

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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International Youth day 2023


International Youth Day on 12th August 2023 focuses on the difficulties that some children and young people are experiencing throughout the world.


According to [UNESCO](#), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, 250 million children and young people around the world lack basic reading and writing skills. It is also reported that childhood poverty is still a problem globally. This is felt locally as well. According to [a survey by York University](#), many Local Authorities in the UK, are concerned that children and young people could face "a life of poverty".


International Youth Day was created by the UN to help draw awareness to these issues in order to find solutions.

It is important that children and young people's voices are heard so they can influence decisions about their lives. To read about how we aim to give children and young people more of a voice, please visit The [Swindon Local Offer - Participation of children and young people](#) page.

The Swindon Local Offer [Click here!](#)

 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.

Interactive Storytelling Performance For Children with SEND

"Story time you and your children will never forget."

Enjoy interactive tales with a master storyteller. Full of fun for all the family.

To support children with SEND to engage with the Summer Reading Challenge, Swindon Libraries, with support from Swindon Stories, are running a free, SEND-specific Interactive Story Time event.

Professional storyteller [Neil Griffiths](#) is bringing his high energy, interactive storytelling - specially designed to engage all the family. Lots of participation, sensory focus, and lots of fun! Suitable for all ages.

[Find out more and book your place.](#) 

Interactive Storytelling Performance For Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)



The many faces of
Neil Griffiths - Storyteller

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North Swindon Library

Tuesday 8th August
11am - 12:30pm

West Swindon Library

Tuesday 15th August
3pm - 4:30pm

Booking required:
scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/Children_Family_Events

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