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Lollipop newsletter

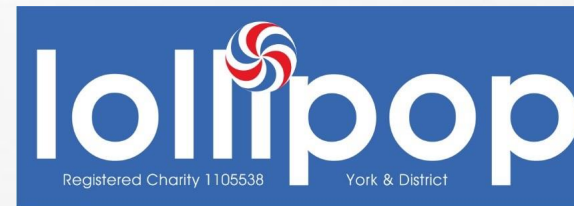
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LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Cover photo: Halloween costume competition winners, Christopher (left) and Drew (right), Nov 2021.

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AGM update from our Chair



Laura Walker - Chair

A huge thank-you to parents, members and volunteers who 'Zoomed' in to join us for our Annual General Meeting on 20 October.

There have been many changes at Lollipop since I became Chair in July 2021. Staff have worked incredibly hard over a particularly difficult period to develop new ways of supporting Lollipop through remote working, and keeping in touch with members and families via our website, social media and e-newsletters.

Since [face-to-face activities](#) resumed last July, members have enjoyed two picnics (one with alpacas!), visits to Rainbows ceramic café, York Cocoa Works, Jorvik DIG, Tenpin Bowling, Clip 'n' Climb, Mindlock Escape Rooms, Pizza Express, Nando's, and some fully interactive and inclusive music and drama workshops!

Picture bingo and a 'sing-and-sign' with deaf musicians from the [I Can Play!](#) project went down a storm at our first post-lockdown Christmas party. PLUS we organised and hosted our first [Deaf Services Fair](#) which brought together many local charities, organisations and services for the benefit of our members, their families and the wider deaf community.

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Lollipop funding update

Our main funding grants from The Lottery and Henry Smith both came to an end this year but an application for further funding from The Lottery has been submitted, and we eagerly await their decision pending approval of our proposal for the next 3 years. Meanwhile our amazing Fundraising Officers, together with our very kind sponsors and supporters, have been busy organising a whole host of fantastic [fundraising activities](#).

The reality is that the next few months are going to be challenging for Lollipop – a small charity emerging from the pandemic and trying (like many) to survive in the current financial climate.

We will need to temporarily scale back on activities and focus all our efforts on income generation to secure Lollipop's future...

Anything you can do to **support us**, big or small, is always hugely appreciated. So, if you have any fun ideas to raise money or just need some support in bringing your fundraising ideas to life, please contact:

- **Anna** at info@lollipop.org.uk or
- **Becky** at admin@lollipop.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent [member survey](#) – your feedback has been amazing and will really help us with our Lottery bid.

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Staff and volunteer news

New arrival

Lollipop Service Manager, Heidi, gave birth to a little boy (Miles Joseph Ralph; 6lbs 7oz) on 19 September, the same day as her 40th birthday! Wow!



Who could ask for a better present?

Mum, dad and baby are doing well and we wish them ALL the happiness in the world!

Fond farewell



Deaf Mentor, Nikhita, recently graduated from the University of York with a first class degree in Applied Social Science.

She has since secured a place as an Educational Worker on the [IntoUniversity](#) graduate scheme in Coventry.

She will be sadly missed but we'd like to say a huge thank-you for all her support over the past two years and wish her the very best for the future!

Wedding bells

Current volunteer and former Lollipop member, Sophie, tied the knot at Ox Pasture Hall, Scarborough on 11 August...



Here she is with husband Chris on honeymoon at Disneyland Paris.

Massive congratulations to you ALL from everyone at Lollipop!

If you are a Lollipop member or supporter and have good news you'd like to share via our newsletter, please email Abi at mentor@lollipop.org.uk

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Our new recruits

Though not actively recruiting volunteers right now, we were thrilled to be approached by not one, but three lovely people keen to work with us to support Lollipop members and their families. First up, let me introduce...

AMANDA



Former Teaching Assistant, Amanda, has worked closely with deaf children for the past six years, providing one-to-one support with their learning and development.

She'd like to continue helping deaf children and their families using the skills and experience gained whilst working in schools.

BSL qualified to Level 3, Amanda has also worked as an au pair organising and leading age-appropriate activities involving reading, crafts and educational play.

She's keen to continue supporting the deaf community by helping Lollipop with our activities and fundraising.

FAUSTA



Fausta is profoundly deaf and a fluent user of BSL, her first language.

She was a member of Lollipop from childhood to age 14 and is currently studying painting and decorating at York College.

She always dreamed of being a volunteer because she loves helping other people and feels it's part of her identity.

Fausta says she's happy to be involved with anything – as long as she can see the children being happy, that's all that matters!

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THEM THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES!

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Lollipop Christmas party

It's nearly that time of year again! Woo-hoo! **SAVE THE DATE** and don't miss out on this festive fun for all the family!

WHEN: **SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**, 2-4pm

WHERE: [Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club](#), 12 Main Street, Bishopthorpe, York.

There'll be more details winging their way to you very soon but we can tell you that there will be some very special guests from [Make a Smile](#), and the [I Can Play!](#) team (back by popular demand) will be on hand to get your toes tapping and your fingers moving with their legendary sing and sign fun!

Keep an eye out for your email invitation for further info.

And book EARLY to avoid disappointment!



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Lollipop Christmas prize draw



Tickets are now on sale for our Prize Draw, one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

Be in with a chance of winning some FABULOUS prizes!



TOP PRIZES

A rooftop spa day for two including lunch at [Rudding Park Hotel](#)

A 2-night weekend stay in the Yorkshire Dales at [The Jonas Centre](#)

A weekend hot tub hire courtesy of [Executive Hot Tub Hire](#)

Other great prizes from:

[Grand Opera House York](#) | [Scampston Hall](#) | [The Hilt](#) | [York Sport](#) | [Clip 'n Climb](#) | [Bettys](#) | [Wizard Walk of York](#) | [York Designer Outlet](#) | [Dunelm](#) and many more!
[Click here](#) for full details.

Tickets are available online at: <https://gofund.me/47355608>. Please share this fundraiser link far and wide to help us raise as much as possible. Tickets are £1 each. Simply donate to the page to buy entries into the draw e.g. donate £10 to buy 10 tickets. Paper tickets are also available from Anna and Becky and will be available at our Christmas Party on 10 December where the draw is taking place. **GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**

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Recent activities

Our all-ages family picnic at Homestead Park, was our last activity before the summer holidays.

We were granted exclusive use of a private area of the park for Lollipop families to get together and enjoy the glorious sunshine. Members got stuck into a scavenger hunt, played giant Jenga and Connect4, got creative with bug crafts, and enjoyed a scrummy picnic in beautiful surroundings.

Swimming lessons

This term we teamed up with [Brightwater Swim School](#) to bring Lollipop members a fantastic, FREE 6-week course of swimming lessons at the Mount School, York.

A massive thank-you [UK Deaf Sport](#) for funding these sessions and making this great opportunity possible!



Burger-building

On 18 Sept, Lollipop members were invited to a private build-a-burger party at the York (Vanguard) branch of [Nando's](#).

[Click here](#) to read all about it and see more photos!



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Recent activities (cont.)

Drama workshop

On 2 October members enjoyed a fully interactive and inclusive drama workshop with Jenna Howlett from [Performance Platform Productions](#)



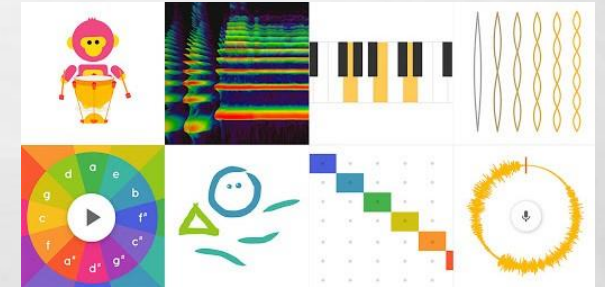
[Click here](#) to find out what they got up to and see them in action!



Music workshops

This term, we've been promoting a range of **face-to-face music making sessions** provided by the talented team at [I Can Play!](#) – a collaborative programme which provides music-making opportunities for D/deaf children across York (see link for details).

PLUS, exclusively for Lollipop members, Sean Chandler from [Music and the Deaf](#) is running some NEW, exciting **online digital music workshops** on 8, 15 and 22 November.



We can't wait to see how our members get on!

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York Disability Week (26 Nov – 3 Dec)

This year marks the 6th anniversary of York Disability Week – an annual community event that celebrates Disability History Month and the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities, here in York.

The week is organised by a network of individuals, organisations and community groups with support from [York Human Rights City Network](#).

Open to ALL, it brings together a diverse and exciting programme of talks, workshops, exhibitions, entertainment and more to **celebrate, learn, be optimistic and take action** on disability.

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www.yorkdisabilityweek.org

[Check out the programme](#) and play YOUR part in creating and promoting an **equal, inclusive and accessible** York!

Sharing the challenges of living with hearing loss at home, work and socially (and discussing solutions!)

Monday 28 November | 2- 3pm | St Sampson's Centre, Church St, York, YO1 8BE

This talk, open to all ages, will provide practical suggestions that can be helpful in many situations for individuals with hearing loss at all levels. Click here to book your FREE place: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhks7yt>

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Fundraising news



Last term, [Northern Energy](#) held their Annual Charity Golf Day to mark their 90th anniversary celebrations.

They very generously named Lollipop as their chosen charity and raised an amazing **£10,000** for us! Here's Becky, one of our Fundraising and Admin Officers, being presented with the charity cheque over the summer by Freya Harper (Lollipop member) and Ted Illingworth.



A huge thank you to everyone at Northern Energy for your wonderful support!

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Fundraising heroes

Well done to **Luke Zwalf** who ran the London Marathon for Lollipop on 2 October and raised a whopping £890. Congratulations too to **Sam Walker** who completed the Yorkshire Marathon on 16 October and raised a fantastic £740.



We'd like to say a huge **THANK-YOU** to both Sam (left) and Luke (right) for choosing to run for Lollipop – you are absolute warriors and it means the world to us!

Though both challenges are complete, their funding pages remain open for donations – could you help them both get to a cool £1,000?

Luke: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/avs4r-london-marathon-2022>

Sam: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/yorkshire-marathon-in-aid-of-lollipop>

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Fundraising opportunities

If you've been inspired by Sam and Luke and fancy a challenge of your own, why not consider taking part in one these events to get fit, have fun and help raise money for Lollipop at the same time.

YORKSHIRE WARRIOR



- 30 obstacles
- 2 lake crossings
- 20km and 10km races
- Timed junior warrior

The last [Yorkshire Warrior](#) event took place on 3 April and the 2023 date will be published soon.

DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE

Dragon Boat Racing is the world's fastest growing water sport and has become popular with charities and companies alike.

The next [York Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge](#) event will take place on Sunday 9 July 2023.



If you fancy signing up to form part of a Lollipop team for either of these events, please contact **Becky** admin@lollipopYork.org.uk or **Anna** info@lollipopYork.org.uk for more info.

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Other fundraising ideas

If physical challenges aren't your thing and you'd rather not pull a muscle, or roll about in the mud to raise money for Lollipop, there are lots of other fun ways to fundraise for us...

How about combining fundraising with learning a new skill?



Like Lollipop parent Ali (mum to Phoebe) who raised an amazing **£325** by learning and using 100 BSL signs! Way to go!

Or you could consider asking friends to donate to Lollipop for your birthday.



It's super easy to create a [birthday fundraiser](#) on Facebook.

Or what about hosting a raffle at work offering the most amazing prize ever – a day off work to just lounge around watching TV! Who wouldn't pay good money for a guilt-free duvet day?! (Just make sure all line managers and HR have approved it first!)

If you have any fundraising questions or need marketing materials, please get in touch with:
Anna info@lollipop.org.uk or Becky admin@lollipop.org.uk

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Co-op Local Community Fund



We're delighted to let you know that from 23 October 2022 until 21 October 2023, Co-op Members can officially support Lollipop as part of the [Co-op Local Community Fund](#).



We are officially linked to the [York community of Co-op stores](#) but Co-op members can raise money for us by shopping at any of their stores across the UK.

Every time Co-op members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, 2p for every pound spent will come to Lollipop.

If you shop at the Co-op or would consider switching supermarket to help support Lollipop, simply visit our [Cause Profile Page](#) and follow the links to [Sign in](#) or [become a Co-op member](#).

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Go on, put a SMILE on our face!

We've just received our latest donation from 'AmazonSmile'. Thank you to everyone who has shopped and supported us so far!

[AmazonSmile](#) is a website operated by Amazon with exactly the same products, prices and services. The only difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your items to a charity of your choice!

1. Visit 2. Login 3. Shop

smile.amazon.co.uk
Support **lollipop**



If you are a regular shopper with Amazon and starting to think about your Christmas shopping, why not use AmazonSmile to help raise funds for us? All you have to do is visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk, log in to your Amazon account as usual, select to support 'Lollipop York' and start shopping! It's as easy as that!

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York Fashion Week x Deaf Identity

Last month we were hugely excited and proud to be invited to team up with [DEAF IDENTITY](#) and [York Fashion Week](#) to create a special, limited edition t-shirt!



The t-shirt features our respective logos on the back, and YFW in fingerspelling on the front, as modelled here by BSL Interpreter, Jennie (left) and Deaf Identity founder, Luke (right).

Although Autumn Fashion Week has ended there's still chance to [get your exclusive t-shirt](#) and wear it with pride!

With 15% of proceeds from t-shirt sales being donated to Lollipop, what are you waiting for?



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[Click here](#) to find out more about our joint venture.



If you missed it, don't worry! York Fashion Week will be back next Spring/Summer 2023!

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Summer 'spot the difference'

Do you remember this puzzle we shared with you before the summer hols?

If so, did you spot all 12 differences between these two beach scenes?

A MASSIVE WELL DONE IF YOU DID!

Why not check out this edition's autumn puzzle...



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Autumn puzzle



Can you solve the clues in this autumn crossword?

Across:

- 4. Use one of these to tidy up fallen leaves
- 8. An orchard fruit
- 9. A furry animal with a bushy tail
- 10. A spiky animal that can roll into a ball

Down:

- 1. The seed of an oak tree
- 2. They fall from the trees in autumn
- 3. It falls from a horse chestnut tree and can be used to play games
- 5. You might light one of these to burn leaves and twigs
- 6. Another word for autumn
- 7. A colour you might see autumn leaves change to



THAT'S ALL, FOLKS! HOPE YOU ENJOY THE REST OF THE AUTUMN TERM AND THE UPCOMING FESTIVE SEASON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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