

## Lollipop newsletter

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**LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)**

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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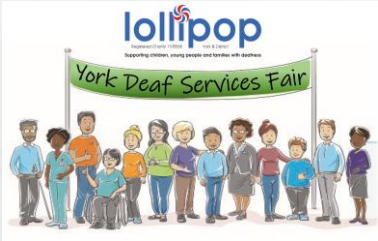
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# Upcoming activities

## DEAF SERVICES FAIR



Discover all the support and opportunities available for D/deaf people living in and around York, in one place! Join our [Deaf Services Fair](#) on **WED 6 APRIL, 6 – 8PM** in Temple Hall, [York St John University](#). This event is open to the public, FREE to attend and BSL interpreters will be on hand to help. Look forward to seeing you there!

## TODDLER GROUP



Have fun and make friends at our free, friendly toddler group! The next session will be held on **WED 27 APRIL, 10.30AM – MIDDAY** in the Discovery Room at [New Earswick Folk Hall](#) (Hawthorn Terrace, York, YO32 4AQ). Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

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# Upcoming activities (continued)

## CLIMBING WALL



Scale the exciting, state-of-the-art climbing wall at [Clip N Climb \(York Leisure Centre\)](#) on **WED 27 APRIL, 5 – 6PM** with exclusive access for Lollipop members! See your email invitation for details and book by Sunday 24 April to avoid disappointment!

## ESCAPE ROOM



Work as a team to crack codes and puzzles to make your escape from [Mindlock Escape Rooms](#) (Tower Street, York) followed by lunch with your Lollipop friends at Pizza Hut on **SAT 21 MAY, 10.30 – 1PM approx.** – more info and email invitations coming soon!

We won't be organising a Lollipop activity in June as we need to focus ALL our staff and volunteer efforts on **LOLLIPOP FUNDRAISING EVENTS** at St Crux (18 June), West Bank Fair (26 June), and New Earswick Sleepers Market (3 July). If any of our Lollipop members or parents can spare an hour or two to help out we'd be really grateful! See next page or contact Anna at [info@lollipoppyork.org.uk](mailto:info@lollipoppyork.org.uk) for more info.

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# Summer fundraising fun!



## ST CRUX

**SAT 18 JUNE | 10am – 4pm**

Massive thanks to those who have said you can bake or help out on the day. We still need more bakers and volunteers so please contact the Lollipop team if you can help. We plan to sell **books, DVDs, toys, plants, bric-a-brac, crafts, jewellery & more...** so please have a good old clear out and send some items our way if you can! Thank you!

## WEST BANK FAIR

**SUN 26 JUNE | 1 – 4pm**

Lollipop will be hosting a stall at West Bank Fair so be prepared for some serious fun with our silly side-show games!

This is always such a fab family day out and we really look forward to seeing your faces.

Please let us know if you would like to help out on the day – as always we welcome any volunteers.

## NEW EARSWICK SLEEPER PATH MARKET

**SUN 3 JULY | 10am – 2.30pm**

Lollipop founder, Andrea Gitsham, has secured us a stall at this friendly and welcoming artisan street market. There'll be lots of wonderful local produce, crafts and gifts to choose from.

So please do come along and show your support for Lollipop and the local community! We'd love to see you there!

If you'd like to help out at any of these events, please contact Anna at [info@lollipopryork.org.uk](mailto:info@lollipopryork.org.uk)

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# New and returning volunteers

Last month we introduced you to two new volunteers, Ayushi and Zoe. This month we'd like to welcome back former member and volunteer Sophie, and introduce you to another new volunteer, Isla, who you may have met at our February Pizza Party.

## SOPHIE



Sophie was a member of Lollipop for many years and went on to volunteer for us in Scarborough.

She's currently studying British Sign Language & Deaf Studies at the University of Central Lancashire having studied Childcare and Early Years Education at college.

She works part-time as a Communication Support Worker and is creator of Facebook page '[Moore Than Just Deaf](#)' which aims to raise awareness of deafness, disability and mental health.

## ISLA



Isla, aged 14, is in Year 9 at school. Her favourite subjects are History, Maths and Science and she's currently working towards her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

She knows Lollipop through her mum Laura (Chair of the charity) and hopes that volunteering with Lollipop and learning BSL as a new skill will help her to achieve her award.

Please give them a warm welcome! Each month we'll introduce you to some more of our new volunteers so watch this space for more info! :)

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# Community donations



In 2020, the Board of Directors at York-based building engineering company [Shouksmiths](#) sent us a generous and completely unexpected donation of £1,000!

This year they've blown us away with yet another donation – this time a whopping £2,000!

***“We are well aware of the sheer hard work and dedication that you show ...and the marvellous work that Lollipop does” – Shouksmiths Directors***

A huge thank-you has been sent to Shouksmiths from all the team at Lollipop! Their kind support for Lollipop is truly heart-warming!

Thank you also to everyone who has shopped with [AmazonSmile](#) over the last 6 months and nominated Lollipop to receive a Amazon donation of 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.

We recently received our first Amazon deposit of £21.20.

1. Visit   2. Login   3. Shop



**Thank you so much to ALL the individuals and businesses who continue to support Lollipop.**

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# The Sound of Bronze!



On 13 March, the lovely folk from Sound of Bronze, Music and the Deaf and National Centre for Early Music welcomed our members to take part in two very special music workshops, learning to play Gamelan



Everyone was really enthusiastic to learn about and play these amazing instruments!

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Even some of the parents couldn't resist!







The tutors from Sound of Bronze said it sounded amazing...like they'd been playing together for years!



# healthwatch Accessible Info Survey

## Can you and your family access health and care information easily?

Accessible information means that everyone should get information and communication they can understand from key organisations, including:

- health bodies like GPs, dentists, hospitals, and clinics,
- care providers like Councils and care homes.

It's good practice for other organisations like council departments, colleges and workplaces to provide information in a format people can understand too.

[Healthwatch York](#) are working with [Healthwatch North Yorkshire](#) and [North Yorkshire County Council](#) to try to ensure that you get health and care information in a format you can access, and they want to know your experiences...

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# Take part in the Accessible Info Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HJGBG55>

Your feedback may be used in a report about the accessibility of health and care information. This will help to make organisations aware of:

- their responsibilities under the [Accessible Information Standard](#)
- how they can improve services

Your feedback will be anonymous but you will be asked a few questions about yourself at the end.

If you're happy to talk to Healthwatch more about your experiences, please provide your name and contact details at the end of the survey. This information will only be used to contact you and will not be linked to your responses which will remain anonymous.

You can find out more about your rights under the Accessible Information Standard by watching the step-by-step animated video below which includes subtitles and BSL interpretation.



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# Deaf Works Everywhere



**Deaf Works Everywhere (DWE) is a campaign from the National Deaf Children's Society to get more deaf young people into work – and into jobs that inspire them.**

Many deaf young people believe their career options are limited but with the right support they can work everywhere!

Over the next 3 years, the campaign aims to help raise aspirations and challenge expectations of what deaf people can achieve by fighting for better careers support, more work experience and more volunteering opportunities.

- [Inspiration for D/deaf young people](#)
- [Support for parents](#)
- [Help inspire deaf young people](#)

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# READY for some insights?



**The READY study (Recording Emerging Adulthood in Deaf Youth) is a ground-breaking study funded by the National Deaf Children's Society and led by the Universities of Manchester and Edinburgh to better understand the challenges faced by deaf young people as they become independent adults.**

You might remember us sharing information about it in our newsletter. Perhaps you were one of the 150 deaf young people who took part!

The Year 2 READY report is now available and includes new evidence in the areas of language and communication, social networks, health, wellbeing and self-determination that will help to improve the support that deaf young people get in future.

**The findings are available in English and BSL and are well worth a read!**

[https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/thereadystudy/publications/year2\\_2021report/](https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/thereadystudy/publications/year2_2021report/)

If you missed the chance to take part in this study and would like to share your thoughts, why not take part in the NDCS annual mental health survey...see next page for details.

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# NDCS mental health survey



**Your chance to check in with the NDCS Annual Mental Health Survey for deaf young people**

The [National Deaf Children's Society](https://www.ndcs.org.uk/) want to know what you think needs to change for deaf young people when it comes to emotional health and wellbeing. Your ideas will help them campaign for change.

## **The survey is aimed at young people:**

- aged between 13 to 25,
- with any level of deafness from mild to profound,
- who live in the UK.

It's your chance to have your say on big issues impacting on your life. There are no right or wrong answers and all responses are kept anonymous.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY TODAY**

It takes just 10 minutes to complete and you could win a £20 Amazon voucher!

## **Find out more here:**

<https://buzz.org.uk/events/your-chance-to-check-in>

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# IMPs Easter holiday clubs



**IMPs (Inclusive Music Projects) is a year-round programme run by Accessible Arts & Media. It provides fun, inclusive music activities for children and young people from York and the surrounding area. This Easter, they are offering not one but two holiday clubs...here's the first!**



Join Ellen and Ben for this multi-sensory movement, sound and visual holiday club themed around the animals of spring.

Come along to move like a bunny, or use your imagination to make a bird soundscape.

There'll be lots of multi-sensory props, some springtime visuals and musical instruments to explore.

## HOP INTO SPRING HOLIDAY CLUB

**WHEN:** Thurs 14 April 2022  
10am – 12pm  
**WHO:** Ages 8+  
**WHERE:** [New Earswick Folk Hall](#)  
**COST:** £10 (sibling discounts and subsidised places available)

**Please contact Accessible Arts & Media to find out more or book your place.**

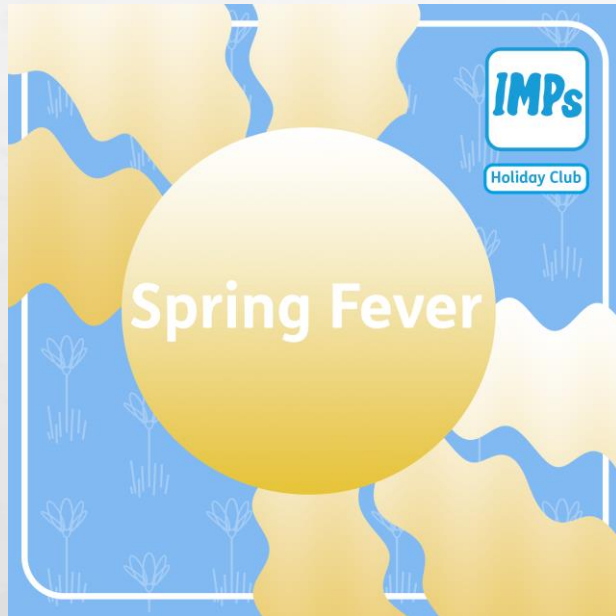
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**PHONE:** 01904 626965

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# IMPs Easter holiday clubs (continued)

And here's the second!



Come and sing your way through all elements of spring with Anna and Hannah. They'll be:

- exploring the animals, the weather and nature of spring through sensory song.
- using their hands to sign the words, and sensory props to bring the songs to life.

## SPRING FEVER HOLIDAY CLUB

**WHEN:** Wed 20 April 2022  
1.30 – 3.30pm  
**WHO:** Ages 8+  
**WHERE:** [New Earswick Folk Hall](#)  
**COST:** £10

**Please contact Accessible Arts & Media to find out more or book your place.**

**EMAIL:** [imps@aamedia.org.uk](mailto:imps@aamedia.org.uk)  
**PHONE:** 01904 626965

All **IMPs holiday clubs are fully inclusive**. You don't need to be a member of IMPs, or have any experience in music, dance, singing or signing to take part. Their **face-to-face sessions** are all **COVID-secure**. If you find social distancing tricky, or you need 1-1 support, you must bring your own support.

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# Easter fun and games



## Spot the difference!

Can you spot the 6 differences between pictures A and B?

We'll reveal the answers in our next newsletter...**GOOD LUCK!**

Answers to the hidden words puzzle in our [March edition](#) were:

BOY, FISH, HOT, NICE, TREE, WAVE

**How did you do?**



**BYE FOR NOW! HAVE A LOVELY EASTER & SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!**

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