



Snippets 17th January 2019

- **Socops Exeter - Social Opportunities Supporting young people with Autism**
Socops is a charity based in Exeter which provides social, recreational and educational activities for children and young people with Asperger syndrome/high functioning Autism between the ages of 8-23 years.
 - Socops club runs from 10.30am-12.30noon on Saturdays during term time, Countess Wear. Children aged between 8-15yrs can attend with their parents and siblings.
 - Socops Plus is aimed at young people aged between 15-23yrs, they meet at various venues around Exeter at varying time during term time.

For more information on either group please contact: socopsclub@hotmail.co.uk or call 07594187578 or have a look at their website: www.socops.org.uk

- **The Spectrum magazine**
January 2019 issue is now available to read, download and print.
<http://ow.ly/sGIC30ng8PT>
- **Young Devon Courses ADD POSTERS**
New courses start from the 28th January, please see attached information for full details. Courses are free to attend with paid travel and incentives on completion such as: vouchers, Tablets and CSCS Cards.
If your young person expresses interest in one of the courses all you need to do is contact a tutor for their area directly. Young Devon have support staff on hand to stay in touch and keep their interest in the course before the next start date, referrals are accepted all year round.
Newton Abbot (Phil Sanders)- 07548 216606, Torquay (Dave Adams)- 07548 216596, Plymouth (Jane Davis)- 07738 717152, Exeter (Ciara O'Kelly)- 07738 717154, Barnstaple (Andy Smith)- 07912 575771
For further information contact Ruth Glen on ruth.glen@youngdevon.org or call 01626 356720 or 07779 578399.
- **The Sir Francis Chichester Trust**
Once again the Trust are offering FREE places on the 19 day Outward Bound 'Skills for Life Award' course. Available to young people who live in Devon aged 16-19yrs at the time of the course which will be July/August 2019.
The Trust looks for candidates that wouldn't normally have a chance to undertake anything of this nature and will be able to enjoy and benefit from the experience.
The closing date for applications is Monday 4th February 2019 with interviews for those shortlisted being held 7th and 8th March 2019 in Exeter and young people applying must be available on one or other of these dates. An application form can be downloaded from the Trust website <http://chichestertrust.org/>
- **Lifeworks Half term activities**
Lifeworks Holiday Project - February Half Term 2019 for learning disabled young people age 12 and over. A Winter/Spring Adventure – exploring 5 ways to wellbeing,

involving physical fun, creative challenge; scrummy food making and just a few 'new' experiences for a brand-new year.' For further information or to book a place please call: Tracey Hubbard on 01803 861 069 or email traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org

See attached poster for more details

- **Bis-NET**

2- day PDA course for parents and professionals aimed at those supporting individuals on the Autism Spectrum that are displaying demand avoidant behaviours or that have a diagnosis of PDA.

The training will take place at The Belmont Chapel, Western Way, Exeter EX1 2DB on 11th & 12th February from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Professional ticket £100, parent ticket £50 For more details click on this link: <http://ow.ly/bdE630nluGl>

- **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.

These surveys are open until 15th February. Website with the surveys is here:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/archives/7971>



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

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

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