





Families in Focus Bulletin Information & Support for Families, Parent/Carers and Young People

Hello and welcome to the Information Bulletin from your locality Families in Focus team. This bulletin contains information on citywide and South based services.

The amount of information has grown so large that we have split the Bulletin into two parts, and this is Part 1

Part 1 – Information and Support for Families, Parents/Carers and Young People

Part 2 – Information and Support for Practitioners

Please note that the information here is being shared by Families in Focus but if you require any further details you should contact the relevant organisation. All information is provided by the organisation and Families in Focus hold no responsibility for the contents. Bristol City Council does not endorse the organisations/activities and you should make your own checks to satisfy yourself on the quality of the services on offer. If you would like the information in a different language or format please contact the organisation/agency who will hopefully be able to help.

We cannot guarantee to include everything but will prioritise information on services or activities that practitioners will find useful in their organisation or to pass on to families.







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Activities for Young People & Families



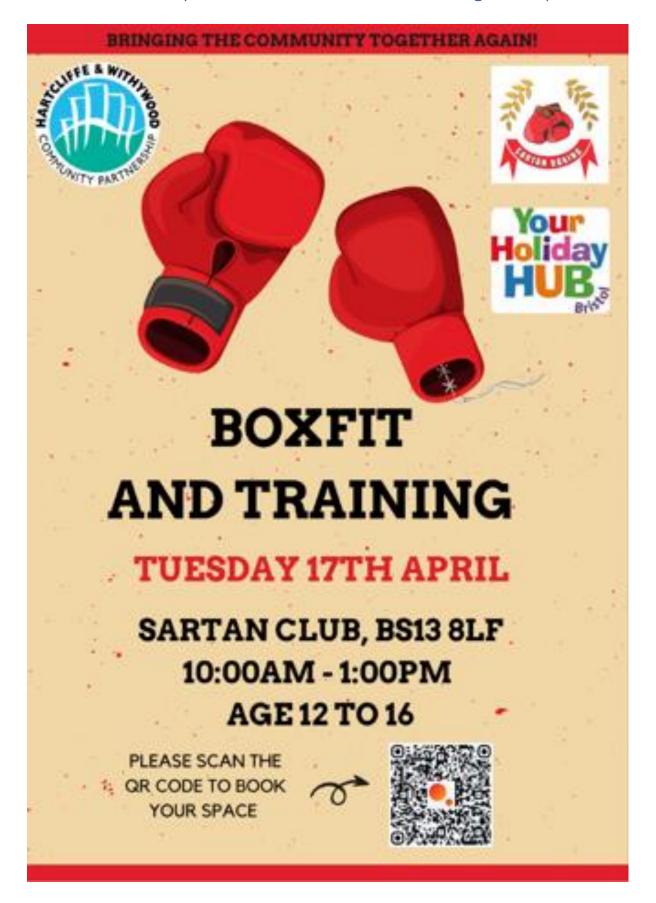


Your Holiday Hub & HWCP - Graffiti day 10th & 11th April









Your Holiday HUB

Hundreds of holiday activities available in Bristol



Do you know about Your Holiday Hub?

If your child receives benefits related free school meals, they can join in with lots of fully-funded activities taking place during the school holidays!

What's included?

- · A meal with every session
- Activities from sports, crafts, drama, gardening and much more!

It's a great way to stay active, meet friends, have fun and learn new things.

To book, visit:

www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk or contact your school. Any questions? Email: haf@bristol.gov.uk













HAF funded by DfE – supported by Bristol City Council, BAND, Feeding Bristol and Playful Bristol

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Heart of BS13 - Easter holiday Forest School



FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO BOOK A PLACE:

 $\frac{https://eequ.org/book/forest-school-and-outdoor-cooking-with-natural-networks-community-interest-company-14026}{}$

Heart of BS13 - Easter holiday creative workshops



EASTER HOLIDAY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

FOR 8-16 YEAR OLDS

AT HEART OF BS13'S CLIMATE ACTION HUB

11AM - 2PM

15 & 17 APRIL - TRASH MONSTER BUILDING & NATURE PLAY
16 APRIL - CREATIVE PRINTING & NATURE PLAY

Open to 8-16 year olds who receive free school meals.

To book your space, scan QR code or visit www.heartofbs13.org.uk/whats-on/







We'd like to invite you to our **Supper Club**





Come with your children after school and stay for a warm welcome, a shared family meal and a kids' activity

Every Thursday from , 3.30-5.30pm

Hartcliffe City Farm, Lampton Ave, BS13 OQH

Price: Free!

For more info or to book in, get in touch on: **07783454551** or **nicky.orr@windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk**



Bricks Bristol - St Annes youth group



An inclusive space for you - young people living in St Anne's!

This group is by young people, for young people-with the support of a team of creative youth workers from Bricks and Creative Youth Network

Do you want to explore creative and fun projects?

When?

Every Tuesday evening, 5-7pm.

Where?

Our base location is St Anne's House, but we're not limited to just one spot!

We venture to different locations across St Anne's, so you can get to know us in different areas in your community.

How to sign up?

You can email: holly@bricksbristol.org Call: 07718106953 Or visit: stanneshouse.org/whats-here/youth





Services and opportunities for Parents/Carers

South Bristol Children's Centres - Timetable of groups

Stay & Play Come along and meet other parents/carers and their children. Enjoy lots of fun activities which change every week. Learn more about other services available to you from staff. Suitable for children aged 0-5 years.		Baby Hub A chance to see the Health Visitor for advice and scales will be available for you to use. Also breastfeeding support and the Children's Centre team are on hand to share information. Suitable for parents/carers of children under 0-5 years.		South B	ristol Children	's Cent	re
				January 2025			
join in with fun physical activities including play dance, parachute games and a children's gym focus		Baby Peep Peep groups include welcome songs, books/stories and ideas for you to play together at home. At PEEP groups we focus on a different topic every week, such as how babies learn to talk and what you can do to support them. Age 0-12 Months.		To access our free services just pop in and see us, give us			
Nature Play			Infant Feeding	a call, send an email or check out our Facebook pages or website. No booking required unless stated.			
Join us to explore Hartcliffe City Farm. Enjoy nature-based activities. Pull on your wellies and old clothes as we will be outside having fun most weeks, weather permitting.		A chance to get advice and support around feeding and what works best for parent and baby.		Facebook: southbristolchildrenscentrehub Email: sbcc@bristol.gov.uk Website: www.southbristolcc.org.uk			
Little Exp	lorers		Mums in Mind				
This fun group is for expectant parents and parents under 25. A chance to meet with other parents and their children in a fun environment with lots of		A free peer support group for mums with children aged 2 and under who feel like things are getting on top of them. Join the group for snacks, crafting and activities. Starts January 16th at Knowle Children's		To register interest in any of our parenting groups please visit this link https://forms.gle/tTWypDqXzL9PoQ3j6			
opportunity Dad's R		Starts Ja	Centre. Hello Baby		ebook	Webs	ite
Join our FREE 8-week course for under 2's and dads/male caregivers. Explore music, stories & games together. Learn how child-led musical play helps with developing baby and toddler's emotional regulation, communication, language, numeracy and creativity. Have fun, bond with your little ones and meet other dads too. Call Emma on 07943 973 473 for more information.		A free four-week course to help you prepare for the birth of a baby. The course will help you prepare for the birth experience, and the early days after having your baby. Get to know your baby and how to give them the care and comfort they need. Understand more about feeding your baby and the support available to you. Meet other new parents in your local area. Explore where you can get support for your family's wellbeing, relationships, and fun activities to support your baby's development.		South Bristol Family Shidren's Centres			
Location	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hartcliffe Hareclive Rd. Hartcliffe BS13 OJW 01179- 038633	Nature Play @Hartcliffe City Farm BS13 0GH 9:30-11:00 Little Explorers Sta For expectant parents parents under 25 year 1:00-2:30	y & Play	Register Interest in any of our parenting programmes by scanning the QR code below. Nurture, Parenting Puzzle, Incredible Years, Circle of Security and Welcome To the World.	Baby Hub 9:30–10:30 Milky Way, Infant Feeding Group 10:30–12:00 Mothers to Mothers 10:00-12:00	Rainbows Stay & Play for SEN Children 9:30 -11:30 Baby Peeps 1:30-2:30	Stay & Play 9:30-11:00 Hello Baby. Booking required, please go to link for dates and booking your space Hello baby (bristol.gov.	Dad's Rock with Evolve Music 10:00-11:30 For more info email Emma@evolvemu ic.org.uk
Stockwood Whittock Rd, Stockwood BS14 8DQ 01173-533503	Baby Peep 10:00-11:00 Hello Baby - Booking please go to link for dat booking your space Hello baby (bristol.go	es and	Baby Hub @ Whitchurch Health Centre 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 1:30 -2:30	Boogie Gym @ Hengrove Leisure Centre 10:00-11:30	Stay & Play including Infant Feeding Support 9:30-11:00 Baby Hub 9:30-11:00 Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, Scales will only be available until 10:30.		
Knowle Inns Court, Knowle BS4 1TR O1173-532036	Stay & Play 1:00-2:30		Baby Hub 9:30–11:00 Scales at this site are only available until 10:30. Milk Tots, Infant Feeding Group 11:15-12:45		Baby Peep (incl Sing and Sign) 10:00–11:00 Mums in Mind 12:30-2:30. Please contact: 0117 9501170 to book. (Starting 16th January 2025) Food Club 12:30 – 2:30	Food Club 1:00-3:00	
Bishopsworth 2 Lakemead Grove, Bishopsworth BS13 8EA 01179-781028	Childminding Group 9:30–11:00		Baby Hub 9:30–10:30 Milky Way, Infant Feeding Group 10:30-12:00	Baby Peep 9:30-10:30	Stay & Play 1:00-2:30	Please se of Timeta all gro	ble for
Bedminster British Rd entrance, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3BZ 01173- 746362	Childminders 9:30-11:00		Baby Peep 1:30-2:30	Stay & Play 9:30 -11:00 Redcliffe Food Club 1:00-2:30 Faithspace BS1 6PB	Baby Hub 10:00-11:30	descriptions & information. Thanks, SBCC	





Are you currently pregnant or a new parent in South Bristol?

Our Infant Feeding Team offer information and support about all aspects of feeding new babies.

For more information please scan the QR code and a member of the team will be touch.



Or contact: https://forms.gle/YJHY4e5c8VLPsaKLA

1-2-1 support is available in the following areas
Hartcliffe, Withywood, Filwood, Bishopsworth,
Stockwood,

Hengrove & Whitchurch Park





Once you have registered your interest via: www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.











Bath & Bristol Parenting Hub - Positive Parenting Course



PLEASE REGISTER USING THIS LINK https://parentinghub.co.uk/contact/register

Mindful Parenting - Online workshops to manage emotions in the family

Workshops to Manage BIG Emotions in the Family

This series of Mindful, Kindful Workshops support parents with practical techniques that help navigate family challenges.

Run by the Mindful Parenting and Community Project



As parents we live busy and stressful lives with many things on the go. We are often managing other stressors such as budgeting, neurodivergence and long "to do" lists. It's no wonder that we sometimes struggle or feel burnt out.

Mindfulness has been proven as supportive and beneficial in managing stress. It can build our emotional resilience, help us be more present with our children and support us to maintain healthy habits and relationships.

These online workshops support parents with family issues such as managing big emotions, slowing down and being more present with our children and how to manage conflict within the family.

The Mindful Parenting and Community Project has been supporting parents for 10 years. We are parents ourselves and so have a lived experience of these challenges.

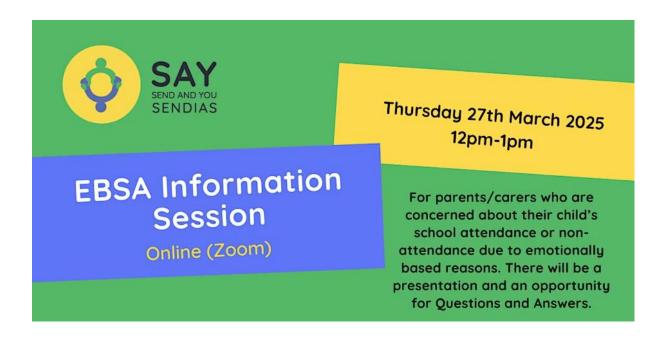
For more info: www.mpcp.info mpcp.bristol@gmail.com 07949399633 Book a place here:





Booking Details: These Online Workshops run from 10.00 – 12 noon via Zoom Managing BIG Emotions Toddlers to 10's Monday 27th January 2025 Managing BIG Emotions Tweens and Teems Friday 28th February 2025 Managing Conflict within the Family Monday 24th March 2025 Less Rushing and More Presence Friday 25th April 2025 Cost: Unwaged - Free Low Waged - By donation Waged - E20 Book: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop.s-to-manage-big-emotions-in-the-family-online-tickets-1101157735429? aff=oddtdtcreator

SEND AND YOU - EBSA information session for parents



The next session will be: EBSA Online Information Session (Zoom)- Thursday 27th March, 12pm

"Emotionally based school avoidance or EBSA is also commonly referred to as: school anxiety, school refusal and emotionally based school non-attendance/avoidance. All of these are terms are used to describe children and young people who experience challenges in attending school due to negative feelings (such as anxiety).

This is a free, one-hour online information session on EBSA hosted by SEND and You trained staff. There will be a presentation and an opportunity for Questions and Answers"

We do also regularly update our events page with information on drop-ins and bookable appointments with a SEND practitioner in the Local Areas we cover: https://www.sendandyou.org.uk/events-and-bookings/events/

SEND and You are also experiencing a high volume of enquiries related to Suspensions and Permanent Exclusion (PEX). We have recently updated our guide for parent/carers to support them with understanding the law, their rights and the steps that can and should be taken when a child is suspended or excluded from school: Suspension and Permanent Exclusion Toolkit 2024

Murmuration Community Therapy - Navigation and Nurture monthly SEND meetings

Navigation & Nurture

A monthly meet up for parents of medically complex and profoundly disabled children aged 0-5

Are you wondering what help is out there?

Come along to a welcoming space, meet other parents, get emotional support and bring your questions to professionals in areas such as:



Staying well on this exceptionally challenging parenting path

- Benefits
- House adaptations
- Support at home
- Education
- Anything else!

Help with transport costs and onsite playworkers available on request 6th March
3rd April
8th May
5th June
3rd July
4th September
2nd October
6th November
4th December
10am-12pm
St Annes House,
BS4 4AB

Info and booking at http://www.bit.ly/navandnurch







Heart of BS13 - DIY health & wellbeing day



10AM - 3PM TUESDAY 29TH APRIL
IN STUDIO 9 - THE GATEHOUSE CENTRE Hareclive Road, Hartcliffe BS13 9JN
(next to Heart of BS13's Community Freezer)

A day of taster sessions, health check-ins and chats plus delicious food and refreshments. Drop in - no need to book.

COOKERY DEMOS. REFLEXOLOGY. SEATED MASSAGE. SMOOTHIE BIKE. HEALTH MOT. 'ALREET MY LIVER' TESTING. BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS. HEALTH AND WELLBEING ADVICE AND SUPPORT.

For more information visit our website, scan the QR code, email Jodie.Smith@heartofbs13.org.uk or call Jodie on 07493 753 691

WWW.HEARTOFBS13.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON/

South Bristol Peer Support Groups



Mondays

Ashton Vale - 1 - 3pm
Ashton Vale Community Centre, BS3 2QY

Wednesdays

Knowle - 1:30 - 3:30pm Redcatch Community Centre, BS4 2EP

Bedminster - 7 - 9pm ACTA Community Theatre, Gladstone St, BS3 3AY

Thursdays

Brislington - 1- 3pm St Cuthbert's Church, BS4 3PG

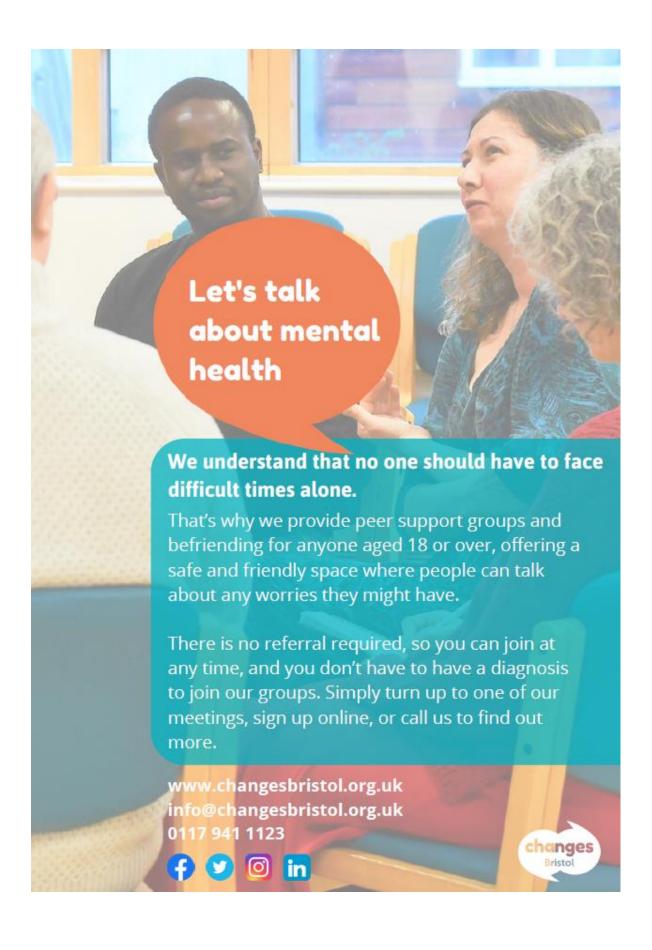


Providing free, safe and nonjudgemental peer support to discuss wellbeing with others within your community.

www.changesbristol.org.uk 01179411123











Are recent problems with your health affecting work?



WorkWell West offers a helping hand by putting you in touch with local services. Our friendly work coaches give free personalised support, advice and guidance at a pace you're comfortable with.

If you are over 16 and live in Bristol, South Gloucestershire or North Somerset and you have a health issue that affects your ability to work, get in touch and let us help.

Telephone 0117 922 3623 Email workwell@bristol.gov.uk workwellwest.org



WorkWell West working in partnership with:







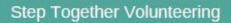








Services and opportunities for young people



"GET GROWING!" ALLOTMENT PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-25



If you are not currently in education, employment or training, our allotment project might just be the ticket to helping you find your place. At Step Together Volunteering we believe that everyone has something special to offer.

We can help you find your passion, improve your confidence and skills, and build a brighter future.

You decide what you get involved in - growing and harvesting vegetables, cooking, woodwork and recycling projects, or a bit of creative artwork? There's also the opportunity to complete a nationally recognised short course in volunteering to help improve your job prospects.



Where: Bishopsworth, Bristol

When: Tues 1:30- 4pm Thurs 11am-1pm

"It's a relaxed
environment with lovely and
understanding people... I like knowing
that if I'm not having such a great day, I can
still get down to the allotment with the
understanding that I may have to
take things easier."

For more information contact: Mel Head, Project Manager & Allotment Lead

07702 811935 | mel.head@step-together.org.uk

www.step-together.org.uk







Love Squared 'Drop the Pressure'- telephone listening for young people





Free long term telephone listening support

Who are we?

Drop the Pressure is a telephone listening support service that provides weekly sessions for young people (ages 11-18) experiencing issues surrounding mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Sessions are via phone/ text and provide a space for you to talk, be yourself, and be heard. Our team of trained volunteer listeners are here to listen to any issues, big or small, that matter to you.



When?

Your listener will call on the same day each week. Drop the Pressure sessions run **every Thursday between 4-7:30pm** during the school-term and pause during the school holidays.

Phone/ Text sessions are offered for up to 50 minutes.

The support is offered on a weekly basis for up to 6 months.

What does a session look like?

Your Drop The Pressure listener is here to help you talk about your feelings, mental health, coping strategies, or goals.

We believe everyone is unique so each set of calls will be different—you decide what to share, and your listener might ask questions to support you, including about your hobbies and interests!

Get in touch

(3) 0117 366 0079

maddie@lovesquared.org.uk

Charity registration number: 1198464 Company number: 08977922





Young Carers Service - information for young carers

YOUNG CARERS SERVICE BRISTOL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

CARERS SUPPORT CENTRE – The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2QQ

Contact details: 0117 9589980; youngc@carerssupportcentre.org.uk: f @youngcarersbsg





Our Young Carers Service provides help and support for children and young people aged 5-17yrs in Bristol and 8-17years in South Gloucestershire, their families and professional working with young people.

A young carer looks after someone in their family who has a disability, a long-term illness, or is affected by mental health or substance misuse.

We help young carers feel positive about being a young carer, reduce isolation, reduce inappropriate care, and have support to develop and fulfil their future plans.

Support provides opportunities for young carers to try out different tools and techniques that can help them strengthen self-esteem and resilience, manage challenges, become more informed, know where to go for support when then need it and develop their potential.

We tailor support to meet their needs and can offer:

- ★ Young carers assessments to develop support plan
- ★ 1-1 support sessions (limited number of sessions)
- ★ Group work (including Resilience Lab and themed group work meeting emerging need)
- ★ Respite activities: including trips, creative, physical and nature focused sessions.
- ★ Free Family days out (free family passes to Wild Place, Puxton Park and Noah's Arc)
- ★ Bi-weekly Young Carer Groups in each locality run in partnership with Creative Youth Network



- o North Bristol: Every other Wednesday 5.30-7.30pm @ The Vench, Lockleaze
- o South Bristol: Every other Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm @ Studio 9, The Gatehouse, Hartcliffe
- Central and East: Every other Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm @ The Crypt, St Lukes Church, Barton Hill

Transport is provided to those who need. Contact Abby Sheppard 07741 629192 abigail.sheppard@creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk

Referral forms for to our service are on our website (www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk)

Referral to our young carers service | Carers Support Centre

Young Carers Voice

Young carers who have been supported by us have formed YOUNG CARERS VOICE who aim to raise awareness about young carers and influence decision makers to improve how services recognise and support young carers.

Support for professionals

Awareness and Training sessions

We also deliver a variety of awareness and training sessions that can be delivered within team meetings or CPD sessions.

Work with schools

Young carers have common struggles in schools including being late, frequently being absent, being bullied, feeling isolated, anxious and along. We have a dedicated school's worker who can support schools identify young carers and improve support they can offer. We encourage schools to sign up to the Young Carers in Schools programme and can provide

- CPD training
- Assemblies (in person, online or ready-made presentations schools can deliver
- Support to start a young carers group
- Advice on policies and procedures

