

Parents Email Forum

Did you know that we have an email parents forum? Would you like to join it?

If so please send your email to l.humphreys@solihullsolo.org and we will add your details to the forum and pass them (unless otherwise stated) to Linda Carpenter (Learning Disability co-ordinator for the Carers Forum) who will invite you to the local forums for carers.



If you would like to join an email forum for parents and carers, send an email to l.humphreys@solihullsolo.org who will ask Linda Carpenter at the Carers Forum to add you.

Tell Us Your Story

At SoLO we are really interested in what Parents and carers have to say, what they would like to share and so would like to invite you to nominate yourselves to appear in the next issue of our Newsletter.

The SURG newsletter subgroup, and Dan and Loren (SoLO's photographers) will arrange to come and meet with you to carry out the interview and take some photographs... so what are you waiting for please give Lynn a ring on 0121 788 3469 or email her at l.humphreys@solihullsolo.org



We would like to have a page in the newsletter for parents and carers. If you would like to share something with other parents and carers please ring Lynn on 0121 788 3469 or email l.humphreys@solihullsolo.org

Correction - Direct Payment Scheme

Apologies to the many parents and carers of **children** under the age of 18 with a learning disability who were misinformed, in our last newsletter, about the Direct Payment Pilot Scheme for carers. Unfortunately, we were not told that this scheme had an age limit, so inadvertently passed on incomplete information.

To take part in the Direct Payment Pilot Scheme you must be aged 18+.



Volunteers Needed – Urgently!

We have three projects in the North of the borough which are desperately short of volunteers. All of these schemes offer children and adults with a learning disability who live in the Fordbridge, Smithswood, Castle Bromwich area an opportunity to meet up with their friends during the week. Without volunteer support, these projects can't expand and, in one case may have to close!

Teen Open Door – meets on a Tuesday from 3.30 to 7.30pm at Merstone School.

They need volunteers to support young people with severe learning disabilities to have a fun night!

Thursday Crew – meets on a Thursday from 6.30 to 9.00pm at the British Legion, Chelmsley Wood. They need volunteers to meet up with the learning disabled adults at the club and take part in activities which are great fun!

Icebreakers – meets monthly on a Wednesday night for about 4 hours – they need volunteers who can drive to give a lift to a person with a learning disability and then share the evening with the rest of the group – which could be having a drink in the pub, bowling or even ice-skating!

If you are free and fit the bill, contact Cookie on 0121 788 3469 or email cookie@solihullsolo.org

YOUR HELP WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!