

YIKS VOICE

Monthly Newsletter from York Inspirational Kids



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HELLO AND WELCOME

This newsletter aims to provide specialised information to parents, carers, educators and professionals as well as the Inspirational and Ausome Kids of York.

YIKs, YAK and York Hemi Kids are support groups for parents/ carers where they can interact with each other, ask questions and share information in a safe environment. YIKs also incorporates the Parent Carer Forum where we aim to continue to work closely with York parents, City of York Council and CCG to produce good joint partnership working to continue improving services provided for disabled children and young people within the City of York.





MEET THE PROFESSIONAL SHAHENAZ SHAIKH SENIOR PORTAGE WORKER

Hi everyone, I am Shahenaz Shaikh, Senior Portage worker in the City of York Portage Service, part of the Specialist Teaching team.

Portage is a home visiting educational teaching service for pre-school children with disabilities and special educational needs.

I have now been working with children and families in a Portage role for nearly 25 years, 4 of those have been with the City of York council'

SEPTEMBER WINNERS!!

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
200 CLUB WINNERS:

£50 A MUMBY-COLLINS
£25 L DOCHERTY
£15 R WARBOYS
£10 C RHODES

YOUR CHEQUES ARE ON
THEIR WAY!

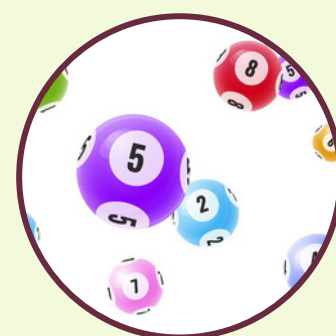
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN
IN.

ONLY £2 PER ENTRY (MAX 5
ENTRIES)

OPEN TO ALL. PLEASE
EMAIL

YIK200CLUB@GMAIL.COM
FOR A REGISTRATION
FORM.

HUGE THANKS TO
BECKY WARBOYS
FOR RUNNING THIS FOR US.



POST 16 EVENTS

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-25
TO HELP DEVELOP SOCIAL AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

3RD NOVEMBER - ONLINE FILM REVIEW 18:30-20:00

10TH NOVEMBER - MAKE-UP AND GROOMING (LOCATION TBC) 18:30-20:00

17TH NOVEMBER - CREATIVE WRITING ONLINE 18:30-20:00

24TH NOVEMBER - PIZZA MAKING AT STIMUL8 CAFE 18:30-20:00

WE HAVE ENJOYED SOME GREAT SESSIONS SINCE THE NEW YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT US



I like post 16 group. we do things we wouldn't normally do and i get to have fun with my friends - G aged 17

Today has been really good. I like Inditeens. J aged 15

Other kids should come and join us. It's really good fun R aged 15



INDITEENS - WORKING WITH EDUCATION PARTNERS ACROSS THE CITY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. THEY HAD A GREAT DAY AT VUE CINEMA IN OCTOBER WATCHING LYLE, LYLE CROCODILE .

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

SAT CLUB 10.30- 12 NOON
£2 PER CHILD, FREE TEA/COFFEE FOR PARENTS

5 NOV 10:30 FIREWORKS CRAFTS
SANDERSON HOUSE ACOMB YO26 5AR

19 NOV 10:30 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
SANDERSON HOUSE

3 DEC 10:30 CHRISTMAS PARTY
SANDERSON HOUSE

DAYS/EVENINGS OUT:

19 NOV 14:30 OLIVER THE JOSEPH
ROWNTREE THEATRE £10 PER CHILD TO BE
PAID VIA PAYPAL TO
RUTH@KEYWORKING.CO.UK AND PUT
'OLIVER' IN THE PAYPAL COMMENTS BOX

27 NOV 15:00 NATIVITY THE MUSICAL
GRAND OPERA HOUSE YORK £10 PER CHILD
TO BE PAID VIA PAYPAL TO
RUTH@KEYWORKING.CO.UK AND PUT
'NATIVITY' IN THE PAYPAL COMMENTS BOX

To enquire about events
please contact
07871617465



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

IN SEPT WE HAVE ATTENDED MANY MEETINGS & DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING:

- THE SEND IMPROVEMENT BOARD
- KEYWORKER IMPLEMENTATION
- ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
- SEND NETWORK
- PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD
- HOSPITAL TRANSITIONS
- DFE LOCAL AREA SUPPORTERS
- CAMHS
- CARERS STRATEGY
- COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

PARENT CARER SESSIONS

Coffee morning 14 November 10am - The Range,
Jockey Lane York, YO32 9NE

PARENT CARER FORUM MEETINGS

11 November 09:30 via zoom
7 December 7pm via zoom

AGM

On Monday 17 Oct we held our AGM with cheese and wine afterwards. We were able to celebrate how far YIKs Parent Carer Forum has come in a short time.

We have been active participants with City of York Council and the CCG to coproduce lots of work including improvements to EHCP process, development of the 7 SEND Outcomes as well as producing reports to highlight areas for discussion and review. These have included:

- children and young people not in school
- post COVID mental health concerns for both children and parent carers

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Coordinator:**
07871617365



- short breaks and personal assistants
- YIKs PCF involvement in the Improvement Journey

Both Sue Day and Susan De Val (CYC & CCG) spoke of the coproduction we have engaged in and plans for the future.

Both Ruth Thompson and Lisa Fuzzard stepped down as Joint Chair and Jennie Hitchin and Emma Smith were voted in to replace them.

Becky Warboys remains as Vice Chair

Rebecca Scurr was voted in as Treasurer

There is still a vacancy for Secretary if a parent carer is interested in taking up this position.

YIKs PCF looks forward to welcoming you to future meetings.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It's finally here!

YIKS All About Autism is part of York Inspirational Kids. Based at Sanderson House, Bramham Rd, Acomb, York, YO26 5AR it offers Autism Clubs and holiday clubs for autistic children and young people, pre and post-diagnostic support and parental support and training.

To book visit:
yiksaaa.org

see you soon!



Specialist Teaching Team for Autism

Wednesday Parent Support Autumn 2022

Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

Phone line support: 9-12 noon 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

In person drop-in support: 1-3 p.m. at **The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Sanderson House, Braham Road, YO26 5AR**

Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) dates and times:

Wednesday 28th September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 12th October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 2nd November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 16th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 30th November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 14th December 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

To **book a phone line call**, please email:

parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk

This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.

We require your name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you. We will then send you an approximate time slot for your 20 minute call.

If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis.

For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.



TUESDAY 8 & 29 NOV, 13 DEC
09:30
SANDERSON HOUSE
YORK
YO265AR

SEN Parent and Baby/Toddler Drop-in

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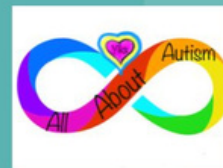




22 NOV 2022 10-12 NOON

COFFEE DROP IN SESSION WITH SENDIASS

All welcome
Sanderson House, Bramham Road
York YO26 5AR



YORKS LOCAL OFFER for

SEND

WHAT YORK CAN OFFER TO CHILDREN
AND YOUNG
PEOPLE (0-25) WITH SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES
(SEND)



YORK
LOCAL OFFER
SEND

SUPPORT LINE You can confidentially
access the Educational Psychology support
line if you need to talk through questions or
concerns about children and young people's
wellbeing or learning.

**The Support Line is open every Wednesday,
term time only from 9.30am to 11.30am.**

**To book a 30 minute slot to speak with an
Educational Psychologist email:**

**Epsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name
and contact number**