



## Snippets 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- **Small Grants**

The DCC Small Grants fund is now open for applications for the final round of this financial year. Here are the application form and guidance notes for this grant, [Small Grants Scheme application form](#) (MS word download)

[Small Grants Scheme applications – guidance notes](#) (PDF download)

Please note that the closing date for receipt of applications is 19th November, and late applications will not be considered. Applications will be assessed in week commencing 3rd December. to:

Please send your completed application form and supporting documentation [maureen.muckersie@devon.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.muckersie@devon.gov.uk)

- **SWAN – Syndrome Without A Name**

Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, RILD building, seminar room 1, Barrack Road, EX2 5DW. 22nd November 2018, from 10:00–14:00

Swan are running a free undiagnosed genetic conditions information event in Exeter for families of children with undiagnosed genetic conditions, but if you're a professional and you'd like to come along, let them know. You will also be able to meet other local families with similar experiences.

To book your place email or call giving the names of those who will be attending and if you have any dietary requirements. Email: [info@undiagnosed.org.uk](mailto:info@undiagnosed.org.uk) or call 020 7831 0883.

- **Car Seat Grants**

Car seat funding for children with Hip Spica Casts who have DDH. The Claire Furnedge equipment fund for Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip is supported by the Steps Charity. A maximum grant of £220 will be awarded towards a hip spica car seat which must be purchased through their agreed supplier - In Car Safety Centre. The grant covers the full price of the car seat. The grant cannot be given if you have already purchased your car seat. To find out more go to: <https://www.steps-charity.org.uk/get-help/car-seat-grants/>

- **The National Autistic Society (NAS)**

NAS have just updated their Christmas coping strategies information sheet, which has some really useful hints and tips, to find out more go to:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/about/family-life/holidays-trips/christmas.aspx>

- **The Royal Mail**

Royal Mail has a free service that will send you child a personalised response from Father Christmas. Send your letters to: Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ

- **Asperations**

Christmas Fair, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 1pm – 4pm The Avenue Methodist

Church Hall, The Avenue, Newton Abbot.

Lots of stalls filled with crafts, jewellery, Christmas decorations, gifts, tombola, treasure hunt and a cake stall. All this plus a visit from Santa!

For more details contact 07802 680612 or 07713 974712

- **Behaviour Support & De-escalation Training for Professionals**

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th December, Marsh Barton, Exeter. 2 Day Ticket - £75

Aims of the course

- To gain skills in assessing the function and possible driving factors behind a behaviour.
- Learn about a range of pro-active support strategies and how to put them into practice effectively.
- To consider their own attitudes and internal reactions to Challenging behaviour, and ways to shape these to promote a more positive outcome for the individuals they support.
- To learn and practice de-escalation skills. To book go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/behaviour-support-de-escalation-training-for-professionals-tickets-49127861757>

- **Breakaway & Physical Intervention Training**

3 Day Ticket £300 for 1 staff; £500 for 2 staff; £1000 for 5 staff

Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th & Friday 29th of March 2019

This course uses techniques from the General Services Association, a company used by many of the NHS trusts. Techniques are risk assessed and medically reviewed yearly. Attendees will receive a recognised qualification from the GSA which will last for 1 year before needing to be updated.

Aims of the course

- To learn practical techniques to break away and stay safe when exposed to physical aggression.
- To learn practical techniques for last resort physical intervention, from low level interventions to high risk situations.
- To understand the legalities and risks around the use of physical intervention.
- To gain a basic knowledge of non-invasive de-escalation skills.

This course will take place in Exeter at a venue to be confirmed.

To book go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakaway-and-physical-intervention-training-for-professionals-working-with-young-people-tickets-51135196750>

- **South Devon Autism Forum**

Countdown to Christmas, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 7pm – 8.30pm.

To be held at Bright Beginnings, South Dartmoor Community College, Balland Road, Ashburton TQ13 7EW

Managing change in school and home over the Christmas season – tools and strategies.

Fiona Goodchild (South Dartmoor Academy SENCO and Rob Good (Communication and Interaction team Autism Advisor) will be attending to provide ideas and strategies to help promote a happy festive season for families with children on the autism spectrum.

To book a place go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/united-kingdom--exeter/south-devon-autism-forum/>



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