

- **Devon Parent Carer Voice** is looking to develop and strengthen a robust and effective partnership between parent carers across Devon and their professional colleagues who commission and provide services and support for disabled children and young people. As part of this development they are holding an information workshop to unpick and understand the meaning of participation and co-production and how working together can result in more positive outcomes for disabled children, young people and families. The workshop will take place on 5th February 2019, 10am-3pm, County Hall, Exeter. To find out more and to book a place click [here](#)
- **The Atlantic Racquet Centre in Bideford** hold monthly Inclusive Tennis Festivals, Saturdays 2pm - 4pm, dates as follows; 19th January, 16th February, 16th March, 20th April & 18th May. £5 per session, first session free. The festivals are 2 hours of fun tennis activities for players aged 4+ with learning or physical difficulties. To find out more visit their [website](#)
- **SEND Strategic Review 2018-19** Every year, Devon County Council reviews its SEND provision to ensure it is in the right location; of good quality; and that there is a good match between demand and supply. They need the views of parent carers, children and young people, and professionals and practitioners to help with this review. To find out more and complete a survey click [here](#)
- **Project SEARCH** is a supported internship program for people with a learning disability or autism based at North Devon District Hospital. The aim of Project SEARCH is to achieve permanent paid employment of 16 hours a week or more. Over the 5 years project SEARCH has been in Barnstaple, the employment rate on this measure is 86%. It is an academic year in length and starts in September. Interns are fully supported on site by 2 full time members of staff. Interns receive supported NHS training and training on workplace expectations for the first three weeks, before doing 3 ten week placements in the hospital. There are a wide variety of opportunities in the hospital. You can find out more by calling 01271 322498, visits to Project SEARCH are also encouraged. To apply for the program, which is run jointly by Pluss, North Devon Healthcare Trust and Petroc, apply online at Petroc. <https://www.petroc.ac.uk/content/courses/project-search1>
- **Devon Disability Network and The Max Card** The Disability Network helps to keep you informed about available services in your area. It gives you opportunities to be involved in consultations and in designing services for Children and Young People with SEN and/or disabilities. The information from the Disability Network will also help Children's Services to build a broader picture of SEN and disability across the county from a family's perspective and understand local needs for services. When you register your child or young person (0-25) they will send you a free "Max Card". This will give you free or discounted admission to over 800 attractions nationwide. Find out more here: <http://devon.cc/disability-network> To see an interactive map of local attractions that accept the Max card click [here](#)
- **Bis-net Parent Workshops in North Devon 2019:**
The training will take place at The Castle Centre, 25 Castle Street, Barnstaple. Devon. EX31 1DR. Although there are not parking facilities on site, there is local parking within walking distance. The ticket price includes the days training, teas & coffees, soft drinks and a selection of fruit and biscuits. Lunch is not included. All courses will run from 9:30am until 2:30pm to allow for school drop offs and collections.
Supporting a Young Person with Challenging or Aggressive Behaviour
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th February 2019, £40 per ticket
Understanding & supporting an Autistic Child
Thursday 28th February & Friday 1st March 2019, £40 per ticket
Understanding & supporting Autistic individuals with demand avoidance
Wednesday 6th March 2019, £20 per ticket
Understanding & supporting individuals with attention difficulties [ADHD/ADD]
Friday 8th March 2019, £20 per ticket
To find out more about the courses, to book over the phone, or to find out more about what the BIS-net project is about head to www.cedaonline.org.uk/bis-net Tel: 01392 360645 email: info@cedaonline.ork.uk
- **DisAbility Sportshall Athletics**, sessions now free; 20th January & 24th February, 10.40am – 11.30am at Riverside Leisure Centre, Exeter. Have a go at a range of sportshall athletics events. Open to all ages with either a physical or learning disability. To find out more click [here](#) or call 07745 616852.

- **Family Dog Service workshops** Exeter workshops are on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February at the Woodbury Village Hall, EX5 1LX. Family Dog workshops are specially designed to provide parents of children aged 3-16 years who have a diagnosis of autism the advice and long-term support needed for choosing and training a dog to benefit the whole family. Family Dog Workshops are ideal if you: •Are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your child •Know that you want to get a dog and are looking for help choosing and handling a dog •Already have a pet dog but would like training ideas and support
A series of three one day workshops is planned during February in Exeter. The course will use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course handouts. Find more go to: <https://www.dogsforgood.org/how-we-help/family-dog/>



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