

## Leeds Local Offer (SEND) Ebulletin – June 2026

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Leeds Local Offer ebulletin.

The ebulletin is an opportunity for us to share with you service updates, opportunities and events for children, young people, parents, carers and professionals.

We encourage you to share the information within your teams and with children, young people and families you are working with.

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Previous editions of the ebulletin can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ebulletinLLO>

If you have any stories, service updates, groups or events that you would like us to feature in a future issue you can send them to me at [LLO@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LLO@leeds.gov.uk).

### Service updates / information

#### Leeds Local Offer – join the new WhatsApp channel

We have launched a new WhatsApp channel for families to find out about...

- Local Offer developments
- SEND service updates
- Events for families

Join the WhatsApp channel here: <https://tinyurl.com/LLOWhatsApp>

#### Health information sessions: recordings

Colleagues from Health, in collaboration with the Leeds Parent Carer Forum, are hosting a series of online information workshops for parents and carers.

The sessions cover topics such as:

- Leeds Teaching Hospitals Learning Disability and Autism Team (October 2025)
- Health services in Leeds (February 2026)
- CYPMHS / CAMHS (May 2026)
- Health Screening (July 2026)

All workshops are delivered online, and recordings can be [accessed here](#).

#### Positive Futures: supporting you to thrive at work

Starting a new job or adjusting to changes in your role can be exciting—but it can also feel challenging without the right support.

Positive Futures offers specialist job coaching for people with learning disabilities, learning difficulties, and neurodiverse conditions, helping individuals build confidence and succeed in the workplace.

With over 10 years of experience, their fully trained, DBS-checked job coaches provide practical, personalised support tailored to each individual. Whether it's managing day-to-day tasks, building workplace confidence, or navigating new responsibilities, Positive Futures works alongside you to help you do your best at work.



Support is available to those already in paid employment and is funded through the government's Access to Work scheme. The team can guide you through the application process step-by-step, ensuring you understand what's available and how to access it.

If you or someone you support could benefit from in-work support, Positive Futures is here to help you thrive.

Find out more at: [www.mypositivefutures.co.uk](http://www.mypositivefutures.co.uk)

Email: [positive\\_futures1@outlook.com](mailto:positive_futures1@outlook.com)

### **Step into care training programme**

Are you passionate about helping others, or know someone who might be? The Step into Care programme in Leeds offers a fantastic opportunity to begin a rewarding career supporting people in your community.

Open to anyone aged 18 and over, this free training programme is designed to help you develop the skills and confidence needed to become a care assistant or support worker. The programme runs every month and could even lead to a job opportunity with a local care provider.

Participants benefit from a comprehensive package of support, including a two-day training course, online learning modules, and a hands-on shadowing experience with a local employer. You'll also receive support with references and a funded DBS check, alongside the chance to interview for roles at the end of the programme.

Care workers play a vital role in helping people live independently—supporting with daily tasks, attending appointments, and providing companionship. If you're looking for a career that makes a real difference, this could be the perfect first step.

To find out more or register your interest, email: [wecareacademy@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:wecareacademy@leeds.gov.uk)

## **Events and groups for families**

### **SEND parent carer monthly information drop-in**

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to speak to services to receive information and advice about what is available in Leeds to support their family.

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Carers Leeds
- Little Hiccups
- Leeds Speech and Language Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

#### **Dates and times of drop in**

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Horsforth Library Building
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am till 12.30pm at The Welcome Centre, Belle Isle
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am till 12.30pm at Wetherby Sports Association

Book your place at the drop in here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>

If you require further information about the drop in sessions email [LLO@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:LLO@leeds.gov.uk), follow the Leeds Local Offer [facebook page](#) or [WhatsApp channel](#).

### **Parent carer event – Leeds**

Monday 22nd June 2026

10am till 12.30pm

Pudsey Civic Hall, LS28 5TA

Join the Leeds Parent Carer Forum and the Voice, Influence and Change Team for a supportive and informative morning where your views really matter.

The event is aimed at representatives from support groups, however all SEND parent carers are welcome to attend as individuals.

- Learn how to share your views and feedback using Padlet
- Take part in the Leeds Parent Carer Forum annual survey
- Find out more about Short Breaks and Fun Activities in Leeds
- Learn about RADAR and give feedback directly to services

Register now: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PCFEvent/>

### **Information session: Home to School Transport**

*Workshop for parents and carers of children with SEND*

- Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Time: 12pm till 1pm
- Venue: Microsoft Teams

An information session for parents and carers to provide an overview of Home to School Transport for pre-16 students attending specialist settings.

The session will be delivered by the Children's Transport and Passenger Transport teams.

*a recording of the session will be made available after.*

Book your free place here: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/TransportSession/>

### **Careers in Leeds – Inclusive Careers Event**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 at Leeds first direct arena

Careers in Leeds is a new careers event designed to be inclusive and welcoming. The event will feature 100 employers, colleges and support services offering jobs, courses and opportunities across all sectors.

A dedicated support area will offer tailored guidance, including support for people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The first hour of the event will be a relaxed, quiet period, providing a calmer, low-sensory environment for those who may benefit from it.

To book a free ticket please visit: [Careers In Leeds 2026 - Jobs, training and opportunities in the city - Universe](#)

### **Events and support for deaf young people in Leeds**

DEX (Deaf Experience) is a deaf-led charity supporting deaf young people to build confidence, make friends and celebrate Deaf identity.

#### **Open Day at Dial House**

Adults aged 18+ are invited to an Open Day in Halton, Leeds (16 June, 2pm–8pm).

Find out about support for the Deaf community, meet others, and enjoy activities, food and a cake bake-off.

#### **Summer Wildlife Trip**

Deaf young people aged 11–18 can join a trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (30 July 2026).

Activities include a seashore safari, beach clean and time in Bridlington.

DEX also offers youth groups, BSL training and outreach to improve access and inclusion. [

To find out more or book, contact Zara on 07927796615 (text/WhatsApp)

## **Spectrum Festival 2026**

Spectrum Festival is back – a SEND-friendly, fully inclusive live music event in Leeds.

Following the success of last year's festival, this event returns on Friday 12 June, 6:00pm–11:30pm at The Attic Leeds. It is open to young people aged 14+ and aims to create a real, vibrant gig experience for everyone.

- Headlined by Mr Wilson's Second Liners, bringing their brilliant brass band take on classic rave tunes, plus.
- 10+ live performers across 2 stages.
- Learners from the 16+ team have helped plan and promote the festival and will also be involved on the night.

Tickets from £15 (special offer – 2 for £15 for the first 100 tickets)

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spectrum-festival-2026-tickets-1988461415622>

## **Social communication and interaction (including autism) team parent / professionals training**

This session is free to both parent and professionals.

Parents can book their places by emailing [leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leedsforlearning@leeds.gov.uk).

### **Emotional well-being**

- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026, 10am to 11.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026, 5pm till 6.30pm

This session will explore why autistic children and young people are at greater risk of poor mental health. We will discuss how we can work with children and young people to explore the causes of poor mental health, overcome barriers to wellbeing, and support the development of coping mechanisms. The session is best suited to parents and professionals supporting children of school age. The content may be less useful for those supporting children in the early years or who are developmentally equivalent to a child in the early years.

### **Sensory Support in the home**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2027, 10am to 11.30am
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This session will give a brief introduction to sensory processing and regulation, exploring its importance in supporting the wellbeing of autistic children and young people. The session will also offer advice around sensory support strategies that can be implemented in the home. This session is for parents and professionals supporting children of any age.

### **Keeping autistic children and young people safe online**

- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2027, 10am to 11.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2027, 5pm till 6.30pm

This session is suitable for parents and professionals who are currently supporting children and young people to navigate the online world safely.

During this workshop we will explore the importance of online media to autistic identity and wellbeing- to build positive connections and communities. We will also discuss how to monitor the safe use of online platforms and understand vulnerabilities when young people access these.

## Voice and influence opportunities

*opportunities for young people, parents and carers to have their voices heard.*

### Join the New Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel

The Voice, Influence and Change Team are excited to announce the launch of the Leeds Youth Voice WhatsApp Channel!

The WhatsApp channel is a space for young people, parents, carers and those working with young people to:

- Find out about opportunities to have a say.
- Influence decisions, projects and services that shape life for young people in Leeds.
- Stay updated on events, activities, and ways to get involved.

Who it is for

- Young people aged 13+
- Parents and carers
- Professionals working with young people

By joining, you'll get quick updates, news, and chances to make your voice heard on what matters most to young people in Leeds.

Join the WhatsApp Channel here: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbBfAB12ER6ktN1Mlu2W>

### Leeds SEND Youth Council

The Leeds SEND Youth Council is a group of young people aged 11 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who live in Leeds or attend school in Leeds.

#### What is involved?

- A group of young people aged 11 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities in Leeds.
- They meet twice a month in person, and once a month online.
- They work on campaigns and projects they are passionate about.
- Different teams and services from across the city visit the group, provide information and seek their views about what is happening in Leeds for young people with SEND.
- There are opportunities to take part in other youth voice opportunities to influence SEND services in Leeds.

#### What are the benefits?

- Learn about and contribute to improving SEND services for young people in Leeds.
- Learn new skills and build new friendships.
- Share ideas and experiences with decision makers.
- Have your say and make a difference!

To get involved email [VIC@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:VIC@leeds.gov.uk)

More information about the SEND Youth Council can be [found here](#).

## Professionals

*resources, opportunities, and events.*

### Citywide SEND voice and influence report

The Voice, Influence and Change Team collate and produce six monthly SEND voice and influence report to share 'You Said, We Did' case studies explaining the work services have carried out with children, young people, parents and carers (e.g. consultations, surveys, focus groups etc.)

The October 2025 to March 2026 can be [found here](#).

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For professionals to book a place on the training sessions of your choice please book via this link [Training & Events | Leeds for Learning](#)

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## **Inclusion Advisory Team training (professionals)**

The workshops aim to provide slides and resources that can be used to deliver the training to their school's parents.

Book your place on the training sessions via [Leeds for Learning](#).

### **Schools AET early years developing good autism practice (tier 2)**

- Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026
- Time: 9am till 1pm
- Venue: online
- Cost: £161

### **Schools AET leadership, inclusion and structural reasonable adjustments (tier 3)**

- Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

- Time: 9am till 12.30pm
- Venue: online
- Cost: £161

**An introduction to intensive interaction training**

- Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Time: 9.30am till 11am
- Venue: online
- Cost: £66

**Using play bricks to support social inclusion**

- Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Time: 9.15am till 11am
- Venue: online
- Cost: £66

**AET schools good autism practice (tier 2)**

- Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Time: 9am till 12.30pm
- Venue: online
- Cost: £161

**AET schools good autism practice (tier 2)**

- Date: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- Time: 9am till 12.30pm
- Venue: Tech Nort, Chapel Allerton
- Cost: £161

**AET post 16 good autism practice (tier 2)**

- Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Time: 9am till 12.30pm
- Venue: online
- Cost: £161

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