

Hello!

In this months round up you can find out about workshop sessions in the borough, some helpful links regarding bullying and details of July's Parents' Share meeting.

You can find up to date information via our website www.ias-rbwm.info

If you have any suggestions for the website or for our Parents' Share sessions please do get in touch. We would like to provide some more information type sessions from September so please tell us what you'd like these sessions to be about!

With best wishes,
Jean, Chris, Lisa & Millie

Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism has launched the UK's first online platform for autistic young people – please find further details at <https://ambitious-youth-network.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/ambitious-youth-network>

This will offer autistic young people aged 16 to 25 a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identity and reduce isolation and loneliness that many feel. Young people will be able to take part in peer support sessions, share experiences and find volunteering, work experience and employment opportunities. There will also be opportunities for them to work together and campaign for change.



Parents Share

Thursday 7th July 0930-1130

Parenting Special Children will be joining us for the beginning of our session, giving an introduction to their services and available resources. Our adviser Christine Doyle will be there, along with Business support, Millie. Please come and join us for cuppa and hear about Parenting Special Children at Friends House, West Street, Maidenhead SL6 1RL

<https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/>

RBWM Health Survey

Our quick survey – it should take no more than ten minutes to complete – will help us better understand how the pandemic has affected your health & wellbeing.

We know that healthy changes start with little changes. The survey looks at weight, activity, smoking and alcohol.

<https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/kickstart-your-health-survey>



Monthly Kooth Webinars for Parents/carers

Kooth hosts monthly webinars aimed at parents/carers. These are an opportunity to understand Kooth as a support for your child and can be used whilst waiting for additional services and interventions. The sessions will demonstrate the Kooth features and answer frequently asked questions.

You can book a free place here :

[Introduction to Kooth for Parents and Carers Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



SEND REVIEW: Green Paper consultation - give your views

The Government published its long-awaited SEND review at the end of March, in the form of a **Green Paper** that sets out proposals for changes to the way the SEND system works. Education ministers have emphasised that these are still just proposals – not definite decisions yet – and there will now be a period of **public consultation** lasting until Friday 1 July.

The review is quite lengthy - IPSEA has created a summary which you can access [here](#), via the [IPSEA website](#)



Community grants supporting health and wellbeing

Grants are now available to help individuals and community groups kickstart their own innovative initiatives supporting health and wellbeing of residents in the Royal Borough.

The council has teamed up with Frimley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), offering one-off grants up to £5,000 to get community-led initiatives off the ground. Applications must focus on one or more of the four key health and wellbeing priorities in the Royal Borough:

1. Improving access to services to better people's health
2. Health prevention to reduce risk factors
3. Tackling social isolation and loneliness
4. Reducing mental or physical health inequalities

Applications can be made online at <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/health-and-wellness-ideas> until midnight on 6 June 2022. Public access PCs are also available in libraries, or ideas can simply be put into suggestion boxes at Maidenhead Library, Windsor Library or Ascot Library.



Fantastic Fred

The Fantastic FRED Experience is a free preventative and educational mental health resource for primary school aged children delivered by a team of trained actors. Aimed at primary school children across the Royal Borough, the children experience an interactive performance as well as access to resources promoting healthy options in food choices, exercise, rest, and digital devices.

To find out more about the show, please contact your child's school or visit [Home \(thefantasticfredexperience.com\)](https://thefantasticfredexperience.com).

Anti bullying links

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/prevalence-and-impact-bullying/impact-bullying>

Advice for parents and carers: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

Kidscape - ZAP workshops for children impacted by bullying: <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/programmes/zap-workshops-for-children-impacted-by-bullying/>

Working with parents and carers of children who are displaying bullying behaviour: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/responding-bullying/understanding-children-who-bully-others-0>

Kidscape log: <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/media/133790/kidscape-log-and-school-contact-record.pdf>

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Make Caring Visible and Valued Symposium Tuesday 7th June 2022

Delivered in partnership by: Family Action Young Carers, Adult Mental Health Service, Berkshire NHS, Frimley CCG, Optalis and Crossroads for Carers

Carers of all ages need to be recognised for the challenges they are experiencing, respected for all they are doing, provided with information, and given the support they need to care safely.

So during Carers Week, we are coming together to make caring Visible, Valued and Supported.

Lunch and Learn session: 12 – 1.30pm (MS Teams)

After-school session: 3 – 4.30pm (MS Teams)

A carer is anyone who looks after a family member or friend who has a disability, mental or physical illness or who needs extra help as they grow older.

Caring's impact on all aspects of life from relationships and health to finances and work can be significant. Whilst many feel that caring is one of the most important things they do, its challenges should not be underestimated. Caring without the right information and support can be tough. It is vitally important that we recognise the contribution carers make to their families and local communities, workplaces and society, and that they get the support they need.

To coincide with Carers Week 2022, our services would like to invite you to a symposium, where you will learn about: - the experiences of being a family carer - what support is available for family carers in Windsor and Maidenhead - referral routes to access support
Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

To book a place to attend, please email Sarah Collin at rbwm.yc@family-action.org.uk

FREE COURSES

- Fully funded Level 2 qualifications in Special Education Needs & Disability, Autism, Behaviour That Challenges, Learning Difficulties, Children's Mental Health + many more Childcare, Healthcare & Business Skills courses!
- Online learning with support from our fully qualified & experienced Tutors
- No limit on the number of courses that you complete
- Courses are available to everyone aged 19+ regardless of employment status or earnings. Funding is currently available until the end of July
- Receive a nationally recognised certificate from the awarding body (TQUK) upon completion

To find out more please contact Andrea Swales on andrea.swales@impactfutures.co.uk / 07706324181 or visit the Impact Futures website <https://impactfutures.co.uk/qualifications/>

WHAT IS AEB?

The Adult Education Budget (AEB) provides individuals aged 19 and above with the skills and learning required to progress, be that in the workplace or in to further education such as an apprenticeship. Employers can also utilise AEB to improve or refresh the skills of their current workforce, and learners can benefit from AEB training to gain new skills, improve progression opportunities or support a career change.

If you are aged 24 and above and earn more than £17,374.50 per annum, you would usually have to pay 50% of your learning cost. However, because we are committed to giving you the qualifications you need, we have decided as business, to waive the 50% fee that you would usually pay. This means there will be no cost to you or your employer.

OUR PROMISE

All qualifications included in this overview can be completed sooner, the timeframes are for guidance purposes.

BUSINESS SKILLS

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Customer Service	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business Administration	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Warehousing	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Information, Advice or Guidance	3 months

IT & DIGITAL QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 1 Certificate in IT User Skills	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Principles for Digital Skills in Employment	3 months

CHILDCARE

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 1 Award in Principles of Working in Early Years Settings	1 month
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in introducing Caring for Children and Young People	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Special Education Needs and Disability	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Behaviour that Challenges in Children	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children and Young People	3 months
TQUK Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce	3 months

EMPLOYABILITY

Qualification	Length
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values	3 months
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Living in a Fair and Diverse Society	3 months
BCS Level 1 Essential Digital Skills for Work	2 months
City & Guilds Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English	3 months
City & Guilds Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English	3 months
City & Guilds Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics	3 months
City & Guilds Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics	3 months

Suggestions for content for the IAS website

Please do have a look - the website has videos and downloadable factsheets. We are always keen to improve so if you have any suggestions do let us know via ias@rbwm.gov.uk

WEBSITE



Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

Information, Advice and Support Service for children, young people and parents



e: ias@rbwm.gov.uk
t: 01628 683182

Home About Us Advice & Information Young People Useful Links Contact Us

