

Workshops on offer

Book a place

Person centred approach workshop for parent carers This Workshop will enable you to have the confidence to take your family through a person centred review. If you would like further information on future dates please contact Tel **07701 305 782**

First Aid A chance to learn some new skills with a taster session on first aid run by British Red Cross. On **Monday 11th May 10am-12.30pm** Commerce House, Bridgeman Place, Bolton. To book a place Tel **07701 305 782**

PARENT CARER DROP IN'S:

Daytrippers (Bolton) A monthly parent and carer drop in at Friends Meeting House on the **first Wednesday of the month 10am-12pm. No need to book.**

COG Thursdays, all run **from 9.30-12pm** dates are **16th April, 30th April, 14th May, 4th June, 18th June, 2nd July, 16th July.**

Zac's Usually meet on the **second Monday of each month 12.45-2.45pm.**

Breaking Barriers Offer Grown Up Group (GUG) at Commerce House, Bridgeman Place **Thursday 30th April. 6.45pm-9.30pm.** Come along have a chat with people who want to listen and who can signpost. For further GUG dates please email **breakbarriers3@gmail.com**, phone **07717 434 840**

We would like to know what training workshops you find useful.

Please get in touch and let us know Tel **07701 305 782** or look for the Bolton Parent Carer Consortium Facebook Open Group Page.



Bolton Parent Carer Consortium

Striving for a voice, choice and equality of opportunity 0-25 years

BPCC Newsletter Summer 2015

Who are we?

The Consortium consists of a variety of voluntary sector and local charities that support/work with families of children with SEND. Look inside for more details.

What we do

We want to improve services in Bolton for our children and young people with SEND.

Our aim is to

- Work with commissioners, service providers and families to enable services to be delivered in a personalised way, as early as possible.
- Build skills, confidence and teamwork among individual parent carers and between parent carer groups so that together we can raise awareness of our children's needs and recognition of our role as parent carers in true participation with partner agencies.
- Be representative and to engage with as many parent carers as possible, including 'hard to reach' groups of parent carers.
- Engage creatively with parent carers in ways that suit individual families.

Consortium members represent parent carer's views at groups for Health, Social Care and Leisure regarding equality of opportunity and choice for Disabled children and young people aged 0-25. It is important that as many families as possible get involved, whether by attending meetings, offering feedback on line and giving your opinions as and when you can.



I would like more information about the Bolton Consortium voluntary sector groups: (please delete as appropriate).

ZACS	Children's Opportunity Group (COG)	Action For Children
Shorai Conflict and Prevention	Breaking Barriers (NW)	Birtenshaw Independent School
Kidz2gether	Bolton Adult Aspergers Support (BAAS)	Bolton Smart Enterprise
Imag1ne	BACPAC	Rumworth SEN School
Greenfold Parent Groups	Bolton Lads and Girls Club	Dylass
Daytrippers	Information Advisory Service (IAS)	

What are the priorities in your life? Is it health, social care, education, leisure, transport or something else? Please give some details and we will try and gather information for the website to assist. We can also see if there is a pattern emerging, that we can use as evidence for change.

Any further information that you think might be helpful to support your family? You can also use the Facebook page to leave your thoughts, use whichever is easier for you.

Here are the groups involved

Organisations Include

Zacs

Zacs is a youth work charity working with young people aged 10-25. They offer a range of inclusive services alongside services designed specifically for young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Shorai Conflict and Prevention

With over 30 years of experience and led by Sensei Imran Majid (3rd Dan), Shorai Conflict and Prevention Martial Arts Club provides opportunities for local youngsters and adults to train in Karate, Thai-Boxing, Boxing and other forms of martial arts in a fun and friendly environment.

Kidz2gether

Kidz2gether is a charity set up to support children, young people (0-25yrs) and their families who are affected by autism and autistic spectrum disorders. Email: info@k2gether.org.uk

Imagine

Club Imagine is a weekly term-time group, held in Horwich, that provides arts and drama activities for children and young people with special needs up to the age of 25. It is staffed by professionals who have extensive experience and expertise in the field of special education. The sessions are grouped by age and whilst the children/young people are enjoying their sessions, parents/carers have their own area equipped with drinks facilities so they can take full advantage of the respite offered. The activities are aimed at developing communication skills, improving self-esteem and promoting independence in a fun, nurturing environment.

Greenfold Parent Groups

Greenfold Parent Groups is a group of parent and carers of any child attending Greenfold Special School. We meet once a month for talks from various professional who are involved with our children. For further information please contact Greenfold School.

Daytrippers

Family days out are suppose to be fun, but when you have a child with a disability or a medical condition it can be hard work, resulting in the family 'not bothering' or going out individually. That is not what being a family is about. Family days out are going to the zoo, to the park or maybe just to the beach, they are about relaxing, meeting people enjoying each other's company. Everyone at Daytrippers knows what that's like especially if you have other children. We want your family to look back at the school holidays and say 'that was fun', not look forward to them with dread. Please visit us at www.daytrippersbolton.org.uk Contact us at daytrippers.bolton@hotmail.co.uk or call 07742 693 157

Children's Opportunity Group (COG)

Children's Opportunity Group (COG) is a local registered charity whose aim is to provide a stepping stone between home, play group and or nursery, for children aged under 5 who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Tel number 01204 848 722

Breaking Barriers (NW)

Breaking Barriers NW is a registered Charity founded by parents of Disabled Children in 2012. It aims to challenge and remove the barriers to inclusion faced by Disabled children and young people and empower families so they feel better informed and more able to manage whatever situation they are currently faced with. We signpost to other local organisations and work in partnership with the children and young people to ensure they too have a voice that is heard. If you would like more information please email breakbarriers3@gmail.com, phone 07717 434 840 or visit www.breakingbarriersnw.com (registered charity number 1153249).

Bolton Adult Aspergers Support (BAAS)

We are a voluntary organisation for Parents and Carers of people (18plus) who have Asperger Syndrome or otherwise are on the Autism Spectrum and who often have other conditions such as OCD. We meet at Thicketford Community Care Centre, Thicketford Road, Bolton on the last Wednesday of each month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and offer support and advice in a safe and confidential environment to help families maintain their wellbeing. We also host Drop-in sessions at Commerce House, conveniently located at Bridgeman Place in Bolton Town Centre on the afternoon of the last Saturday of each month from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. We offer a warm, friendly and safe environment for parents and carers to share experiences and seek mutual support and advice to aid them in their caring duties. Our website can be viewed at: www.boltonaspergersupport.co.uk

BACPAC

Bacpac is a group of parents, carers and interested/experienced individuals working to improve local services, particularly local health services, for families with children and young people with a range of disabilities. If you would like to get involved please contact us on 07944 237 982 or info@bacpacbolton.org.uk

Bolton Lads and Girls Club

At BLGC we offer provision across our seven day programme for young people with Learning difficulties and Disabilities at the club, called Inclusion. We have a range of sessions, equipment, qualified staff and volunteers to support young people during their time here at BLGC. We have individual timetables and personal development plans in place for young people. We also run Holiday provision for young people with learning difficulties and Disabilities aged 8yrs to 12yrs., every school holidays (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) called CADS. www.boltonladsandgirlsclub.co.uk/youth-club/inclusive

Action For Children

Action for Children provide an independent Children's Rights and Advocacy service for Bolton Local Authority. We work with children and young people who are: Looked after by the LA (including those placed out of borough), who are subject to a child protection plan and children/young people with disabilities. We are currently providing support to young people who are facing transition by facilitating PCP meetings/work and supporting young people through the new SEND reforms.

Birtenshaw Independent School

Birtenshaw was established in Bolton in the 1950s by a group of parents as a special school for children with cerebral palsy. Today Birtenshaw provides a unique range of services for children and adults with a learning disability including Autism Spectrum Conditions and/or significant physical disability, including complex health needs. We run a Special School, several children's homes, a short break centre, supported tenancies and a new college, providing education and training for disabled young adults.

Birtenshaw's Vision is "brightening lives, building futures"

Bolton Smart Enterprise

Bolton Smart Enterprise works with young people (13 -25 years) with disabilities. The project offers educational and social activities including, arts, drama, life skills, basic skills, volunteer training, Heritage Projects, and employability skills. We are based in Fuse 2 Studios, at Bolton Enterprise Centre, Washington Street, Deane, Bolton. BL3 5EY, which is an accessible building. boltonsmartenterprise@gmail.com

Rumworth SEN School

Rumworth SEN School is working in partnership with the consortium to ensure that the parent carers of children who attend Rumworth School are given every opportunity to be kept in the loop regarding education, health and social care. Rumworth SEN School support the consortium by ensuring information is forwarded out to families re consultation and updates in matters regarding SEND.

Dyslass

DYSLASS is a one-stop service for all age groups providing the opportunity to discuss any concerns, questions or worries around dyslexia. We provide individual advice and practical support for children, young people and adults with dyslexia, awareness training. We also offer diagnostic assessments. No worry or concern too small. Please contact us to see if we can help. Further information at www.dyslass.co.uk Email: dyslass10@gmail.com Tel: 07584 785 416

We are supported By

Bolton Information and Advisory Service (IAS)

Bolton information and advisory service (IAS) SEND provide legally based impartial information and advice for parents/ young people from 0-25 years that have special educational needs and disabilities. We offer a range of services, tailored to suit individual needs, and can support parents/ young people with issues across education, health and social care. One of the services we offer is Independent Support (IS). The IS service support parents and young people to negotiate the EHC process, and ensure that parents and young people are involved in the planning of their own future.

To find out more or access these services, please contact us on 01204 848 723 | www.boltoncoq.com



Any information given to the consortium is protected under The Data Protection Act and we won't share your details with others without your permission. Any information will be held for support monitoring purposes only and is confidential.

Membership Form return slip to:

BPCC, c/o BBNW 4th Floor, St Georges House, 2 St Georges Road, Bolton BL1 2DD

Name of Parent/Carer	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Name of child/ren with SEND	<input type="text"/>		
Age of child/ren with SEND	<input type="text"/>		
Does your child have a Statement of educational need, a learning difficulty and /or an EHC Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	(please tick)
Please tick the box if you DO NOT want your details to be forwarded to the local independent supporter	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Signed	<input type="text"/>	Print Name	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>		

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