



# IAS Newsletter September 2024

Hello September! We hope you had a good summer break. Here is this months Newsletter from our service. Please do let us know if there are any specific Parents' Share sessions you would like us to put on after Christmas. Best wishes, IAS Team



## Parents Share Events

We will begin holding our monthly Parents's Share meetings around the borough this term.

This terms sessions include Benefits Q&A with the Boroughs Benefits adviser, Emotionally Related School avoidance, an online session on applying for an EHC Needs assesment and a drop in Christmas coffee afternoon. Click on the READ more button for full details .

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**Date: Wednesday 09 October**  
**Time: 10am-3pm**

Witherslack host thier next free **Virtual Conference: 'Strategies, Support & Success For Our Children'**, providing advice and support for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people.



Mercury College education, support & transition but you'll need to request a place. **BOOK NOW** <https://bit.ly/LondonPFAEvent24>



**FREE AUTISM/LD TRAINING EVENT** at the **Holiday Inn Bloomsbury Hotel in London** on the topic of **Preparing for Adulthood.**

Join us for a **day of training, resources,**

## Conference Agenda

10am-11am: Technology & Neurodiversity: The Tools For Success - Presented by Jonny Rowley, Director of Microsoft Digital (UK & Ireland) and Jeremy Davey, Programme Architect & Leader of Microsoft's Neurodiverse Community Globally

11.15am - 12.15pm: Empowering Independence: Building Self-Esteem & Life Skills -Presented by Birgit Forstmaier-James, Occupational Therapist from our Group

12:45pm - 1:45pm: Early Intervention Strategies To Improve Communication & Social Skills- Presented by Tracy Bowyer, Parenting Co-Ordinator from The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity

2.00pm - 3.00pm: Supporting Your Child: Breaking Down Barriers To Employment Presented by Janine Drew, Futures Lead for our Group

[Sign Up](#)

**advice, food & drinks all for free**. You'll get to meet people in a similar position, plus some of the students & staff of Mercury College.

## **Parents/Carers Event – Weds 25<sup>th</sup> September**

If you have or are supporting a young person/young people with autism and complex needs and are thinking about the future or perhaps you are already at the stage of preparing for adulthood then this is the link you'll need to request your free place via sign up button below.

[Sign Up](#)

Roots and branches  
Building the community together



Maidenhead PCN Roots and Branches proudly present a Children and Young People's Ersá Seminar.

Thursday 10th October from 10-12

St Marks Hospital Maidenhead in the large conference room. (Head to the Courtyard café and a member of the team will meet you there)

Speakers include: Abigail and Zoe (AFC Ersá Core Steering Board) CYP and Families Social Prescribers

If this is of interest, please respond to this poster via email with confirmation that you would like to attend to [be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net](mailto:be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net)

If for any reason you cannot make this seminar, please give 48 hours ' notice so we can offer your place to another parent in the community.

We look forward to seeing you there

Roots and Branches (Maidenhead PCN)



## Special Educational Needs and Disability Register

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## Navigating education and working well with school



### Navigating education and working well with school - 'Finding the balance'

Watch the second series of 'Finding the balance' on education from Autism Central with Dr Naomi Fisher and Eliza Fricker. The series of seven webinars is for parents and carers to understand more about navigating education and working well with school. Each episode features a conversation on a different topic with entertaining and relatable illustrations and practical tips.

Watch here: [Navigating education and working well with school | Autism Central](#)

Disability Register is a list of children and young people from RBWM who have special educational needs or a disability. All local areas must have a register by law, but it is your choice if you would like to complete it. Parents, carers or guardians can register on behalf of a child or young person. If you are a young person, you can register yourself if you are over the age of 13. To be able to be added onto the register you must live in RBWM and be under 25 years of age.

The SEND Register helps the borough support children and young people with disabilities or complex needs by:

- Giving you relevant information, advice and support that is targeted directly to your child or young person's needs.
- Giving you information from other agencies which specialise in working with children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

- It also provides the following benefits: The register accurately reflects the range of disabilities and special needs of the resident population aged 0 to 25 years.
- Having a better understanding of your needs, the register helps us to plan services for the future of all children and young people with special needs.

To register, please complete the **online form** and send a proof of diagnosis to: **disabilityregisterRBWM@achievingforchildren.org.uk**

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