

What's on in Staffordshire Moorlands for disabled and special needs children

Action for Children (NCH)

We offer community support with individual link (befriending) and group outings.

This can only be accessed through referral and assessment by a social worker. Contact First Response team on 0800 13 13 126

Activities 4 All (E.L.I.T.E)

We offer social, leisure and educational activities for adult disabled people and their carers including free Drama and Creative Crafts Workshops. All activities are supported by befriending volunteers to ensure full participation and inclusion.

Every Tuesday

Venue: Wye Road Community Centre Newcastle under Lyme

10.30am – 12.30pm Creative Crafts

1.30pm – 3.30pm Drama Workshops

10.30am – 3.30pm Community Café

Venue: Queens Gardens Business Centre Newcastle under Lyme

10.30am – 3.30pm Computer games & Computer Basics (Internet, emails)

Every Thursday

Venue: Minton Community Centre Newcastle under Lyme

Carers Activities in conjunction with North Staffordshire Carers Association

10.30am – 12.30pm Creative Crafts

2.00pm – 4.00pm Cookery

For further information please contact the team by telephone on 01782 444576, email us at info@elitestaffordshire.co.uk or visit our website www.elitestaffordshire.co.uk

A Dudes Club

We organise outings for families where there are children on the autistic spectrum.

Age range: under 16 years

Contact: NSAAA 01782 627002 or info@nsaaa.co.uk www.nsaaa.co.uk

Asist - Advocacy Services in Staffordshire

We offer one-to-one advocacy support to people with disabilities or mental health needs accessing services throughout Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. Advocates will voice a person's needs and

wishes in reviews, assessments, meetings, etc. We currently work with people who are over 18yrs in Staffordshire and people over 12yrs in Stoke on Trent.

Tel: 01782 845584

Email: help@asist.co.uk

Website: www.asist.co.uk

Autism Resource Centre

Autism friendly resource centre offering advice, support and some opportunities for parents to meet.

Venue: St Dominics Primary School, Station Road, Stone ST15 8YG

To find out more contact Machita on 07882 823 954 or machita_denny@btinternet.com or Joanne joanne@jthorley.wanadoo.co.uk

Biddulph disabled swim session

Session for disabled people and their carer - families welcome

Venue: Biddulph Leisure Centre

Wednesdays 7.30 to 8.30pm Contact: 01782 515005

Entry free if you have a red Leisure key.

Blackfriars Swim session

Our session is open to all disabled children and their families.

Venue: Blackfriars School, Priory Road, Newcastle

Saturday 10 to 12noon

Contact: 01782 297780 admin@blackfriars.staffs.sch.uk

Blackfriars Youth Club

Our Youth Club is open to all disabled or special needs children.

Venue: Blackfriars School, Priory Road, Newcastle

Friday 7 to 10pm

Age range: 13 to 19years

Contact: Lee Grindey 0797 378 8823

Cheadle Buddies

A youth club for special needs/disabled children supported by more able young people from Cheadle High School.

Cheadle High School, Station Road

Saturday, 10am to 12 noon

Contact: Jimmy Edwards 01538 483900

Cossacs

Training for disabled swimmers with a view to competing.

Venue: Shelton Baths, Stoke

Friday 7 to 9pm

Contact: Anthony Mould on 01782 513862(evens)

Disability Solutions

We offer information, advice and practical support to families where there is a disabled or special needs adult or child. We administer Direct Payments for Stoke on Trent Council.

Venue: Old Wedgwood Johnson Building, Pelham Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent ST1 3LL

Open Monday to Thursday 10 to 2.30pm

Contact: 01782 683800 or general@disability-solutions.net

Donna Louise Trust

We offer a short break service for children with a life threatening or life limiting condition

Venue: Tree Tops 1 Grace Road Trentham Stoke on Trent ST4 8FN

Contact: 01782 654440 or info@donnalouisetrust.org www.donnalouisetrust.org

Down's Heart group

Information and support for people with down's syndrome and a heart defect

Helpline at any reasonable time

Contact: Pat Mitchell on 01782 318037

Dyslexia (Leek) & Literacy Support

We are a fully equipped training centre offering information and advice, screening for children and adults, 1-2-1 dyslexia lessons, parent support groups, assistive software advice and more.

Contact: 01538 398544 or georginahsmith@hotmail.com

Dyslexia (Newcastle)

We are here to help dyslexics and their supporters. We can offer information and guidance, screening and assessment, tutoring, training, support and more.

Venue: 2 Fellgate Court, Froghall Street, Newcastle under Lyme ST5 2UA

Contact: 01782 627166 or das@dyslexiastaffs.org

www.dyslexiastaffs.org

Dyspraxia

Support group for parents or carers of children with Dyspraxia or DCD.

Meetings in Tamworth and Stafford.

For date and venue of the next meeting please contact Hilary McFadyen 01785 356921

E.L.I.T.E (Enabling Living Independently Today and Everyday)

We are a user led organisation supporting adult disabled people and carers access Direct Payments/Personal Budgets and provide social, leisure and educational activities. We also hold peer support group meetings across Staffordshire including Staffordshire Moorlands.

For further information please contact the team by telephone on 01782 444576, email us at info@elitestaffordshire.co.uk or visit our website www.elitestaffordshire.co.uk

Face 2 Face

We are a network of trained volunteer befrienders who can help parents make positive adjustments to the news that their child has a disability.

At present we can only take referrals for families living in Stoke.

Contact: Denise Deakin, scheme coordinator on 01782 874974 or 07921 046 511 or denisedeakin@face2facenetwork.org.uk

www.face2facenetwork.org.uk

Football

Sessions for disabled or special needs young people incorporating football skills and games.

Venue: Academy Dome, Stoke City Football Club.

Sundays under 17 yrs 3.30pm to 5pm

Over 17 years 5.15 to 6.45pm

Contact: Steve Bun on 07900 658555 or 01782 592252 (Stoke City FC) or bunny-s@hotmail.co.uk

Gateway Club, Uttoxeter

Youth and Social club providing games, activities and discos for young adults with learning disabilities aged 14+.

Church Hall, Balance Street, Uttoxeter

Tuesdays 7 to 9pm

Contact: Pauline Wilson 01889 564908

HomeStart Staffordshire Moorlands

We offer support, friendship and practical help to families with at least one child under 5 living in the Staffordshire Moorlands through a team of trained home visiting volunteers. Additionally we run a family group in Cheadle on a Wednesday morning.

Contact: 01538 387231 homestartsm@tiscali.co.uk

Horton Lodge Sibs Group

We offer fun activities for siblings of pupils at Horton Lodge School.

We meet one Saturday per half term, 10am to 3pm.

Contact: 01538 306214

JJ's Sensory Play Centre

This is a soft padded multi-sensory facility that offers a completely different play experience with sensory equipment that encourages all children with or without special needs.

Venue: Snape Road, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate, Macclesfield SK10 2NZ

Contact: 01625 667872 or info@jjsplaycentre.co.uk www.jjsplaycentre.co.uk

National Autistic Society Derby Branch

Parent support group for families that have a child on the autistic spectrum.

The group invite speakers for meetings and have resources for loan.

Contact: Sally Ann Penna on 07500 089571 or DerbyandDistrict@nas.org.uk

North Staffs Carers Association

We offer information and support.

Venue; Unit 2, Burslem Enterprise Centre, Moorland Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent ST6 1JL

Open office hours: Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm

Contact: 01782 834836 or nsca@supanet.com

North Staffs Special Adventure Playground

We offer a variety of adventurous and imaginative indoor and outdoor facilities designed to provide play and recreational activities, to capture the imagination and develop skills within a safe and stimulating environment. Our facility has been specially designed for disabled and special needs children.

Family Sessions. Every Saturday from 1.30 to 4pm we run a session for special needs children and their families. Parents must stay on the premises, but they use the session to socialise and support each other. We also run these sessions during school holidays. Please contact us to find out more. In October 2008 the minimum donation is £2.50 per child or £5 per family.

Weekend Club Sessions. On Saturday 10 to 12.30pm and Sunday 1.30 to 4pm we offer sessions for children between 3 and 19 years on a monthly rota basis. The minimum donation for this is £3.

Evening Club Sessions. We run clubs in the evening for four distinct age groups.

Junior Club for children aged 6 to 11 on a Wednesday from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Senior Club for young people aged 11 to 14 on a Thursday from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Friday Club for young people aged 14 to 19 on a Friday from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Friday Plus Club for young adults aged 19 to 25 on a Friday from 8 to 10pm.

We ask for a minimum donation of £3 per session. Contact us for further information or to go on the waiting list.

Holiday Play schemes. We organise play schemes for special needs children aged 3 to 19 during the Easter and Summer school holidays. These are for half days and we ask for a minimum donation of £4 per session. Contact us to go on our mailing list.

Venue: Special Adventure Playground, Stanier Street, Newcastle ST5 2SU

Not open on Mondays.

Contact Hannah on 01782 717612
or nsadventure@lineone.net www.specialadventureplayground.co.uk

NSAAA Over 16's Social Club

We offer social outings for young adults on the autistic spectrum at various venues in North Staffs.

Varying days and times.

Age range: over 16 years

Contact: 01782 627002 or info@nsaaa.co.uk

www.nsaaa.co.uk

NSAAA Youth Club

We meet to play pool, computer games and other activities.

Age range: 11 to 16

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Venue: NSAAA, 3 Andrew Place, Newcastle ST5 1DL

Parent Support Group, North Staffs Aspergers and Autism Association NSAAA

We provide support to families with children on the autistic spectrum. We also arrange family trips.

Venue: 3 Andrew Place, Newcastle.

Support group 1st Wednesday in month 10-12noon and 7-9pm

Contact: 01782 627002 or info@nsaaa.co.uk

Peter Pan Nursery

This unique nursery in North Staffs offers valuable help and support to all families where there is a special needs child aged under 5 years. We offer caring specially qualified staff for your children who will work on a 1:1 care ratio if needed.

Children must be referred by a relevant professional.

Venue: The Orme Centre, Orme Road, Newcastle under Lyme ST5 2NB

We are open Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and 12.45 pm to 2.45pm each day.

Contact: peterpannursery@gmail.com

PLA Special Needs Project

We offer the services below for special needs or disabled children mainly under the age of 5 years in North Staffs.

- 1) Toy Library; either call in to our office or ask for our home visiting service.
- 2) 1:1 support for a disabled or special needs child while they attend any non-statutory pre-school group after assessment by the Special Needs Project Manager.
- 3) Parent information worker
- 4) Stoke Portage.

Office; c/o Child Development Centre, City General Hospital, Hilton Road, Newcastle ST4 6QG
open Monday to Friday 9 to 3.30pm

Contact: 01782 552568 or Anne.walker@uhns.nhs.uk

Riding for the Disabled

National Association for Riding for the Disabled exists to encourage and support riding skills in disabled children and adults.

Phone County Association for details of nearest local centre

Contact: Susie Guild on 0845 450 7057

Rising Stars

A youth club for young people who are disabled or who have a special need.

Venue: Beverley Drive Voluntary Centre, Bentilee, Stoke on Trent

Fridays from 7 to 9pm age range 11 to 25 years.

Contact: Bob Clark on 01782 504807 or bob@thecutler.plus.com

Sailability, Rudyard

Boating for people of all disabilities

Disabled children and adults all ages

Venue: Rudyard Lake near Leek

Contact: Dennis Priebe on 01782 853721

www.rudyardsailability.org.uk

SEN Support Group

Supporting parents of children and young persons with special needs.

Venue: Hope Children's Centre, Garth Street, Hanley

10.30am to 12 noon on the 3rd Thursday of the month

Contact: 078 777 730 54 senpcsg@yahoo.co.uk

Shelton Therapy

Venue: Shelton Baths, Stoke

2 sessions per week

Contact: John Harbron on 01782 262109

Special Matters (part of the Moorlands Rural Children's Centre)

We offer support to families of children with special/additional Needs. We facilitate evening and daytime support groups for parents/carers, family activity days, individual contact and support through visits and telephone calls. We also provide opportunities for families to raise awareness focussed on the issues they face on a daily basis through the delivery of workshops and conferences. If you would like to join our group and receive our quarterly newsletter please make contact by:

e.mail: faith.asplin@staffordshire.gov.uk

Tel: 07966 053040.

Or view our website: www.specialmatters.co.uk

Special Matters Drop In

An informal and friendly group which welcomes parents, carers and families of children with additional needs. Please come and join us for a cuppa, chat and the opportunity to meet with more parents and carers of children with additional needs.

Venue: The Flat, Meadows School ground floor, Springfield Road, Leek

10am to 12 noon usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Faith 07966 053040 or Jenny 01298 687162 faith.asplin@staffordshire.gov.uk

Splash

We are a disabled friendly swimming session for all ages and abilities. Families are welcome.

Venue: Jubilee Pool, Newcastle under Lyme

Wednesday 6 to 7pm

Contact: 01782 616606

Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre and the North Staffs Carers Association

Play and stay support sessions for parents/carers and children with additional needs.

Venue: Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centres

Contact: Hayley Burnham at the Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre on 01782 297970 or Anna Dunn at the North Staffs Carers Association on 01782 834836.

Stoke on Trent Deaf Children's Society

We work together with local health and education professionals to offer advice and support to deaf children and their families.

Contact: Vickie Riley 077 636 156 55

Stoke on Trent Dolphins

Venue: St Dominics, Hartshill

Wednesday 8 to 9pm

Contact: Tony Fry 01782 315253

Stoke on Trent Gymnastics Centre

This is North Staffordshire's premier gymnastics venue and it caters for all ages and abilities. Ring the number below to find the availability of classes.

Venue: Newcastle Street, Burslem ST63QJ

Contact; 01782 234444 or gym.centre@stoke.gov.uk

Tadpoles

Swimming lessons for special needs/disabled children.

Uttoxeter Leisure Centre

Thursday 6.05pm to 6.35pm

Contact: Leisure Centre 01889 562844

The Potteries Down's Syndrome support group

Support Group for children with Down's Syndrome and their families. We hold about 5 social events per year in various venues in and around Stoke. We cater for all ages.

Contact; Lesley Lewis 01782 255 517 or Down's Syndrome Association 0845 2300 372

Trentham Canoe Club

We welcome canoeists of all ages and abilities. Schools, youth clubs, social groups and individuals must book ahead. The outrigger canoes are particularly suitable for disabled and special needs.

Venue: Trentham Lake

Contact: Phil Roberts at info@trenthamcanoecub.co.uk or visit the web site at www.trenthamcanoecub.co.uk

Uttoxeter Leisure Centre

The Centre hold several activities which disabled/special needs children can access, especially play activities in the school summer holidays.

Enquire at the Centre on 01889 562844

Visions

Youth club for young people with a learning difficulty or physical impairment.

Ages 11 to 25 years

Venue: Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre, Dawlish Drive

Thursday 7 to 9pm

Contact: John Unwin 01782 231318

Young Carers Youth Clubs, organised by Carers Association North Staffs

Recreational and leisure activities for young carers, including siblings of special needs and disabled children.

Various venues in Newcastle, Stoke and Staffordshire Moorlands

Office opens Monday to Friday 9.00is till 5pm

Contact: Gill Porter on 01782 834836 or nsca@supanet.com

Younger Mind

We offer support to younger people who are experiencing emotional distress.

Referral can be by the young person, their parents or guardian or through other agencies.

Age range; 11 and under and 12 to 18 years

Venue; 78 King Street, Newcastle ST5 1JB

Opening times; Monday to Wednesday 10 to 8pm, Thursday 9.30 to 4.30pm, Friday closed.

Contact; 01782 618803 youngermind@btconnect.com