



Deaf Youth Club

The Deaf Youth Club for secondary deaf young people launches on Tuesday, 26 March from 4-6 pm.

- **Location:** Rising Green Youth Hub, Unit 2, Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, N22 6JA
- **Date/Time:** The club will meet once a month from 4-6pm.
- **Register your interest:** To learn more and RSVP for the event, [complete the registration form.](#)

Autistic Youth Club

Young people 11-16 with autism can join our Autistic Youth Club at Rising Green every Thursday from 4-5 pm.

- **Location:** Rising Green Youth Hub, Unit 2, Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, N22 6JA
- **Date/Time:** Every Thursday during term time from 4-5 pm.
- **Register your interest:** Contact Aarti Meisuria by email at aarti.meisuria@haringey.gov.uk or phone at 07980316725

Updates



Safety Valve Progress



We publish progress reports to our website as part of our commitment to being open and transparent in implementing the Safety Valve Programme. [View the February 2024 progress reports on our Safety Valve Programme webpage.](#)

2024 Guide to Supported Internships in Haringey



A supported internship programme is a work-based learning programme for 16- to 25-year-olds with disabilities and/or autism. It helps to foster self-confidence and establish meaningful connections with a supportive community of peers, mentors, and professionals.

We've put together a brochure with everything you need to know about supported internship providers we currently work with in Haringey.

- [Visit our Supported Internship Programme webpage to download the brochure.](#)

Free British Sign Language Tours at Kew Gardens

Specially-trained tour guides lead walking tours in British Sign Language, offering an overview of the Gardens and its scientific work, with free entry included.

- [Learn more and book your spot.](#)

Free SEND family sensory tours at Kew Gardens

Designed for children 0-7 with SEND or children and young people with severe, profound and complex learning difficulties.

- [Learn more and book your spot.](#)

Health and Social Care Careers Fair

Are you based in Haringey and looking for a job or interested in starting a new career? Join Haringey Council and the Department of Work & Pensions Health and Social Care Careers Fair!

Date: Wednesday 10 April, from 12pm to 3pm

Location: Tottenham Job Centre, NW5 2AG

- [Learn more and book your spot](#)

Sensory differences and behaviour seminar with Haringey Occupational Services

Key discussions include:

- Sensory differences in children from the perspective of Occupational Therapy
- Why some children have sensory processing difference
- What can be done to support these children

Date: The next seminar is Friday, 10 May 2024, 10am to 12:30pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

To book: [complete this form to register your spot](#)

Children's Centres: Haringey has many Children's Centres with access to family-friendly support services, job opportunities and training support, and a friendly place to play, learn and connect with the community. To view events and the monthly timetables at your local centre, click on the centre's name, and select the 'see the list of activities' red button.

- [Find your local Children's Centre](#)
- Children's Centre activities can also be found in the [What's On calendar](#)

Updates from our partners



[SEND Power in Haringey](#) is a forum that supports parents and carers of children and/or young people 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) who live or receive SEND services in Haringey.

[Sign up to become a free member](#) and help strengthen the collective parent/carer voice in Haringey.

What we've been up to:

- We're developing a Parents Charter with the local authority, outlining what parents/carers should expect from schools and services. If you have ideas you'd like us to include in this, please let us know – hello@sendpowerinharingey.org

Upcoming events

- Meet other parents/carers at our monthly Walk & Talk event at Woodside Park on Monday, 8 April, at 11:30 a.m. [Learn about more events on our website.](#)



[SENDIASS](#) is a free, confidential service commissioned by Haringey Council and provided by Markfield, an independent charity.

We provide parents and carers of children and young people aged 0 - 25 with accurate, impartial information about SEND systems and processes

school term times)

- [Visit our Eventbrite page for more events and webinars](#)

Free drop-in advice sessions with a SENDIASS Adviser during the school term:

- Need help navigating the SEND system? Join us for a 20-minute drop-in session every Thursday from 10am - 12pm at the Markfield Community Centre, Markfield Park, Markfield Rd, N15 4RB

Monthly Family Club - Saturday 13 April 11:30am - 2:30pm at the Markfield Community Centre

- Parents, carers, children, and young people can get advice, meet other families, have a shared lunch and enjoy our adventure playground with a trampoline, zip wire, slides, swings, arts and craft activities

Free consultation with an Educational Psychologist

- Are you worried about your child's development, learning, emotional well-being or behaviour? Book a free 40 minute session with an educational psychologist from Haringey Educational Psychology Service
- Email with your name and telephone number to familyadmin@markfield.org.uk stating if you prefer an in-person meeting or a telephone consultation



Markfield is an inclusive community hub in Haringey where people can play, socialise and get information & support.

Markfield offers a range of support services for parents and carers of children with autism:

- 1:1 advice appointments
- Help with Disability Living Allowance (DLA) applications
- Online and in-person group meetings
- **In-person parent meetings:** the last Friday of every month from 10am - 12pm, Markfield community centre, N15 4RB. Just drop in – no need to book
- **Monthly club for autistic young people aged 12 to 17:** for more information, [visit our website](#)

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