

LOCAL OFFER

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

NEWSLETTER

Information for Parents and Young People: Special Educational Needs and Disability 0-25

The Local Offer is a valuable resource for families and professionals offering information on the services and provisions available in Southwark for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.



The Autism Project

The Autism Project (TAP) is a full-time, two-year, employability programme for young people on the autistic spectrum, aged 18-25. In August 2016, The Autism Project was added to the Secretary of States Section 41 list of approved providers.

New Projects starting in May and September 2017

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/young-offer/preparing-for-adulthood/employment/employment-advice-and-support/care-trade-uk-the-autism-project-at-guys-and-st-thomas--hospitals/>



Fulham Football Club

Foundation

building better lives through sport

Traineeships

The Southwark Information, Advice and Support (SIAS) Team have jointly developed a bespoke and exciting Traineeship opportunity in partnership with Fulham FC.

Six young people have joined the programme so far and will achieve a FA Level 1 Football Coaching and Employability Qualification, as well as practical work experience.

Following on from the programme, the young will have the necessary skills, experience and qualifications to secure paid sessional coaching positions.

If you are interested in participating in the Traineeship or to find out more, please contact the SIAS Team on 020 7525 3104 or email: sias@southwark.gov.uk



Sporting Recovery develops and promote ways of helping people with mental health issues cope with their recovery journey and find ways of integrating back into their community. Their programmes integrate sports, nutritional advice and education (with nationally recognised qualifications leading to employment) into an accessible form for participants.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/things-to-do/hobbies/physical-activity/sporting-recovery/>



Positive Action Scheme

The Guardian believes there should be a better representation of our diverse society in the media, and each summer runs a two-week work-experience scheme for those considering a career in journalism.

This year their London office is running a scheme for applicants with disabilities.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/education--training---apprenticeship/not-in-education--employment-or-training/sports-academy/fulham-fc/>

For more exciting opportunities currently available, please visit the Youth Offer Weekly Opportunities

Bulletins:

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/employment/weekly-opportunities-bulletin/>

[Send us your comments](#)

What does the SEND Code of Practice (0-25) and Southwark expect from Further Education providers?

Southwark's vision for children and young people with SEND:

Our vision for children with special educational needs and disabilities is the same as for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years, at school and in college, and lead happy and fulfilled lives.

Visit Southwark's Local Offer to find out about the duties Further Education Providers are expected to fulfil in working with and supporting young people with SEND:

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/education/learning-choices-at-16-plus/what-does-the-send-code-of-practice-0-25-and-southwark-la-expect-from-further-ed/>

Successful applicants will learn about different aspects of the profession, gaining an insight into the workings of a number of sections across the newspaper and website, such as Features, Society and Multimedia. They will also have an experienced journalist as a mentor to offer advice on careers in journalism.



Knife Crime and Knife Carrying

Violent crime is a key priority in Southwark and it was agreed in October 2016 that a multi-agency action would be developed to tackle knife crime in the borough. Whilst a range of initiatives from the community, Police and the council have had an impact; recent events and data indicate that knife crime and carrying are on the increase.

Knife crime and carrying are complicated issues and there are no simple solutions. A workshop to look at the issue was organised and attended by young people, councillors, council officers from different departments, probation services, police, voluntary sector organisations and school and college heads. Further consultation was undertaken with young ChangeMakers and the following themes for action were identified:-

- Involvement and Ownership – young people need to be at the core of designing,



STARTING SCHOOL: SEPTEMBER 2018

Starting Primary School Event:

Wednesday 7th June 2017

10am-12pm

Sunshine House

This event is for parent/carers whose children will be starting school next September (2018) and who have an EHCP or a Statement. There will be a short talk about what to expect, what you need to do and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/training-and-drop-ins/workshops-and-conferences/starting-primary-school-event-2017/>

Starting Secondary School Event:

Wednesday 7th June 2017

1pm-3pm

Sunshine House

This event is for parent/carers whose children will be starting secondary school next September (2018) and who have an EHCP or a Statement. There will be a short talk about what to expect, what you need to do and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/training-and-drop-ins/workshops-and-conferences/starting-secondary-school-event-2017/>

delivering and monitoring the success of this plan

- Prevention and Awareness
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Positive Change
- Enforcement

These themes will be used to populate a draft action plan that will be circulated for feedback in the near future. To register your interest in feeding back please contact Community Safety Officer - Luton Sinfield
luton.sinfield@southwark.gov.uk



Community Children's Early Years Nutrition & Dietetics Service

This service provides advice and support on healthy eating for families with children aged 4 and under. Services include:

- Introducing Solid Foods
- sessions are run across Southwark Children's Centres providing group education for parents and carers with infants up to 1 years old.
- Nutrition Advice - held during Stay & Play sessions across

Whizz-kidz

move a life forward

Free Wheelchair Skills Clubs

These clubs are for young people who want a safe space to practice, and offer them to wheelchair users between 2 and 25 years.

This club is open to all, meaning that those full, part time and occasional wheelchair users; those who rely 1:1 support with skills and can't self-propel; and those really advanced wheelchair users who want a safe space to practice wheelies, are all welcome!



There are a number of different services and resources available that provide information about how children and young people can stay safe online and what they should do if they encounter a difficult situation whilst surfing the internet.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/your-local-offer/staying-safe/internet-and-online-safety/>



EASTER HOLIDAYS

Southwark Children's Centres – opportunity for parents and carers to speak informally with dietitian about simple nutrition issues.

- Positive Mealtimes – intervention for parents and carers of children aged 2-5 years old, who experience significantly difficult mealtimes due to food refusal, limited range of foods or challenging behaviour. Need to be able to commit to 3 consecutive weeks of 3 hour intervention. Child needs to be able to cope with 2 hours in crèche. By referral only (by the health visitor).
- Targeted sessions – tailored groups or established sessions to meet specific needs e.g.: African Food Focus; Keeping Well Post-Birth; Young Mums Lunch Club

For more information please visit:

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/targeted-and-specialist-services/community-children-s-early-years-nutrition-dietetics-service/>

NHS
Southwark
Clinical Commissioning
Group

People with learning disabilities have poorer health than the general population. This is because people in this group are more likely to have difficulty saying how they feel and seeing a doctor or nurse when they need to.

With the Easter Holidays around the corner, it's never too early to start planning activities to take part in over the Easter Break

Why not check out the Leisure section of Southwark's Local Offer to find out about all the different activities running now and throughout the holidays!

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leisure/>



I AM Julia Cheng at Southbank Centre

Urban festival is a local festival at Southbank Centre celebrating art and artists inspired by the city this Easter. Featuring a professional development event *I AM*, a monthly series giving young creatives access to leading artists, careers stories and skills workshops. This month meet Dancer, Artist and Creative Director of House of Absolute, Julia Cheng.

Julia is a hip-hop dancer and choreographer who founded House of Absolute in 2014.

Hear Julia's professional story, how she progressed and developed her dance career and founded her own company. Take part in a movement workshop which will teach about the action of connecting and transferring skills through creative tasks. Have a chance to ask advice in a Q&A session to end the workshop.

Eligibility criteria: Participants in the workshop have to be aged 15-25

NHS Southwark CCG has launched a film for people with learning disabilities. The film is about why it is important to have a health check every year and what it will be like.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/targeted-and-specialist-services/new-health-check-films-for-people-with-learning-disabilities/>

emergencySMS

SMS to emergency services

The emergencySMS service lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard.

Users will need to register there mobile phone before using the emergencySMS service:

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/youth-offer/staying-safe/emergencysms/>



Department
for Education

Inspection ready in Southwark

Inspectors will be coming to Southwark sometime in the near future to see how well we have all done implementing the reforms laws since September 2014. This Independent inspection will show how the SEN and disability system

years old

For tickets or more information
please visit:

<https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/120790-i-am-urban-artist-2017>



Exclusive Free Weekly Schedule Planner For Local Offer Users

With exam season upon us, it is never too early to start getting prepared. A solid revision timetable will help you cover everything you need to, in time for the exam; but it will also break everything down into more manageable chunks - making the whole process much less scary!

The Local Offer has been given the password to provide exclusive access to our users

To download your own copy please visit:

<http://worthofmouth.co.uk/2016/10/16/exclusive/>

AND enter the password: **WOM2016**

is performing; which parts are working well and less well and whether outcomes are improving for children and young people. There have been so many changes in the services we provide to families and this will help us to ensure that what we are doing is making an impact and improving outcomes for families.

The framework has now been published and you can see what you might be asked about if you are visited

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-framework>



Family Fund
Helping disabled children

Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people.

To find out more about this grant including how to apply please visit:

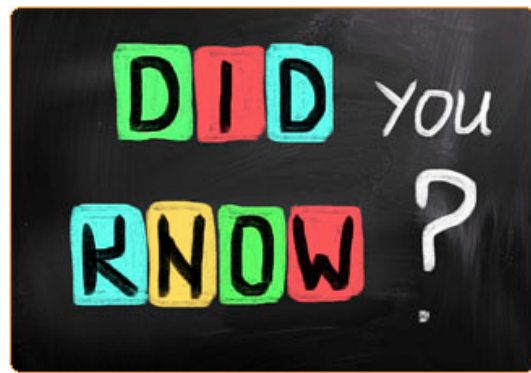
<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

SEND Masterclass - NEW DATE ADDED!

29th June 2017

Book your place by emailing:
sias@southwark.gov.uk

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/trai>



An **Access to Work** grant can pay for practical support if you have a disability, health or mental health condition to help you:

- start working
- stay in work
- move into self-employment or start a business

The money doesn't have to be paid back and will not affect your other benefits.

<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/your-offer/money/access-to-work-grant/>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07/06/2017, 10-12pm: **Starting Primary School Event**
- 07/06/2017, 1-3pm: **Starting Secondary School Event**



Can't find what you're looking for

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on the Local Offer website? Why not send us an [email](#) with the information you are looking for and we will do our best to find it for you

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