



Barking & Dagenham SEND LOCAL OFFER Newsletter



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1st School Term Round-up and Celebration

We hope all children and young people have settled well into their new class, and they have already enjoyed many rich learning experiences in 1st term.

Welcome to 2nd issue of the Barking and Dagenham SEND Local Offer Newsletter. You will find:

- New SEND Local Offer website – Our Co-Production Journey
- Just Say Parent Carer Forum
- Speak Up Young People Forum
- Something especially for Early Years 0-5 years old
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Useful Contact:

- ❖ MASH Team:
020 8227 3811 (Monday-Friday)
020 8215 3000 (Out of duty hours)
- ❖ Child at immediately risk, call police on 999
- ❖ Travel Assistance:
transport.request@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Early Help Service:
020 8227 5600
familynavigators@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ Carers' Hub (IASS):
020 8593 4422
carers@carerscentre.org.uk
- ❖ Education Inclusion Team
inclusion@lbbd.gov.uk
- ❖ EHCP Team
EHCenquires@lbbd.gov.uk
020 8227 2400



New SEND Local Offer website Our Co-production Journey

Partnership and Co-production

It was delightful to meet so many parents, carers and young people at Just Say Forum and Speak Up Forum to co-produce our new SEND Local Offer website.

Our new SEND Local Offer is mobile friendly, easy to understand, and structured in a way that relates to young people's and parents' needs. The content is comprehensive and up to date.

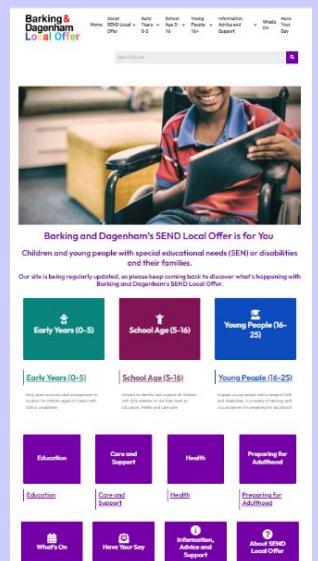
For those who have visited our new website will surely agree with me that our new website not only meets SEND Code of Practice statutory requirements, but also demonstrates how we listen and value your voice, and we put the children and young people at the heart of everything we do.



[FEEDBACK](#) is the food for champions!

Thank you for your participation.

(SEND Co-production Lead gigi.kwong@lbbd.gov.uk)



JUST SAY Parent Carer Forum

Just Say Forum aim to influence services in the borough by gathering parent carers' views and sharing those with the Local Authority and other stakeholders. Since September our Open Forum meetings covered "In Case of Emergency" plans, the Local Offer, Transport and Mental Health. Our Annual Conference will be on the 13th of February 2024 - details to follow soon.

Our membership is free. We have regular updates on our FaceBook group and more information on our website www.justsayforum.online

You can text us on 07936 851199 or email justsaybdforum@gmail.com

We'd also love to hear from service providers who support families who have a child or Young Person with a disability and/or additional need – please email us.

Photo:

Jaime (Chair) thanking Donna (Mayor) for her long service.





SPEAK UP Young People Forum

bdppprogressproject
Dagenham Library



with a special educational need or disability from Barking and Dagenham.

**** We are actively looking for new young members to join us! ****

Come and meet with your friends, be involved in getting your views and ideas listened to and create positive changes in the borough.

All sessions are free, meeting twice a month, Friday evenings 6.30-8.30pm at The Vibes (RM8 2UT)

For information or participation, please contact Andy Murphy, Participation Officer: forum@bdpp.org.uk / 07881 247654 / Facebook – Barking and Dagenham Progress Project

Speak Up Forum had a very busy term. We started on 1st September. See what we have achieved ★★★★★

- ✓ delivered two consultation reports to the council on the borough's library service and parks.
- ✓ held 1st Get-Together event with other local youth groups in October to co-produce SEND Local Offer website and Young People subpages.
- ✓ designed our own Speak Up logo and flyer.

Speak Up Forum is for Young People (15-25)

Something especially for Early Years 0-5 years old



Early Years Team will hold 2 events for parents and children aged 0-5:

- [EHCP Parent Workshop](#) – 7th December 2023
- [Coffee Morning \(Reception Application\)](#) – 5th and 13th December 2023

Please contact Nichola.Bridge@lbbd.gov.uk for details or booking a place.



Portage Play and Learn Groups for parents and children aged 0-5 with complex needs, at Marks Gate Community Hub and Thames Community Hub. Contact: PortageOffice@lbbd.gov.uk / 020 8724 8550 for details.



0-5 years Health and Wellbeing Programme For more information

on any of the above sessions please contact the Healthy Lifestyles Team on: 020 8724 8018 or email healthy.lifestyles@lbbd.gov.uk



Useful Information to Support Cost of Living:
(please click images)



Our Warm Spaces



Children and Young People's Clubs

Please click the logos for details and/or upcoming events:



Purple Penguin



PSG Youth Club

