



Snippets 7th February 2019

- **Story Makers**

Fridays from 4-5pm at the Palace Theatre, Paignton at a cost of £3.00 per session. A new creative drama group for young people aged 14 -18yrs with additional needs, everyone welcome. These drop-in sessions will gently introduce drama, story-making, movement and devising new theatre which will be shared at the end of each term with family and friends.

Sessions will run during term-time, led by trained staff from Doorstep Arts and United Response Torbay. All staff are DBS checked and a first aider will be on site.

For more details contact: jude@doorsteparts.co.uk or call 01803 558811

- **South West Autism**

Hosted by South West Autism, One Big Autism Meet-Up.

10am - 3pm Saturday March 30th The Beacon Centre, Exeter EX4 8LZ.

If you fancy meeting up with other parents and service providers pop along to this free event for Information and advice, refreshments available.

- **Parent Autism Awareness Workshops**

The workshops will improve understanding, provide knowledge & teach skills to help support children who display possible autistic traits.

The interactive workshops will run for 4 days, over 4 weeks, covering the following topics: Day 1 Autism Awareness, Day 2 Communication, Day 3 Behaviour, Day 4 Sensory Processing.

Families will gain the most from the workshops if BOTH parent/carers can attend ALL sessions, where possible. This helps to maintain consistency when putting learnt strategies into action at home.

Workshops will be held on 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April all dates are Fridays.

From 10:00am – 1:30pm, The Robins Nest, Bideford Football Club, Kingsley Road, Bideford, EX39 2NG Cost: For course of 4 sessions £5 per person (£10 per couple)

To book a place please email events@ndfautism.co.uk

For any other queries, please contact: Clare on 07971 575181 or email

clare.norman@ndfautism.co.uk

- **Southern Spinal Injuries Trust (SSIT)**

The Southern Spinal Injuries Trust supports people living with spinal cord injury in the South and South West of England. It also supports The Duke of Cornwall Spinal Treatment Centre.

It can help individuals with grants in the region of £250 to £3,000.

To apply for help towards a mechanical aid such a wheelchair, adjustable bed or other items an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist assessment is required.

This is to ensure that you apply for the correct item and it is suitable for your needs.

For wheelchairs it is vital you apply for funding from your local wheelchair services.

SITT may consider funding the sperm retrieval process of IVF treatment.

To apply download the appropriate application form from the website:

www.ssit.org.uk

- **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, young people, professionals and practitioners to help with this review. These [surveys](#) are open until **15th February**.
- **Autism Mega Thread – UK Deals**
Days out / Cinema (Free Entry for CEA cardholders / School Uniform / Ear defenders from £2.79 and more <https://www.hotukdeals.com/deals/autism-mega-thread-days-out-cinema-free-entry-for-cea-cardholders-school-uniform-ear-defenders-from-279-and-more-in-the-op-2899970>
- **Development Awards**
The Princes Trust "Youth Can Do IT" programme provides development awards to help young people achieve their plans for education, training or employment. Young people must be aged 16 to 30 years and either be:

 - no longer in compulsory education if aged 16 to 17 years
 - Aged 18 to 30 years unemployed, working less than 16 hours a week or in education for less than 14 hours a week

The Award will cover costs up to £500 for course fees, tools or equipment, interview clothes, license fees, childcare costs for single parents and transport to your new job. To find out more either complete the online form or telephone: 0800 842 842 Alternatively, you can text "Call Me": 07983 385418 or go to: www.princes-trust.org.uk
- **Young Carers Fund**
The Multiple Sclerosis Society provide funding for young carers who support a relative or loved one with Multiple Sclerosis to enable them to fulfil a personal goal or wish. Grants up to £300 are awarded on a one-off basis. They have previously funded music lessons, school trips and driving lessons. To apply, [download an application form](#). This can either be submitted by a local MS local branch or a young carers organisation to the National Office. www.mssociety.org.uk
- **Lifeworks Holiday Project Half Term**
18th – 21st February Half Term project aimed at learning disabled young people aged 12 years and over.
The topic this half term is - Exploring 5 ways to wellbeing, involving physical fun, creative challenge; scrummy food making, Zumba 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
- **Ivybridge Theatre Company presents Jack and The Beanstalk**
Special additional performance on Thursday 21st February - RELAXED PERFORMANCE: Dementia and autism friendly with a reduction to sound levels, a bit more house lighting and a relaxed attitude to movement in and out of the auditorium and talking.
To find out more and book a place call 01752 897035

- **Life Works Activities**

- **Triathlon: Swim, Cycle and Zumba**

- To help fundraise towards their Ireland trip, Lifeworks Kool Club are hosting a Triathlon event (of swimming, cycling and Zumba) at Totnes Leisure Centre on Saturday 23rd March from 11am – 3pm. Everyone welcome, if you would like to participate, you'd be more than welcome to come and join us. Please contact traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org for a sponsorship form.

- **Young Film Makers Project**

- For those that have engaged with Lifeworks community events in the past, and are keen on registering interest in a film-making project, please contact the volunteers coordinator mattjefferies@lifeworks-uk.org They are especially looking for 14-18 year olds.

- **Young Sports Leaders**

- For those that have engaged with Lifeworks community events in the past, and are keen on gaining training and opportunities to develop sports leadership skills, please contact the volunteers coordinator, mattjefferies@lifeworks-uk.org to register your interest. They are especially looking for 14-18 year olds.

- **Honiton Play Group**

- An Autism & Additional Needs group has been set up to run once a fortnight at Honiton Play dome soft play. The soft play will only be open for those with autism/additional needs. It's a chance for children to play in a safe environment and for parents to be able to meet others and ask each other questions. The first session is on Saturday 16th February, 9am – 10am and will then be once a fortnight for a trial basis. To find out more go to:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/488993678296869/?ti=icl>

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