

- **The Atlantic Racquet Centre Bideford Inclusive Tennis Festival**, this Saturday (16th) 2pm - 4pm. £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 go to: <http://ow.ly/WdS630nds1>
- **Date for your diary.....One Big Day - Westpoint, Exeter, Saturday 27 July 2019 - 9am to 4pm**, provides the perfect opportunity to discover everything you need to know about worry-free motoring with the Motability Scheme. There will be a huge range of cars, adaptations, Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs), scooters and powered wheelchairs on display. Free admission. To find out more go to: <https://www.motability.co.uk/news-views-and-events/one-big-day/exeter/>
- **Westexe and Moors Ability Counts Football** new group for children that love football but may have learning difficulties, Autism, Auditory Processing, Downs, Deafness any other kind of additional needs or maybe struggles socially and could do with a focus. The new FA Football Ability Counts for Kids starts on Sunday 28th April 4:00-5:30 @ Westexe Recreational Park, Tiverton.
- **Team Around the Family Meeting training sessions for Practitioners** In response to feedback from Practitioners, Early Help are trialling two sessions across Northern Devon looking at planning, holding, chairing and recording Team Around the Family Meetings. The Session will run for 2.5 hours and will be held on 20th March in Barnstaple at Taw View from 10 till 12.30 and 28th March in Bideford at the Early Help Hub from 2.30 till 5.00. To book on your chosen session click on the links below. Places will be limited but it is their intention to deliver further sessions in the future following the pilot.
Barnstaple Session: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taf-awareness-session-tickets-56497897733>
Bideford Session: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taf-awareness-session-tickets-56497366143>
- **Places still available on the Bis-net Parent Workshops in North Devon.....**
[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

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.

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.org.uk
- **NHS Patient Survey on Improved Access Service** Take part now to help shape the new Improved Access Service - have your say on improving access to GP services across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. They are currently seeking the views of local people in Devon about how they can further improve access to GP appointments. To find out more and complete the survey click [here](#)
- **'Incluzy' The Exclusive Inclusive Employment Hub** Incluzy are on a mission to give employers access to a hidden untapped pool of talent and to enable a community of neurodiverse people to have a positive contribution to society through the work they do. The website enables you to search inclusive employers across the Country and to upload a CV for potential employers to view. The website contains lots of useful information for both employers and applicants. To find out more go to: <https://incluzy.com/>
- **Free Better Outcomes from meetings training in Tiverton**, Tuesday 12th March 2019, 10.30am–12.30pm. DIAS' free interactive training session for parents is coming to East Devon! It will be taking place at Old Heathcoat School community centre, and is open to any parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs. If you have a child or young person with SEN or a disability, and you want to get more out of your meetings with their school or college, then this free interactive session is for you. To find out more go to: <https://www.devonias.org.uk/news/free-meetings-training-for-parents-in-east-devon/>

- **DisAbility Sportshall Athletics**, sessions now free. Next session 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 call: 07745 616852.
- **New online resource to help families whose disabled child is approaching transition to adulthood**
Contact Scotland has been working with parents across Scotland to develop a new online resource for families and young people about transitions. [Talking About Tomorrow](#) is packed full of advice and information for parents whose child has reached teenage years and are starting to think about opportunities and support as they move into adulthood. Although it has been designed by and is aimed at parents in Scotland, there is a lot of general information on there that will be useful for parents of disabled young people across the UK - particularly around planning and support.

Due to annual leave there will be no Northern Information Snippets next week, the next edition will be distributed on 28th February.



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