

THE INSIDE SCOOP

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR FAVOURITE COMMUNITY...

HELLO AUTUMN!



Hello and welcome to our final quarterly newsletter of the year! This time of year always comes along so quickly after the craziness of the six week holidays as we bring back our regular services after the summer break and start to make plans for the rest of the year. You'll be pleased to hear that dates for some of our favourite events of the year have been secured, we will be sharing these with you really soon.

YOUR PERFECT COFFEE DATE!

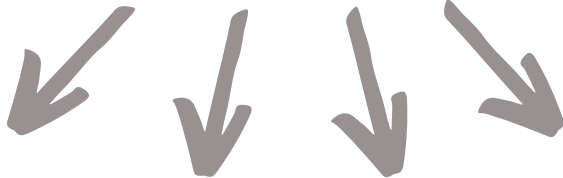


Our coffee mornings for the rest of the year have started, dates and our whereabouts can be found on the events page of the website. We took Harborne by storm at our first one back with 25 people attending. It was really lovely to see a bunch of strangers coming together and lifting one another up and making connections with people in their own neighbourhood. As well as our own coffee mornings we've also attended a school coffee morning and a SEND drop-in event since September. We now ask people to register their interest in our coffee mornings, this doesn't commit you to attending but enables us to have a large enough space reserved at venues.

SUMMER IN STATISTICS!



6
Weeks



90
Sessions

1893
Spaces

360
Free Meals

322
Free of charge spaces

We hope our summer delivery didn't disappoint! Our new booking system was SO much better than our legacy booking system, we hope you agree and felt that this was much more efficient from a user perspective too.

HELP US TO HELP YOU...





Click the link below to send us a monetary donation of your choice towards our Christmas programme! All donations very gratefully received and help us to pay for events...


<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/send-socials-birmingham-donations->

IN THE PIPELINE...

We're always working on something behind the scenes! There are a few exciting things to keep your eyes peeled for:

- Our MOOS program is being reshaped to enable us to meet more peoples needs. Thanks to those who participated in our recent focus group, we will be following up with a questionnaire which will be rolled out to all users soon. keep an eye out for smaller more bespoke packages which we are piloting before Christmas.
- We're often asked to do an evening event for parents so please join us for a Christmas meal on 4th December - details will be on the website soon! *save the date*
- Parent workshops - we are finalising details for a Wills and Trusts talk with a law firm, a Q& A session with a SEND Law specialist where you can put your questions forward for EHCP's, tribunals, transport and more and we're inviting some guests to some forthcoming coffee mornings. 
- Watch this space for details of how your 7 - 11 year old can join our pilot Minecraft club in the New Year, hosted on our own secure area of a server! If successful this will grow and expand to further age groups and people. **MINECRAFT**
- We have been undergoing some training and will soon be qualified to run our own Brick Clubs! Through collaborative LEGO play, children have fun, make friends, and develop their communication skills, confidence, and social and emotional wellbeing - it's therapy using LEGO bricks! 

VOLUNTEERS **NEEDED**

Can you spare some time to help with our delivery? Are you a social media whizz kid who can take care of some of our online presence? Do you have a skill you could lend us for some of our sessions, for example baking, arts and crafts? Can you support us in any other way? We'd love to hear from you! 

<https://sendsocialsbirmingham.co.uk/get-involved/>

Mental Health First Aider

MHFA England

Natalie, Lisa and Sadie are qualified Mental Health First Aiders with access to a comprehensive list of resources. Sadie is also a Wellbeing Champion. Please let us know if you need any signposting.

CONTACT US

As the Facebook group grows we get more and more messages through our personal messengers at all hours of the day & night, 7 days a week. If you need to contact us about anything SEND Socials related, please can this be done either via email at hello@sendsocialsbirmingham.co.uk or via our messenger on our public Facebook page. This will ensure your message is picked up by the team when they are working and actioned accordingly.

 *thank you!*