

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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SEND Christmas Party

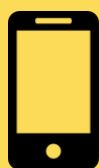


Swindon Send Families Voices have organised a SEND Christmas party for young people aged 10-25 years with SEND.

The party will be held on Thursday 11th December 6-9pm at the Punjabi Community Centre, Swindon, SN2 7BB.

To book your place email sendsocialclub.ssfv@outlook.com. Payment will be taken at the door.

Contact the SEND Service



Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641
Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8am-5pm and 8am-4.30pm on Friday.



Alternatively, you can email
SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk



For more information, please visit the
Meet the SEND Service page on the
Local Offer -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service

Events:

Neurocircle

Held on the third Friday of every month.
For friends, family and carers of neurodiverse people.
The next session is a Winter Warmer Coffee and Cake Drop in and is on Friday 19th of December 9:30 - 11:30 am
The Junction, Town hall.

To sign click the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/swindon-and-gloucestershire-mind-autism-service-111015570041>

Neurocircle
Third Friday of every month during term-time
9:30 - 11:30am
In person: The Junction, Town Hall | Online: Teams

Neurocircle is a space for the friends, family, and carers of neurodiverse people to learn more about neurodiversity. It is an opportunity to expand your understanding of neurodiversity and talk to other people who have a neurodiverse loved one.

The sessions will vary from month to month, including guest speakers and open discussions. All are welcome to drop-in. Guest speaker sessions will require you to register via Eventbrite - you can book your spot by scanning the QR code on the right.

Upcoming Sessions:

	Next month	December
Date	Friday 19 th December	Friday 16 th January
Topic	Winter Warmer Drop in with Tea and Cake	New Year Drop in

For more information: autism@swindon.gov.uk

Partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity in schools

Swindon SEND Families voice are running a series of community events from now until February covering a wide range of topics.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

Jodie Clarke Question and Answer Session:
Monday 29th September: Redhouse Community Centre:
10am-11:30am

PINS/Branches Session on EHCPs and the Graduated Response: Tuesday 24th October: Coleview Community Centre:
7pm-8:30pm

Kirk Anderson - Understanding Challenging Behaviour Session:
Monday 24th November: Punjabi Community Centre:
9:30am - 11am

Kirk Anderson - Mental Health in Neurodivergent Children Session:
Wednesday 14th January. Online.
6:30pm- 8pm

Jodie Clarke Session on Neurodivergent Burnout:
Monday 23rd February. Online.
6:30pm-8pm

Branches and PINS joint session

Swindon SEND Families Voices have combined their Branches and PINS project for December.

The session will be ran by Becky Richens who is a Consultant Mental Health Nurse.

The session is on Tuesday 9th December 10-11:30am. Punjabi Community Centre, Swindon, SN2 7BB.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS
Branches and PINS
We are combining our December Branches with our PINS project. This is open to all parents and carers, not just for the schools involved with the PINS Project.

WHEN?	WHERE?	TIME?
Tuesday 9 th December	Punjabi Community Centre, Gorse Hill, Swindon, SN2 7BB	10am-11.30am

Who is this event for?
-Parents of children who are struggling with their Mental Health.
-Parents of children with diagnosed or undiagnosed conditions.
-Professionals or volunteers who work with children or young people with SEND.

In attendance:
Becky Richens, who is a Consultant Mental Health Nurse and Neurodiversity Specialist, with over 20 years experience. Becky offers a unique approach tailored to families struggling with emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.



Check out our useful bite-sized videos on the **Local Offer YouTube channel**.

<https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364>
Subscribe and give your feedback.

Early Year Funding

Are you a Parent/Carer of a child with a Special Educational Need or Disability and looking for support to find an Early Years and Childcare Provider ?

Unsure of which Early Years Funding Entitlements you can access ?

Click the link below for further information and contact Lynn and Gemma for support - ey&cbrokerage@swindon.gov.uk

[Childcare & Early Years Education | Best Start in Life](#)

Human Rights Day 2025

December 10th, 2025, is national Human Rights Day, a day to symbolise the declaration of human rights first introduced in 1948 as well as the Human Rights Act for the UK in 1998. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a historic document which outlined the rights and freedoms everyone is entitled to - the right to life, freedom from slavery/torture, freedom of speech and the right to work or an education.

Did you know?

When the public were asked through a survey how well they knew their human rights in 2025, results showed that 49% say they may know some things while 15% know nothing about their rights.

For more information visit:

[Human Rights Day | United Nations](#)
[Celebrating International Human Rights](#)
[Day - GOV.UK](#)
[Public Polling on Human Rights](#)



Reference: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/human-rights/what-are-human-rights/what-universal-declaration-human-rights>