



Diary Dates 2015



July
8th Transition Market Place
and Seminars

Scotswood Art Garden



The Scotswood Art Garden are holding free outdoor inclusive art and craft sessions over the summer. They will be held at the Scotswood Natural Community Garden, John Marley Centre, Whickham View, Newcastle, NE15 6TT. The sessions will run from 1.30pm - 3pm on:

Saturday 4th July 2015*
Saturday 18th July 2015
Saturday 1st August 2015*

Saturday 15th August 2015*
Saturday 29th August 2015

*Includes movement and music too! For more information please contact Sally on 07808 473300. Siblings are welcome.

NSNN Transition Market Place and Seminars

Wednesday 8th July 2015 from 11.00am to 5.00pm

Transition Market Place and Seminars

This exciting event will be a market place with stall holders who provide services for people with disabilities and special needs over the age of 16. Young people are welcome to attend with their parents/carers to see what services they might want to access in the future.

Education & Colleges

Newcastle College, Gateshead College, Tynemet College, Percy Hedley College, Dilston College, ESPA college, Trinity Solutions and Connexions Newcastle

Employment and Volunteering

Hextol Foundation, Project Choice, Gateshead Supported Employment and Internships, Leonard Cheshire Volunteering Can Do Project and Newcastle Supported Employment

Community based providers

Interactive Development, Daybreak, Alan Shearer Centre, Skills for People and Better Days

Alongside the market place there will be free seminars - please book, see details below:

11.30am - 12 noon: **Post 16 Options** - how to access specialist provision and bespoke education packages (Ann Graham - Connexions LLD coordinator)

12.15pm - 1pm: **Housing Options** (Carolyn Power - Supported Living Coordinator)

1.30pm - 2pm: **Access to Employment** (Christine Walker - Disability Employment Advisor)

2.15pm - 2.45pm: **Supported Employment in Newcastle** (Derek Ash - Supported Employment)

This event will be held at Key House, Tankerville Place, Newcastle. It is a drop in event but if you would like to attend one of the free seminars please contact Christabel James on 0191 281 2485 or email: admin@nsnn.org.uk to book a place. Refreshments will be available.

NSNN Website Redesign

Could you please take a few minutes of your time to fill out a short questionnaire for us?



We are currently in the process of re-developing our website and increasing NSNN's online presence. As part of this we are interested to know how our existing website is being used and are also keen to gather comments and suggestions about what kind of features you would like to see implemented in the future. Even if you don't currently use the website we'd be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire as not all the questions are to do with the NSNN website, and the more feedback the better!

Survey Link - <http://goo.gl/forms/ra3V9YWjmw>

All of the information provided is anonymous, but if you have any questions please contact Dan Gardner on 0191 281 2485. He is based at our NSNN office and is working on the website re-development.

Disabled Children's Register Summer Family Fun & Engagement Day



The Disabled Children's Register summer family fun and engagement day will be held on Saturday 18th July 2015 from 1pm - 4pm at Nunsmoor centre, Studley Terrace, Newcastle, NE4 5AH.

Go along and have some fun and meet other families.

There will be information about the Newcastle Parent Carer Forum "Families United". Help and support information will be available for families of children with additional needs or disabilities in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Activities on the day will include:

- Arts and crafts
- Music activities
- Rookie Sports
- Face painting
- Balloon modelling
- Cookie decoration.

To book a place please ring 0191 277 4700.

New Lego Club



Does your child love Lego? Can they build amazing creations? Then why not take them along to this new club which will be running every Tuesday from 4.00pm - 5.30pm at West Denton Community Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Individual creations and group work will be available including Lego therapy for children with Autism. A sensory tent will also be available for children to use.

The club is open to children aged 5 upwards and siblings are welcome to attend (a sibling discount is available). The cost to attend is £4 per session (payable in 6 week blocks).

For any further information, please email Karen Horner at kil.lowen@hotmail.co.uk

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Alan Shearer Centre – Free Summer Activities

The Alan Shearer Centre are holding the following free activities in July and August at the Alan Shearer Centre, West Denton Close, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7LU.



Saturday 11th July 2015 - Bastille Day from 12 noon - 1pm
Come along in fancy dress for this celebration of French food and culture.

Saturday 18th July 2015 - Play on our Indoor Beach from 12 noon - 1pm
No need the check the weather! Everything for a day at the beach - indoors!

Saturday 25th July 2015 - Scales and Tails from 12 noon - 1pm
Furry or scaly. Have a close encounter with some animals you don't often see!

Saturday 1st August 2015 - Summer Holiday Fun Day from 12 noon - 2pm
Put on your summer beachwear and join us for games, sandwiches and juice.

Saturday 8th August 2015 - Family Fun Day from 12 noon - 2pm
Outdoor games like Giant Twister and Snakes & Ladders. Prizes galore!

Saturday 15th August 2015 - Children's Summer Party from 12 noon - 2pm
Disco, games, bouncy castle, face painting and more. A fun afternoon!

Booking is essential for all of these activities. For more information or to book a place please call Amanda Head on 0191 267 8118.

The Lawnmowers - Summer Programme 2015



The Lawnmowers
Independent
Theatre
Company

The Lawnmowers are a Gateshead based independent theatre company run for and by people with learning difficulties.

Their summer workshops are for people aged 16+ with learning difficulties:

- Singing (3rd & 10th August 2015)
- DJing (4th & 11th August 2015)
- Comedy & Physical Theatre (6th & 13th August 2015)
- Drama (7th & 14th August 2015)
- Youth Theatre (20th, 21st & 22nd August 2015) - age range 11-17 year olds

Places are limited so you must book. Workshops will be held at the Lawnmowers' premises from 10.30am - 3pm at Swinburn House, Swinburn Street, Gateshead, NE8 1AX. To book a place please contact Wendy on 0191 478 9200. The cost is £10 per session.

Ace Playce Soft Play



Ace Playce are running soft play sessions for children with disabilities and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Ace Playce is based at The Killingworth Centre, Killingworth, NE12 6YT. Siblings are welcome

The cost is £4.50 per session for 0-4 year olds and £5.50 for 5-12 year olds. The next sessions are on **19th July 2015** and **23rd August 2015**.

They have a chill out room, switch off the hand dryers in the toilets and don't clean up or Hoover when the session are on. They have a lift and accessible toilet. For more information please contact Ace Playce on 0191 268 2388.

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This Month's Dimensions Autism Friendly Screening



This month's Autism Friendly Screening at the Odeon Cinemas is "Inside Out" (PG) and Pixar short "Lava" on **Sunday 26th July 2015** at 11.30am. Participating cinemas nearby are Metrocentre Gateshead and Silverlink, North Tyneside.

This month's Autism Friendly Screening at the Vue Cinemas is "Home" (PG) at Cramlington and Gateshead on **Sunday 26th July 2015** at 10.00am, tickets are only £1.99.

Further information is available on Dimensions website: www.dimensions-uk.org

Access Cinema at the Tyneside Cinema



Access Cinema is the Tyneside Cinema's film shows for families with children who have learning disabilities and/or additional needs. It is designed for children who prefer to see a film in a low sensory environment.

The next screenings are at 10.30am on Sundays:

"Into the Woods" (PG) on **Sunday 12th July 2015**

"Thomas & Friends: Sodor's legend of the lost treasure" (U) on **Sunday 19th July 2015**

"Cinderella 2015" (U) on **Sunday 26th July 2015**

Tickets cost just £3.20 for everybody. Carers accompanying the holder of a Max Card, HUB Card or CEA pass will be admitted for FREE (one companion per party). For more information please call their Box Office team on 0845 217 9909 or visit their website: www.tynesidecinema.co.uk/access-cinema

Rainbows Play Sessions at Sure Start Central at Fawdon



Sure Start Central Children's Centre at Fawdon are holding play sessions for children with additional needs and their siblings. Go along to "Rainbows" every Friday from 1.30pm - 3pm.

For more information please call Helen Cleaver or Vicky Wise on 0191 255 3910.

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Northeast Special Needs Network

- Provides information and support to families with disabled children, from birth to 25 years
- Employs Family Advice Workers who help families by giving them practical, targeted support, working across all agencies - education, social care, health, leisure, housing and services in the voluntary sector
- Provides training and courses for parents/carers and professionals



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