



Snippets 30th August 2018

- **SOCOPS**

Social Opportunities (SOCOPS) was created to reach out to Children with Autistic Spectrum Conditions and their families to provide help, support and understanding. SOCOPS have a new webpage, to find out more about the group go to:

<https://socops.org.uk/>

They have meetings for two age groups, Monday evenings between 6:30pm and 8:30 during term times at their Exeter base.

SOCOPS PLUS - Thursday evenings during term time, locations and times vary.

Please contact Co-ordinator for further details on 07594-187578

To find out more contact Sarah Berry, Socops Project Co-ordinator on 07518-152267 or email: <https://socops.org.uk/>

- **Virgincare Occupational Therapy Service**

The Occupational Therapy service has recently written a booklet, specifically aimed at teenagers and young people with sensory processing difficulties. They would really value some feedback from young people and would be happy to send out a copy of the booklet in exchange for feedback.

Anyone interested in helping can obtain a booklet, and can do so either by responding to the Facebook message or e-mailing Miriam.fallon@nhs.net directly.

- **Guide Dogs Family Weekend**

A weekend aimed at families of children with a recent diagnosis of a visual impairment. From Friday 19th – Sunday 21st October, Teignmouth, Devon.

A chance to meet other parents and exchange information.

Accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner plus refreshments

Family fun and games

Family evening entertainment

Indoor swimming pool

Creche available while parents attend workshops

Guide dogs' children and young people services team on hand throughout the weekend to provide information and discuss any issues of concern to your family.

Particularly suited to families whose children have recently been diagnosed with a visual impairment.

To find out more on cost etc. contact Sally or Cat on 0118 983 8318 or email

recreation@guidedogs.org.uk

- **Alibi Theatre Exeter**

Table Mates by Daniel Jamieson aimed at 5 -11year olds will be shown as a relaxed performance on Sunday 11th November at 11am Exeter Phoenix Theatre.

For further details contact debbie@theatrealibi.co.uk

- **Down's Syndrome Football**

Inclusive football and multisport activities for children and young people with Down's syndrome ages 18 and under.

Monthly sessions on Saturdays 11am – 12noon at Wonford Sports Centre, Rifford Road, Exeter Ex2 6NF. Contact: will.allen@ecfc.co.uk or call 01392 255611

- **Turn 2 Us**

Back to school financial help, there are many benefits out there to help parents with the costs of raising a child. Use the Turn2us Benefits Calculator to find out what you might be entitled to.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefits-Calculator-redirect> and have a look at what information Turn 2 Us offer with regards to returning to school.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/About-Us/News/Back-to-school-financial-help>

- **Snippets**

To access the current and previous 4 weeks snippets go to

<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus/>

- **SEND Parent Information Event – Ivybridge**

Thursday 15th November 2018 10:00 – 12:00 This is an information session for parent carers. Aiming to answer the following questions:

- What support is there for children with SEND?
- What is 'assess, plan, do, and review'?
- What is the SEND Local Offer?
- SEND will try to help you understand the system in Devon. They will give a general overview of how things work but can't offer individual advice and support - if you are having significant difficulties accessing support or services, please contact DIAS on 01392 383080 or email devonias@devon.gov.uk

To book a place on the above course go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-parent-information-event-ivybridge-tickets-46761004423>

- **Branchline partnership**

ALL ABOARD brings together all the Branchline social care and arts providers for the first time. Lifeworks, SPLASH and PLAY TORBAY working together will be providing for over 50 young people. Two weeks of activity encompassing, Art, Dance and Broadcast. Exploring local heritage and taking a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Designed by learning disabled young people and supported by Art and Social care providers. Culminating in an immersive Art Exhibition On 01 and 02 September the young creators will return to SDR to share their work with family, friends and South Devon Railway visitors.

To find out more contact: Sarah Jane Lowson Sarah-JaneLowson@lifeworks-uk.org or call: 07500 860288



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An archive of the previous four weeks of snippets can be found at the SIGNPOSTplus page on the Devon Integrated Children's Services website:

<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/signpostplus/>

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