

- **Message from Devon Parent Carer Voice – Unfortunately the ‘Removing the Roadblocks’ event due to take place on 27th November in Cullompton has been cancelled.**
- **CHICKS**
 CHICKS run a special Christmas Break for those children who need to get away over Christmas in particular. The break will include loads of fun activities such as walks on the beach, Christmas dinner, games and potentially a trip to the pantomime and a visit to see Santa! Dates: 23rd - 27th December, Location: Coastal Retreat, Cornwall, Age: 8 - 15year olds.
 They will allocate spaces on a needs basis once all referrals have come in. Please make it clear on the [referral form](#) why it is the Christmas Break specifically that you are referring for. <https://www.chicks.org.uk/search?q=christmas+breaks+2018>
- **Oojamabobs**
 Sensory Oojamabobs produces funky, chewy jewellery for those with sensory needs and those who just like to chew! With a wide range of funky pendants in many different colours, each item can be customised by choosing from over 80 different lanyard designs, to find out more go to: <https://sensoryoojamabobs.co.uk/>
- **Preparing for adulthood**
 Planning for the future, experiencing life changes and getting skills and knowledge for independence is an important time in any young person’s life. If you also have additional support needs and receive support from social care, education and health services, it becomes a time of planning, exploration and agreeing a future direction. This can start from the age of 14.
[Complete the referral form](#) to request services from the Preparing for Adulthood Team. This form includes a [privacy notice](#), explaining the information they record and how they will use it.
- **Purple Tuesdays**
 'Purple Tuesday' is the UK's first accessible shopping day, organised by the disability organisation 'Purple'. To find out more information about Purple Tuesday go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/purple-tuesday-is-the-uks-first-accessible-shopping-day>
 Alternatively have a look at Purple Tuesday’s website: <https://purpletuesday.org.uk/>
- **Lantern Making Workshop**
 Saturday 8th December 2018 Sessions 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm. The Great Hall, Hannah’s at Seale-Hayne.
 Make your very own lantern and take part in the Newton Abbot Lantern Parade and Christmas Street Fayre on Wednesday 12th December, 6:30pm starting in Queen Street and ending at St. Leonard’s Clock Tower.

Cost £5 per person. Tickets available from Newton Abbot Town Hall on 01626 201120.

- **NatSIP - National Sensory Impairment Partnership**
Examination access for children and young people with sensory impairment guide. This guide is intended to help teachers of children and young people with hearing impairment (H), visual impairment (VI) and multi-sensory impairment (MSI) to understand the key principles underpinning reasonable adjustments for public examinations and the main access arrangements that may be appropriate for candidates with sensory impairment. It also includes examples of specialist reports written to support applications for access arrangements.
To access the report go to: <http://ow.ly/7u5q30mHk7a>
- **Seeing AI**
Seeing AI is a Microsoft research project that brings together the power of the cloud and AI to deliver an intelligent app, designed to help you navigate your day. This free app narrates the world around you. Designed for the low vision community this research project harnesses the power of AI to describe people, text and objects. For more details go to: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/seeing-ai/>
- **The National Children's Bureau (NCB)**
The NCB have a toolkit for schools to help them face the ever-growing issue of student mental health and wellbeing. For more details go to: <https://www.ncb.org.uk/news-opinion/news-highlights/national-childrens-bureau-aims-help-schools-tackle-mental-health-brand>
- **LifeWorks Kool Club**
Winter/Spring 2019 programme for learning disabled young people and young adults age 14-25.
Activities start on January 19th at Plymouth Aquarium, followed by January 26th The Eden Project Zip wire!
For full details of the programme go to: <https://www.lifeworks-uk.org/our-services/community-projects/kool-club/> or contact Sarah-JaneLowson@lifeworks-uk.org or tel: 0750 086 0288
- **Exeter and East Devon Down Syndrome Christmas party**
Saturday 8th December from 2:30pm – 5.00pm Victory Hall, Hellings Gardens, Broadclyst, near Exeter, EX5 3DX.
Please take a contribution of sandwiches, cakes etc. EEDDS provide soft drinks, crisps, and tea/coffee for the adults. They are hoping for a visit from someone special! In order that all the children can receive a gift 'from him' please could parents/carers bring with them one modest gift (max value approx. £10) wrapped and clearly labelled for each child. Free parking available adjacent to the Hall.
For more details contact: Harriet Hall on 01392 410817 07480 301 244

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