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Special Voices - Parent/Carer Forum for Slough



WELCOME to the parent/carer forum for Slough

Special Voices is a group of parent/carers of children/young people & adults with additional needs. We are all volunteers working in partnership with voluntary and statutory organisations to help shape and develop future services in Slough. Our mission is to raise awareness about the rights and needs of children/young people with additional needs and to ensure that they and their families are consulted and involved in any decisions made during the planning and delivery of services for all children and young people in Slough.



COFFEE DAYS Friday 18th March (Guests, PTO >) Friday 8th April 2022 Friday 6th May 2022 Friday 10th June 2022 Friday 8th July 2022

<mark>Time</mark>: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Cippenham Baptist Church Hall. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Volunteer Lunch: Monday 9th May @ Our Office, 11 – 12 noon. Come and join us for an informal lunch & find out more about the work we do, volunteering & becoming a parent/carer representative

Virtual Coffee Evenings

Dates:

Monday - 7th March 2022 Monday - 11th April 2022 -Guest: The Autism Group Monday 9th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022 Monday 11th July 2022

<mark>Time</mark>: 6pm - 7pm <mark>Venue</mark>: Zoom

If you would like to join us then please contact us on:

Special Voices would like to invite all parent/carers to our events & look forward to welcoming you



Please "Like" us on facebook Special Voices with logo above.

Look us up on our website www.specialvoices.co.uk Email us at info@specialvoices.co.uk Phone us on 079 9069 3439

Follow us on: Twitter@specialvoices

Drop – In Sessions Mondays, 9.30 –11.30am (Except Bank Holidays)

Classroom 3. Cippenham Baptist Church. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Family Participation Day Saturday 19th March 2 - 4pm

P A L S – Northern Road. Slough. SL2 1LU

Lunch, free entry raffle, free chocolate egg & lucky dip jar for children/young people & free gift bag for adults

Places need to be booked in advance to cater for lunch, & restrictions on capacity text/telephone: 07990693439

If you have any other requirements to access this event or require further information then please contact us beforehand

Coming Soon - Special Voices Information Day with buffet Iunch & Guest Speakers 9.30 – 12.30pm Cippenham Baptist Church Hall. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Come & join us for information on what is happening in Slough & the recent Ofsted/CQC report plus meet our new DCO & other guests. Buffet lunch available from 9.30am for busy parent/carers/guests. Guest speakers had to send apologies due to storm & Government's warning "stay at home"

Coffee Day

18th March

with buffet lunch

Cippenham Baptist Church Hall. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

Drop in anytime between

9.30 - 12.30pm

Guests @ 10am: GEMS -The Autism Group Parenting Special Children

Dayo Williams – HAF (Holiday, Activity & Food) Programme

Jeni & Parmi – SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs & Disability, Information, Advise & Support Service)

There will hopefully other guests popping in during the morning & will let you know who, & when

Do you know other parent/carers in Slough?

If you do then why not ask them if they would like to join our Face Book page by clicking "Like" to receive information of all our events Then, if you text us their name followed by your name & telephone number to: 07990693439 We will then call you to arrange delivery of a free gift bag as a thank you Look forward to hearing from you soon

Are you a parent/carer living in Slough?

Special Voices will be holding more virtual parent/carer participation training events via Zoom in March 2022

Would you like to have your say in the services that your family use in Slough? Tell us what's important to you, plus find out more about what parent/carer participation & co-production means, plus how parent/carer forums like ours work, & work for others.

Dates & times to follow in next month's newsletter, remember to book your date & time

Carers Week

Monday 6th June – Sunday 12th June

We at Special Voices will host a week of activities for parent/carers as usual. Last year they all had to be virtual, this year most will be face to face



Special Voices need your views, feedback and experiences from the services here in **Slough that your** children/young people use. This information will provide valuable feedback to enable us to help shape future services at the planning and delivery stage by engagement, participation & coproduction hoping to make things better for all children/young people in Slough.

Join SPECIAL VOICES and make change happen.

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