

## Snippets 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

- **DisAbility Sportshall Athletics**

A wide range of FREE activities are available including:

Wheelchair Have A Go, Relays, Obstacle Relays, Seated throws, Standing long jump and many more.

Sundays from 10.40 – 11.30am at Riverside Leisure Centre, Exeter, EX4 1AF

For more information contact 07745 616852 or go to: [www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk](http://www.sw-athletics-academy.co.uk)

- **Ocean City Powerchair Football Club**

The club offers young people and adults with disabilities the chance to play a competitive sport in a powerchair at local and regional level. Playing the game helps skills, team work and wheelchair skills.

To find out more contact Jennifer Brooks on 07581 363366 or go to:

<http://www.oceancitypfc.co.uk/>

- **National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)**

Most parents of deaf children are hearing and don't have much experience of hearing loss, so it's understandable that they might feel unsure about how to engage with their child. But there are lots of simple things they can do to create an environment that's full of communication and interaction. NDCS have produced a guide Helping your deaf child to develop communication and language. Download the information at: [www.ndcs.org.uk/developcommunication](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/developcommunication)

- **Buttle UK**

Families struggling with their children's basic needs may receive help from the BBC Emergency Essentials Programme. Applications are made through Buttle UK by a statutory agency or charitable organisation. To find out more go to:

<https://www.buttleuk.org/need-support>

- **The Elifar Foundation**

The Elifar Foundation funds a wide range of specialised equipment and respite for children and adults with any form of physical or learning disability.

Items funded in the past include: Wheelchairs, beds, specialised seating, trikes, communication aids, sensory equipment and specialised holidays for the disabled.

To apply: download an application form. Financial details and supporting evidence from a professional is required. For more information go to:

[www.elifarfoundation.org.uk](http://www.elifarfoundation.org.uk)

- **Carers Allowance**

Earning limit will increase to £123 per week from April 2019. This is the amount you can earn up to after deducting care costs and half of any contributions to a work or personal pension in order to qualify for the Carers Allowance. For more details go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/benefit-and-pension-rates-2019-to-2020>

- **Council for Disabled Children**

Publication of a Young Person's guide to SEND disagreement resolution, following the 2017 review of disagreement resolution arrangements, the Department for Education commissioned Mott MacDonald, as part of the Delivering Better Outcomes Together (DBOT) consortium, to develop and publish a guide for young people aged 16-25 on how to resolve special educational needs and disability (SEND) disagreements. For more details go to:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news-opinion/news/publication-young-person%E2%80%99s-guide-send-disagreement-resolution>

- **Masonic Charitable Foundation**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation provides grants to charities which help people to live happy, fulfilling lives and to participate actively in society.

It's current target areas are:

- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people
- Reducing isolation in later life
- Medical research into degenerative disease
- Care services in the hospice sector

The Foundation offers:

- Small grants - up to £15,00 for smaller charities with an annual income of less than £500,000

- Large grants - from £10,000 to £150,000 to charities with an annual income of above £500,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

There are four funding deadlines throughout the year, for more details go to

[www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

- **No Limits**

Signing Café 10am – 11.30am one Friday per month, at The Oakford Services CIC, 145 Queen Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2BN on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup> February 15<sup>th</sup> March. Further dates to follow.

An informal and friendly group lead by the topics important to you. This closed group is for parents and carers looking to learn and practice Makaton using a Total Communication approach.

To register your interest email [info@nolimitscafe.co.uk](mailto:info@nolimitscafe.co.uk) or have a look at the website

[www.nolimitscafe.co.uk](http://www.nolimitscafe.co.uk)

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