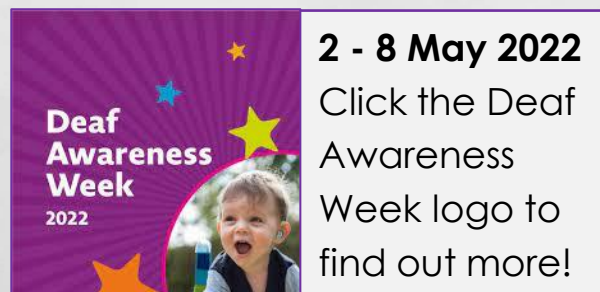




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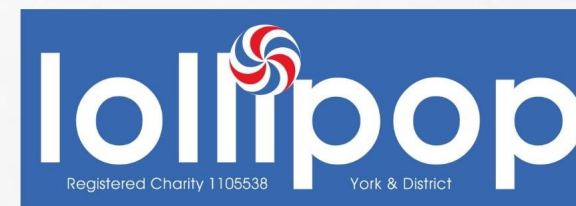


LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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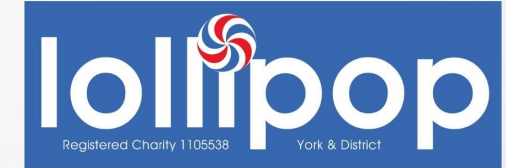


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Cover photo: Lollipop members enjoying the activity corner at the Deaf Services Fair, April 2022.

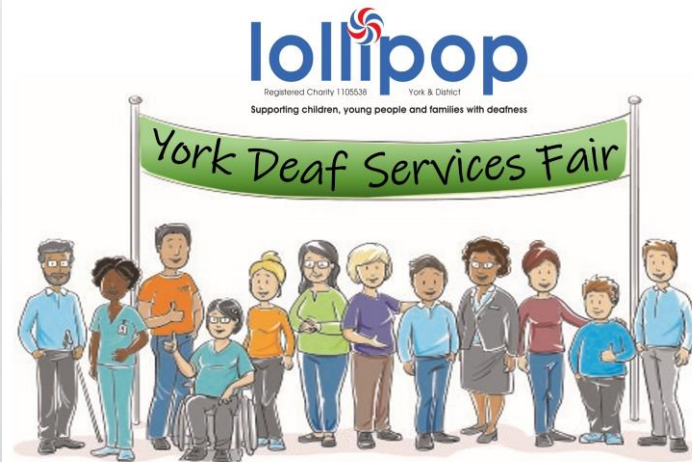
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All the fun of the **Deaf Services Fair!**



We wanted to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who made last month's Deaf Services Fair a HUGE success. It was a fantastic evening and wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces!

We received amazing feedback from attendees and exhibitors alike and feel very proud that we were able to bring together local support, services and opportunities for the D/deaf community in one place.



We are super grateful for the support of the following organisations and hope to welcome them (and others) back next year!

[City of York Council Teachers of the Deaf](#) | [Deaf CAMHS](#) | [Ewing Foundation](#)
| [Harrogate Deaf Society](#) | [Healthwatch, York](#) | [I Can Play](#) |
[Living4Moments](#) | [Music and the Deaf](#) | [National Deaf Children's Society](#) |
[Ovingdean Hall](#) | [Sign Video Services](#) | [Toy Like Me](#) | [Wilberforce Trust](#)
| [William Merritt Centre](#)

Read on to see some fab photos and feedback from the day!

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Here are just some of the lovely comments from the organisations who attended:

Thank you for organising this event. It was fantastic to meet others. Thanks to all the people I met who shared their skills and passions.

**Rachel Barber,
Living4Moments**

*It was an amazing fair!
I hope that it continues.*

**Olivia Cadman,
Healthwatch York**

We enjoyed being part of the fair and meeting people who attended. Should there be further events in the future just let us know and we would be happy to be involved!

Emma Richardson, Deaf CAMHS

A huge thank you for inviting us to this event. It was a great evening and it was lovely to meet so many professionals, families and children. We will look forward to the next one!

Carole Wood, Ewing Foundation



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And here are some of our favourite snaps from what was a truly memorable and enjoyable evening!



The Lollipop activity corner proved a hit with the kids too...



WE CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

Staff news

Here at Lollipop HQ we've some exciting news to share about our Service Manager and Parent Liaison Officer. Exciting times ahead. Here's wishing them both huge congratulations!



Heidi Davies
Service Manager

HAPPY FAMILIES!

Our much-loved Service Manager, Heidi, got engaged to her partner Andrew last month and is sporting a very shiny rock!

If that wasn't exciting enough, the happy couple are thrilled to be expecting their first baby in September! Woo hoo!

Heidi will start her maternity leave after the summer and Trustees and staff will arrange suitable cover over the next few months to ensure everything continues to run smoothly in her absence.

EXCITING NEW JOB!

The lovely Cheryl has landed herself a new role as Learning Support Practitioner at York College, where she also works part-time as a BSL Tutor.

Cheryl has always had a passion for helping deaf and disabled young people and believes everyone can succeed with the right support.

In her new role she's encouraging students with disabilities and learning difficulties to be more independent and providing support with reading and writing. But fear not, York College's gain is not Lollipop's loss. Cheryl will continue to offer advice and support to parents and host our monthly toddler group sessions.



Cheryl McBride
Parent Liaison Officer

Please join us in celebrating their amazing news and wishing them both well!

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More new volunteers!

So far this year, we've introduced you to Ayushi, Zoe, Sophie and Isla. This month we'd like to welcome two more student volunteers. You may have met them already at our [Deaf Services Fair](#) or [climbing wall activity!](#)

ABDIKARIM



Originally from Somalia, Abdikarim (Abdi) started his career as a child protection practitioner at 'Save the Children International' where he represented children and families on a range of issues, including child protection, safeguarding, rights and development.

He's currently studying a Masters Degree at the University of York whilst working part-time as a local Support Worker.

He'd love to apply his broad experience to the planning and running of fun activities for Lollipop members.

CHARLOTTE



Charlotte is currently studying BSL and Educational Linguistics at York St John University and hopes to use BSL in her future career!

She enjoys working with children and has varied experience working as a teaching / classroom assistant.

She's keen to support Lollipop with activities and fundraising and looking forward to immersing herself in the D/deaf community to build on her existing knowledge and skills.

Please join us in giving them a very warm welcome!

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Climbing the walls at Clip N Climb!

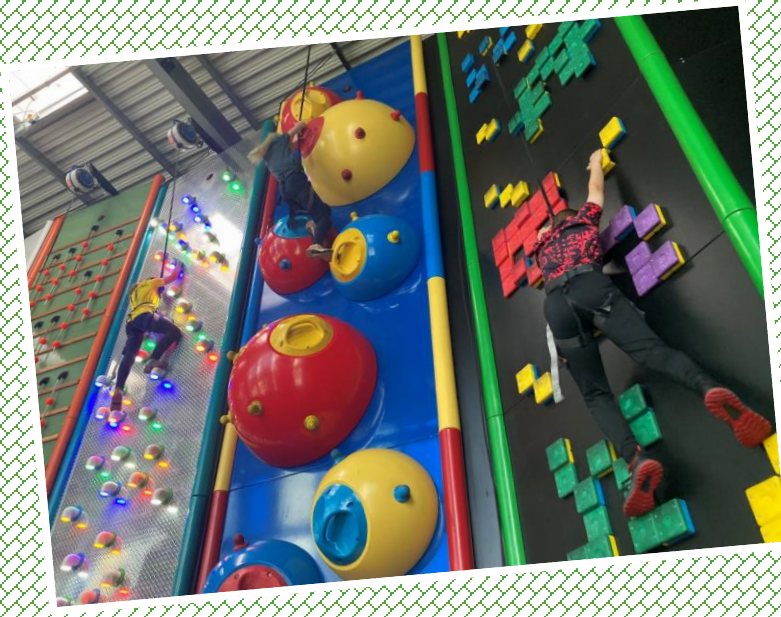
Clip N Climb

On 27 April, brave Lollipop members were given exclusive access to the state-of-the-art climbing walls at Clip N Climb, York. Here's just a few photos of their colourful adventures!



Lovely to see members encouraging and supporting one another to achieve their personal best!

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Clip N Climb



Upcoming activities...

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

WED 18 MAY, 10.30AM – 12PM



Have fun and make friends at our free, friendly toddler group hosted by our Parent Liaison Officer, Cheryl. Held monthly in the Discovery Room at [New Earswick Folk Hall](#) (Hawthorn Terrace, York). Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

ESCAPE ROOM + PIZZA

SAT 21 MAY, 10.15AM – 1.30PM approx.



Work as a team to crack codes and puzzles to make your escape from [Mindlock Escape Rooms](#) (Tower Street, York) followed by a yummy Pizza Hut lunch! See your email invite for details and **Book by Friday 13 May** to avoid disappointment!

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Putting the FUN into fundraising!

Our focus for next month is fundraising so we can continue to provide free activities for our members!

All three of these events are family-friendly so you can help out for an hour or two whilst bringing the whole family along for some summer fun!

- **SAT 18 JUNE** we will be at [St. Crux Parish Hall](#), 10am – 4pm serving food and drinks all day with outdoor stalls selling books, DVDs, toys, plants, bric-a-brac, crafts, jewellery & more...
- **SUN 26 JUNE** is [West Bank Park Summer Fair](#), 1-4pm – come on down for an afternoon of fun, games and refreshments!
- **SUN 3 JULY** is the [Sleeper Market](#) on the Sleeper Path in New Earswick, 10am - 2.30pm, where you can explore a wonderful selection of local products, crafts and gifts!

CAN YOU HELP? We still need volunteers to bake, donate, fill jars for a jarbola, transport stall items, and help set up, run, and tidy away the stalls so PLEASE, PLEASE get in touch if you can help in any way! We'd be so grateful for your support!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Anna at info@lollipopryork.org.uk.

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Curating for change



Do you love museums? If you fancy getting paid and trained to do what you love to kickstart a career in the museum sector, this could be the perfect opportunity!

These 18-month placements are designed for D/deaf, disabled or neurodivergent people with a passion for museums and some experience in the sector. Successful applicants will receive on-the-job experience, a comprehensive package of support, and a personalised programme of training, mentoring and networking.

In the current recruitment round there are opportunities to work in one of the following museums:

- [National Railway Museum](#), York
- [Black Country Living Museum](#), Dudley
- [Museum of Liverpool](#)
- [Ashmolean Museum/Pitt Rivers Museum](#) (joint placement, Oxford)

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THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 10AM ON MON 13 JUNE 2022. CLICK ON THE BUTTONS ABOVE TO FIND OUT MORE!

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IMPs half-term holiday club



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. Sign up as a crew-member today to join Chris on his half-term space adventure!



Blast off into the depths of space on a voyage to discover strange new worlds. Boldly go where no one has gone before!

Who knows what you'll discover as you use percussion instruments, music technology and a variety of sensory materials to explore uncharted territory!

Perhaps you'll meet awesome aliens, find a shooting star or come across exciting new planets? Only one way to find out! **Book your place today!**

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

WHEN: Wed 1 June 2022
1.30 – 3.30pm

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.

EMAIL: 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 to take part. **Face-to-face sessions** are all **COVID-secure**. If you find social distancing tricky, or need 1-1 support, you must bring your own support.

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Fun and games

Hidden words puzzle

Can you find all 6 words hidden in this picture? Quite a tricky one this, so look very carefully! All 6 words have some connection with going to the cinema.

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

Find the answers to the 'Spot the Difference' puzzle in our [April edition](#) on the next page...

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Answers to last month's puzzle



Easter 'Spot the Difference' answers

1. The bumble bee is facing the other way
2. The tuft of grass and mound of red flowers has shrunk
3. One of the bunny's eyes is closed
4. The flowers to the right have changed colour from orange to blue
5. The bunny's tail has shrunk
6. The basket has changed from yellow and green to yellow and red

Well done if you spotted all six!



BYE FOR NOW! SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT MONTH!

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