



## (Almost) A Summer Activities Special 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear All

This is a bit of a summer special... we've tried to provide details of summer activities, or tips on where to find and fund them. This is by no means an exhaustive list, just the best we could do on a hot weekend!

If we've missed something that you know is fantastic and inclusive, please let us know.

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### 1 Events and Short Breaks on the Local Offer

For families, it should be, as much as possible, a single repository of information. Here is the current event's pages:

[https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer/events](https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer/events)

Or, put **#short breaks** into the Local Offer's search bar – this will bring you the most up to date listings.

You can also find information on short breaks from Achieving for Children (AfC) here:

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks>

## **2 Assessed Need Short Breaks (AfC)**

"Children and families who meet the eligibility criteria to receive services from the Disabled Children's Team (social care) or Family Support Team (ISCD - Integrated Service for Children with Disabilities) will be able to access "Assessed Need Short Breaks".

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks/assessed-need-short-breaks/assessed-need-short-breaks-after-school-clubs-and-specialist-holiday-groups>

## **3 Non-Assessed Need Short Breaks - Aiming High (AfC)**

The application deadline for commissioned short breaks has passed (was June 8<sup>th</sup>). Here is what is listed as available in terms of funding:

### Activity Fund

The funding pays for a child or young person with disabilities to attend an activity of their or the family's choice. This might be a mainstream or specialist out of school activity such as an after school, weekend or holiday club, a leisure activity such as swimming lessons, dance, football etc. The funding can also be used towards annual memberships e.g. Merlin Pass (for the child with disabilities – carers pass is free).

The amount of funding available per child per year is up to £140.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks/short-breaks/funding-for-short-breaks-aiming-high>

### Funding for Short Breaks - Aiming High Additional Support Funding

Aiming High Additional Support funding pays for additional support for children and young people with disabilities, complex health and special needs who access mainstream short break activities. An activity provider can apply for the additional support funding, which allows an increase in their staff ratio.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks/short-breaks/funding-for-short-breaks-aiming-high-additional-support-funding>

### Aiming High Home and Community Support

Aiming High Home and Community Support Service provides one to one support for children and young people with a disability in their own home or in the community.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/leisure-activities-and-short-breaks/short-breaks/aiming-high-home-and-community-support>

## **4 Charitable funding and grant information**

### Charities and Grants to support families

This is a list of organisations that offer grants or funding that can be used towards short breaks, equipment and other things. If you have any suggestions to add, please let the Local Offer know.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/information-and-advice/charitable-funding-and-grant-information>

## **5 Challengers**

New play and youth scheme for disabled children and young people living in Kingston and Richmond. The quick information is:

1. Families just need to call 01483 230 939 to book – families can do this on line too at [www.bookings-challengers.org](http://www.bookings-challengers.org)
2. New families will need to book a 'first visit'.
3. Bookings open for Challengers Kingston 27 June at 9.30am.
4. After 2 July all spaces available can be booked.

5. Every child can book to come to play.
6. Families who live in Kingston and Richmond will not be charged.

[https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer/blog\\_articles/1781-new-play-and-youth-scheme-for-disabled-children-and-young-people-living-in-kingston-and-richmond](https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer/blog_articles/1781-new-play-and-youth-scheme-for-disabled-children-and-young-people-living-in-kingston-and-richmond)

## **6 Phyz**

Peer Support for parents and carers of children with physical disabilities. Phyz have a shared list of activities that their children enjoy, plus have some new dates for swimming sessions over the summer. Please contact Phyz direct for more information:

E: [info@phyz.org.uk](mailto:info@phyz.org.uk)

## **7 Fun in the Sun - sports**

Highlights of Action Attainment's summer holiday sports programme for young people with communication needs – and link for more details.

[Family Programme](#)

July 22nd adults with children aged 8+ try out paddleboards, kayaks and katakanus, venue is Brentford Lock.

[Teenage & Young Adults Programme](#)

July 23rd & 27th Paddleboards, July 25th Kayaking at Brentford Lock; July 24th and 27th Ball Sports/Cycling Proficiency at venues in Barnes and Richmond Park. 30th & 31st July Introduction to Golf; venues at Strawberry Hill, Chiswick and Richmond

[5-11s Programme](#)

July 24th and 27th Ball Skills in Barnes

<http://www.action-attainment.com/summer-sport-sign-up-for-2018>

## **8 Knots Arts**

Knots Arts currently work in three London Boroughs, Richmond-upon-Thames, Sutton and Croydon. And run a range of sessions including drama, activity groups and youth clubs for children and young people aged 4 – 25 with social communication difficulties.

<http://knotsarts.com>

## **9 The Activity Centre – Summer Film**

[Homeward Bound](#)

**6<sup>th</sup> August - 9.45am to 11.30am**

Olympic Cinema, Church Road, Barnes

*“All ages and disabilities welcome. Homeward Bound tells the story of the incredible journey of three pets, two dogs and a cat, who make their way home to their owners with lots of fun adventures on the way. 1 free carer ticket to 1 standard ticket booking All our films are shown as Sensory Screenings – no adverts, the lights are on, dimmed throughout, the sound increases gradually at the very start of the movie, ticket holders can move around if required etc.”*

[https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer/events/27471-summer-film-the-incredible-journey-homeward-bound?date=2018-08-06](https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer/events/27471-summer-film-the-incredible-journey-homeward-bound?date=2018-08-06)

## **10 RISE Canoe/Kayak sessions**

**23 July - 31 August Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

Lensbury, Teddington

*“Run by the Lensbury Watersports Centre, these inclusive (open to friends of participants), active sessions are run by a team of coaches providing opportunities for 8 years+ to try*

*different canoes & kayaks, learn skills and build confidence on the water. Parents/carers are welcome to stay, watch or take part for free."*

<https://www2.richmond.gov.uk/Richmondbookings/Details.aspx?Id=54562>

## **11 Our Barn**

*"At Our Barn we run community-based activities providing learning, life skills and social interaction for young people aged between 16 to 25 with learning disabilities or autism."*

<https://www.ourbarn.org.uk>

## **12 Richmond Mencap**

Richmond Mencap runs a variety of young people's activities – sadly this year they are not running summer fun. ( <http://richmondmencap.org.uk/whatwedo/whatwedo/holiday-fun/summer-fun> )

However, the [Whitton All Stars](#) runs through the holidays. This is a fantastically accessible website!

<http://richmondmencap.org.uk/whatwedo/whatwedo/regular-activities>

## **13 Yorda Adventures**

Yorda is a not-for-profit community organisation that works with families in and around the borough of Kingston-upon-Thames. We pride ourselves in providing engaging and stimulating play projects for children and young people with severe learning disabilities.

<http://www.yordaadventures.co.uk/index.htm>

## **14 Peter Pan in a Pickle**

A little further out than many things, but...

*"Story based on J.M. Barrie's 'Peter and Wendy'*

*Half-day session to include interactive, multi-sensory walkabout performance and lunchtime activities (12.45 – 1.45pm) with games, craft activities & sensory tent."*

<http://www.head2headtheatre.co.uk/family-holiday-activities/summer-2018>

## **15 Accessible London**

*"London continues to improve its accessibility provisions. Here you can read about London hotels, attractions, public transport and more"*

<https://www.visitlondon.com/traveller-information/essential-information/accessible-london>

## **16 Personal Wheelchair Budgets**

*"Personal wheelchair budgets are replacing the wheelchair voucher scheme. They build on progress to offer personal health budgets to more groups of people and ensure people receive care that is right for them."* The link is long – but it works!

[https://www.england.nhs.uk/personal-health-budgets/personal-wheelchair-budgets/frequently-asked-questions/?utm\\_source=&utm\\_source=CDC+Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=9989350878-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_05\\_15\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_14015fa80f-9989350878-321385933&mc\\_cid=9989350878&mc\\_eid=04a93be95d](https://www.england.nhs.uk/personal-health-budgets/personal-wheelchair-budgets/frequently-asked-questions/?utm_source=&utm_source=CDC+Newsletters&utm_campaign=9989350878-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_14015fa80f-9989350878-321385933&mc_cid=9989350878&mc_eid=04a93be95d)

## **17 New Disability Champion to work for an inclusive borough - Richmond**

Release Date: 25 June 2018

*"The borough's disabled community will have a new voice on the Council with the announcement of a new Disability Champion, Councillor Rob O'Carroll"*

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/new\\_disability\\_champion\\_to\\_work\\_for\\_an\\_inclusive\\_borough](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/new_disability_champion_to_work_for_an_inclusive_borough)

## **18 Football - Columbia v Poland**

And the jolly article at the end, a short video of two friends 'watching' football in Colombia last Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – one man is blind. Love the goal at 1.19mins!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VM2HKW7UiRE>

As ever, if you have any queries at all, please ask and we'll always do our best to find an answer.

With best wishes from all at SEND Family Voices

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