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Carers Rights Day



Are you a parent carer looking after a child under 18 with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

Swindon Carers Centre is inviting parent carers to attend an event to mark Carers Rights Day on Friday November 24th at Swindon Town Football Club, County Road, Swindon, SN1 2ED from 10am to 1.30pm.

Parents supporting a child with SEND don't always recognise themselves as carers – they are first and foremost parents. This year, for Carers Rights Day, Swindon Carers Centre is sharing the message that identifying and registering as a carer can open up opportunities for further support.

All parent carers are welcome to attend the event for advice, information and updates on support available for parent carers in Swindon.

Parking is free for those attending the event. Parents are welcome to attend with the child they care for and there will be a small quiet area at the event. There will be no creche provision and parents are responsible for any children attending.

For more information scan the QR code below.

You can also email communications@swindoncarers.org.uk or call (01793) 531133.



HAVE YOUR SAY



The Whole School SEND Self-evaluation is now live. This survey is for SENCOs, in collaboration with other senior leaders and SEND Governors/Trustees, to complete by the 17th November. To complete this survey use the following link

<https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/Wholeschoolsendselfevaluation>



Annual SEND Survey 2023

The purpose of this survey is to ensure we have a way of annually measuring opinions and experiences of young people, parent's carers who use Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services in Swindon and also the professionals who deliver help, advice and support.

To complete this survey use the following link
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDAnnualSurvey2023/>



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.

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ENCHANTED GARDENS LIGHT TRAIL

ACCESSIBLE EVENING
11 DECEMBER 2023

TOWN GARDENS, SWINDON

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This evening has been designated as an accessible 'quiet night'. This evening is for those with additional needs, who will benefit from a quieter experience, with reduced crowds. We will have a Revolootion toilet on site - the mobile toilet with hoist and changing table. Please bring your own sling if you wish to use the hoist - www.revolootion.org.uk



EPS Centralised Training Courses for Schools

The following centralised training courses are running in October. Bookings are still being taken, so please book your places asap through [the Hub for Education](#).

Title: LEGO-Based Therapy – Train the Trainer Course.

Date: Tuesday 17th October 2023 (9:30am – 3.00pm).

Presenters: Dr Jacob Fox and Dr Becky Lawrence, Educational Psychologists.

Venue: Ferndale Primary School.

Suitable for: This course is suitable for teaching assistants, higher level teaching assistants and SENCOs working with children across nursery, primary, secondary and specialist settings.

Content: Lego-based therapy is a prescriptive form of play therapy that aims to provide a safe, supportive and structured environment in which to foster the development of children's social skills.

Lego therapy groups can be an effective school-based intervention for children and young people with ASC or communication and interaction difficulties and those who experience difficulties with following instructions, listening, turn-taking, sharing, collaborative problem-solving and the learning of concepts.

This one day 'train the trainer' course will cover the psychological theory and research behind Lego-based therapy, its practical implementation and how the intervention can be monitored and assessed.

Title: A Collaborative Workshop Exploring Literacy Difficulties

Date: Tuesday 31st October 2023 (1pm-4pm).

Presenters: Dr Susan Pollock, Educational Psychologist and Rachel Williams, Advisory Teacher.

Venue: Badbury Park Primary School.

Suitable for: SENCOs, teachers and leaders of literacy for primary key stage 2 and secondary key stage 3.

Content: This training explores the psychology of and identification of literacy needs with a focus on evidence-based interventions and practical approaches to support children and young people. It will be an interactive training course which will explore psychological theories related to learning and barriers often associated with literacy difficulties. There will be opportunities to look at case studies where children and young people have become 'stuck' or made little progression in literacy.

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