

Lollipop newsletter

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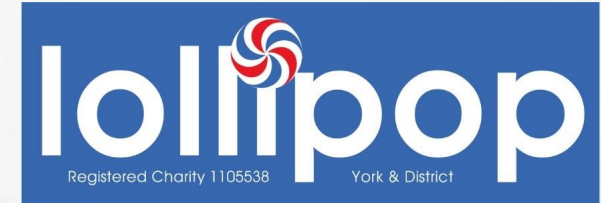
LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)
Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Cover photo: 'Teamwork makes the dream work'

Youth member (Molly) helping Junior member (Marina) at Clip 'N' Climb, April 2022.



Note: There are several links in this newsletter. To open them in a new window, hold down the Control key (or Command key on a Mac) whilst clicking on the link.

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Upcoming activities...

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

WED 15 JUNE, 10.30AM – 12PM



Have fun and make friends at our free, friendly toddler group hosted by our Parent Liaison Officer, Cheryl, at [New Earswick Folk Hall](#) (Hawthorn Terrace, York). Due to a new ramp being installed, this month's session will take place upstairs instead of the Discovery Room. Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

PICNIC IN THE PARK

SAT 16 JULY, 11.30AM – 2.30PM



This all-age, family event is not to be missed! Meet up with Lollipop friends at [Homestead Park](#) for a fun scavenger hunt followed by a bring-your-own summer picnic in this beautiful 14-acre garden in Clifton, York. See your email invite for details and **Book by Tues 12 July** to avoid disappointment!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2022 LOLLIPOP AGM – THURS 20 OCT – 6.30-8.30PM

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Fundraising news and events

Unfortunately, our recent applications to the Henry Smith COVID-19 support grant and Improving Lives grant were unsuccessful. Whilst we remain hopeful that we will receive funding from the National Lottery Reaching Communities grant, we need your support more than ever if we are to continue providing free activities and support to members. Our upcoming fundraising events are shown below. **If you can support us in ANY way, be it baking, donating, transportation, or volunteering on a stall for an hour or two, it would be really appreciated.**

SAT 18 JUNE 10am – 4pm	SUN 26 JUNE 1 – 4pm
St. Crux Parish Hall, York	West Bank Park Summer Fair
Delicious homemade soup, cakes, drinks and snacks, plus outdoor stalls selling books, DVDs, toys, plants, bric-a-brac, crafts, jewellery & more...	Over 40 local organisations, charities, entertainers and attractions providing fun, games and refreshments throughout the afternoon.
SUN 3 JULY 10am – 2.30pm	SUN 10 JULY 10am – 4pm
Sleeper Market , New Earswick	Dragon Boat Race – North Bank Gala
Come along to this vibrant artisan street market to explore a wonderful selection of local products, crafts and gifts whilst supporting the local community.	Watch the boats race whilst enjoying stalls, competitions, music, food and drink, and learning more about local charities like Lollipop!

Please let Anna (info@lollipoppyork.org.uk) and Becky (admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk) know if you can help. We'd love to see you there!

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Volunteer news

This month, we'd like to introduce you to Ciara and Darcy who have recently joined our ever-growing team of volunteers! You may have met them at our recent trip to [Clip 'N' Climb](#).

CIARA



Ciara recently graduated from the University of York with a first-class degree in English Language & Linguistics. And passed her Level Two exams in British Sign Language!

She currently works as a Home Tuition Teacher and 1:1 support worker at City of York Council and has a wealth of experience (paid and voluntary) supporting children with additional needs or disabilities.

In her spare time, she enjoys illustration, reading, calligraphy, sewing and baking.

She's keen to support our work because she feels privileged to spend time with children and play a part in their development.

DARCY



Darcy, aged 14, is currently studying for her GCSEs and particularly enjoys Drama, Computer Science and History.

She has two older brothers who are deaf and former members of Lollipop. When she was growing up she attended many Lollipop activities as their hearing sibling.

Like Isla, she is volunteering with Lollipop as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award.

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THEM A VERY WARM WELCOME!

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Since 1-7 June is Volunteers' Week, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of our volunteers (past and present) for the essential support they provide.

Volunteers are the backbone of many small charities and the contribution they make to Lollipop is vital in ensuring that we can continue to provide services and support to our members and their families.

Unfortunately, Nikhita, who has been volunteering with us since the start of 2020, is moving on to pastures new, having completed her degree in Applied Social Science at the University of York.

She will be sadly missed but we're grateful for all her support and wish her all the very best for the future!

Former member, Megan, who has been volunteering with us on and off since 2017 has completed her degree in Drama at the University of Hull and started her working life, but continues to support us when she can...

We recently recruited ten new volunteers, and keen followers of our newsletter will see we have been introducing two new faces each month:

- Ayushi and Zoe in our [March edition](#)
- Sophie and Isla in our [April edition](#)
- Abdi and Charlotte in our [May edition](#)
- Ciara and Darcy in the current edition
- And hopefully Sarah and Leah in our summer edition.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
YOUR COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTION REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

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NIKHITA



MEGAN



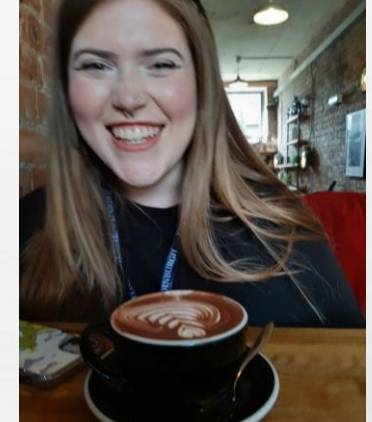
SOPHIE



ZOE



AYUSHI



CHARLOTTE



ISLA



DARCY



ABDIKARIM



CIARA



SARAH



LEAH



**OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!
WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU!**



The Great Escape!

On 21 May, Lollipop members used all their brain power, creativity and logic to crack codes and solve puzzles to make their escape from Mindlock Escape Rooms, York.



It was a close run thing but despite best efforts Team Heidi, Team Anna and Team Cheryl didn't quite make it out on time...

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BUT Bradley, Jerome and Cody (shown below with volunteer Zoe and Interpreter Joe) solved the CLUEDO room and escaped with just two seconds to spare! Wow, well done guys!



And having worked up a healthy appetite, everyone came together afterwards to celebrate and share their experiences over pizza and ice-cream. Yum!



A huge THANK-YOU to

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for funding this amazing activity!

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healthwatch survey results

Back in April, we invited you to take part in an Accessible Information Survey to help local health and care providers ensure you and your family can get information in a format you can access and understand.

The project led by [Healthwatch North Yorkshire](#), [Healthwatch York](#) and [North Yorkshire County Council](#) is now complete and more than 250 local people have taken part!

The results and recommendations will be shared at two virtual launch events on **Tuesday 21 June at 10.30am** and **Thursday 23 June at 6pm** to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Click the pink button to book your place at one of these events:

[BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

A summary of the report will be produced (in a number of different formats) and the organisers hope to record the launch events for the benefit of anyone unable to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth from Healthwatch North Yorkshire at ruth.stockdale@hwny.co.uk or call 07458 301393.

Find out more about '[Your rights under the Accessible Information Standard](#)' by watching this step-by-step animated video with subtitles and BSL interpretation.

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Hearing aid headbands

Following a conversation with an audiologist who was struggling to obtain headbands for the children she worked with, Angela Hearn launched [Angeliques Hearing Bands](#).

Each headband is handmade from a wide choice of [fabric designs](#) and tailored to your child for a perfect fit! Angela makes headbands for the following types of hearing devices and the [reviews](#) speak for themselves!

- Bruckhoff
- Contact Mini
- Puretone
- Ponto
- BAHA
- BTE (behind-the-ear)
- And implants

£25 per headband (including postage and packaging) or £22.50 each when two or more are purchased together.

For more info visit Angela's [website](#), follow her on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) or email her at: Angeliquesdesignsuk@gmail.com

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Fun, games and entertainment



Deaf Animation World

More and more parents are turning to YouTube for content to educate and entertain their young children.

[Deaf Animation World](#) creates fun, animated nursery rhymes, songs and stories which you can view for free via their [website](#) and on [YouTube](#). Presented in BSL with English captions they are accessible to all and promote inclusive learning of sign language at an early age. If you have a young child or toddler at home (D/deaf or hearing) why not give these awesome animations a go!

Did you know that a fully signed version of BBC's Newsround is available to watch every weekday for children (aged 6-12) who use British Sign Language?

Just head to bbc.co.uk/newsround and look for the BSL logo shown here. You'll find the signed bulletin ready to watch from lunchtime onwards at a time to suit you. Subtitled bulletins are also available to watch through [BBC iPlayer](#).



Solution to last month's puzzle

Answers to the cinema-themed hidden words puzzle in our [May edition](#) were:

- FILM
- TICKETS
- MOVIE
- SEQUEL
- CANDY
- PREVIEW

Congratulations if you managed to find all six!

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! SEE YOU NEXT MONTH FOR OUR SUMMER EDITION!

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