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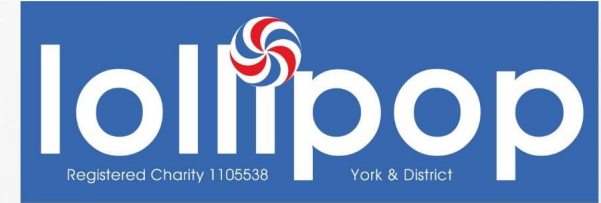


LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

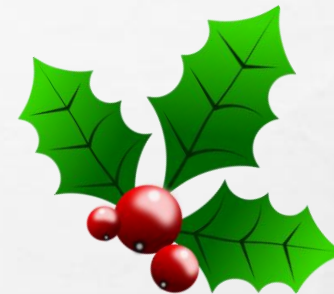
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Lollipop Christmas prize draw



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 **AMAZING** prizes!



1 st PRIZE	£100 CASH
2 nd PRIZE	£50 Designer Outlet shopping voucher
3 rd PRIZE	Go Ape tickets

This year both paper tickets and online tickets are available. Read on to find out how to get yours!

Other great prizes from:

- [Cooper King Distillery](#)
- [Rainbows Ceramics](#)
- [Dean's Garden Centre](#)
- [The Body Shop](#)
- [Black Sheep Brewery](#)
- [York Theatre Royal](#)
- [York Sport](#)
- [North Yorkshire Moors Railway](#)
- [Tesco Extra](#) (Clifton Moor)
- [Burnby Hall and Gardens](#)
- [Piglets Adventure Farm](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE **LOLLIPOP CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Sun 12 Dec 1 – 4pm at Melodie Park

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3BT0j8Q>

How to enter the prize draw



ONLINE TICKETS

This is the easiest way to enter. Simply visit our GoFundMe Prize Draw page at <https://gofund.me/08f908a3> and make a donation for the amount of tickets you would like to buy. Tickets are £1 each so a £20 donation will buy you 20 tickets.

Please include your name and contacts details with your donation so we know who to enter into the draw and how to contact you if you win!

**Gift Aid cannot be claimed for prize draw entries, so if asked about Gift Aiding your donation, please skip this part.*

Please share the [prize draw link](#) with family and friends to help us raise as much as possible.

All donations will go to supporting children and young people with deafness in and around York.

Ticket sales will close on Sunday 12 December.

PAPER TICKETS

If you would like paper tickets for yourself or to sell to family and friends please contact Becky at admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk

Paper tickets will also be available to buy at our:

- Toddler group – Thurs 18 Nov
- Music workshop – Sun 21 Nov
- Christmas party – Sun 12 Dec

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3ouKkGv>

A fond farewell to our ambassador

Professor Barry Wright has been one of Lollipop's valued supporters and ambassadors since 2018.

After a long and distinguished career he is retiring from his positions as:

- Professor of Child Mental Health at Hull York Medical School and University of York's Department of Health Sciences.
- Clinical Lead for the [National Deaf Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service](#) which has 10 centres across England, one being in York.

Sadly, this means he is also stepping down as patron of Lollipop but we are so grateful for all he has done - both to support the emotional wellbeing of D/deaf children and their families and to help raise the profile of our charity.

THANK-YOU BARRY AND ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR RETIREMENT!

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining [Paul Whitaker\(OBE\)](#) in the role of Lollipop Ambassador, please email Heidi for more information at: servicemanager@lollipoppyork.org.uk



Professor Barry Wright

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York Disability Week

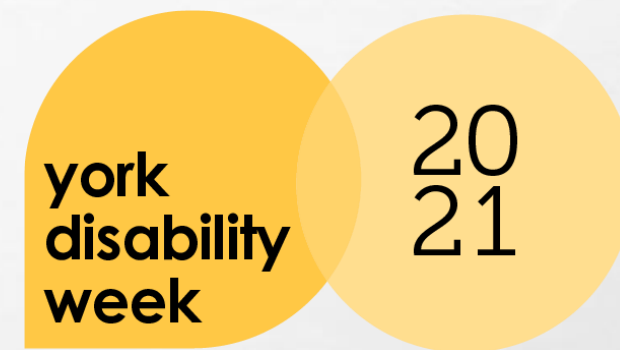
(27 Nov – 4 Dec)

York Disability Week is an annual community event in York that celebrates Disability History Month and the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Open to ALL, it brings together a diverse and exciting programme of talks, workshops, exhibitions, entertainment and more! The aim - to promote the dignity, rights and wellbeing of everyone in our community who identifies as disabled, having a disability or otherwise.

The week is organised by an ever-growing network of individuals, organisations and community groups with support from [York Human Rights City Network](#). It runs from late November / early December in venues across the city and online.

This year (27 Nov – 4 Dec 2021) marks the event's 5th anniversary.



www.yorkdisabilityweek.org



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[@YorkDisability](https://twitter.com/YorkDisability)



[@York_Disability](https://www.instagram.com/York_Disability)

Search social media for #YDW21 or #YorkDisabilityWeek21

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3H7zfUc>

York Disability Week

I Can Play! Music with Lollipop

The National Centre for Early Music, Lollipop, and Music and the Deaf are working together to present an afternoon of musical fun for anyone aged 0-18 with any degree of deafness from mild to profound. Play musical games, try different instruments, make friends, and maybe even have a go at composing!

WHEN: Sunday 21 November 2021

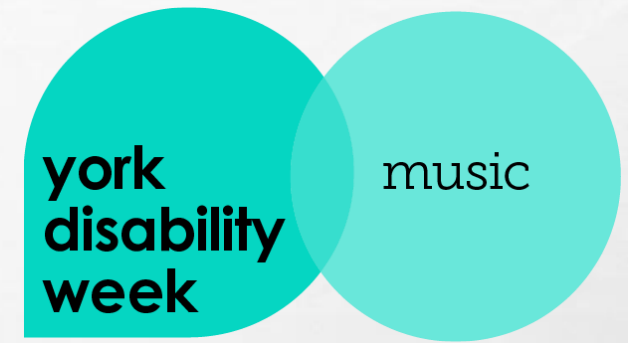
1-2pm Early Years (for children aged 0-6 and their parents)

2-4pm Primary (for children aged 7-11)

2-4pm Secondary (for children aged 12-18)

WHERE: [NCEM](#), St Margaret's Church, Percy's Lane, York YO1 9TL

Check your email invite for full details. Please note that this event forms part of York Disability Week and will be open to the public so **book BEFORE Wed 17 November** to avoid disappointment! Tickets are free of charge and open to D/deaf children, their siblings, and Children of D/deaf Adults (CODAs).



Click on the logos to find out more about the organisations working together to bring music making opportunities to D/deaf children and young people.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3qgNPCO>

Other dates for your diary...

Sparkle Jelly Tots Toddler Group



Come along to our free, friendly toddler group at [York CVS Priory Street Centre](#) (15 Priory Street, York YO1 6ET). The next session will take place on **Thursday 18 November, 10-11.30am**. Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

Monthly Virtual Quiz



Now the evenings are drawing in it's a good time to go head-to-head with friends and family in our online quiz! There are cash prizes to be won which get bigger as more people enter! Next session **Thursday 18 November at 8pm**.

Find out more at: [Lollipop Monthly Virtual Quiz](#)

Lollipop Christmas Party



Sunday 12 December 1-4pm at [Melodie Park](#), Wigginton Road, York YO32 2RJ.

Join us for Sing & Sign Christmas tunes with [I Can Play!](#), family bingo, a festive bake-off competition, the ever popular [prize draw](#) and a massive helping of Christmas cheer! Look out for your email invitation coming soon and book early to avoid disappointment!

Please note that due to a booking clash the next meeting of [Jorvik Deaf Connections](#) (JDC) will now be held on Friday 19 November (7-10pm at [Huntington Sports Club](#))

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3wx9wje>

The votes are in!

We love to hear from members about what activities you'd like to do!

At last month's bowling trip we asked Juniors and Youths to rank a selection of activities from 1-5 to tell us what you'd most like to do next term. Here are the results!

Lollipop Juniors (7 – 11)

1	Escape room
2	Climbing Wall
3	Pizza Making / Swimming
4	Ice-skating

Lollipop Youth (12+)

1	Escape Room
2	Climbing Wall
3	Pizza Making
4	Ice-skating
5	Swimming



Happily, both age ranges agreed on their top 3 so we'll use this information to plan next term's events. We've got a special surprise up our sleeve for January but between February and April you can expect pizza making, climbing and escape activities plus swimming for the younger ones after Easter.

Thanks for your feedback. We look forward to seeing you there!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3kkFgDe>

Chocolate heaven at York Cocoa House



On 26 September, Lollipop hosted Junior and Youth workshops at York Cocoa House, the home of chocolate!
Where better to learn about chocolate, get hands-on with chocolate and, most importantly, eat chocolate?
Here are a selection of photos from the day!



**One of our Youth members was celebrating a special birthday that day
...can you remember who?**

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3bVflxf>



That's right. It was Edward! Thanks for sharing your delicious birthday cake with your Lollipop friends. We hope you had an awesome day!

Are you a D/deaf person aged 18-25?

Did you know that Lollipop isn't just for children and families? We're here for young adults too!

Lollipop used to provide services to children and teens up to the age of 18 but in 2018 we extended our support to young adults. We now offer social and emotional support to any D/deaf person up to the age of 25 (plus their families). This includes fun FREE social activities that help to support the development of independence, confidence and wellbeing. You could even volunteer with us!

Membership Opportunities

We know that young adults have different needs and interests and may want to do other activities among people of their own age.

That's why we're keen to form a group specifically for 18-25 year olds so you can form your own D/deaf peer group and shape the support and events that Lollipop offer to people of your age.

If you're interested in meeting other D/deaf young adults, suggesting new ideas for 18-25 activities and having your voice heard, click here to [become a member](#).



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3kiUSa4>

Volunteering opportunities

Perhaps you used to be a member of Lollipop when you were younger and would like to give something back? Maybe you wish you'd had the support of a group like Lollipop when you were growing up and would like to help other D/deaf young people have the best start in life? Or maybe you're a parent who would like to help out or be more involved (even if your child no longer comes to Lollipop).

As a Lollipop volunteer (Deaf or Hearing) you could get involved in a number of different areas depending on your skills and interests:

- Join our Events Team to help plan and organise fun activities for our members
- Join our Fundraising Team to come up with innovative new ways to raise money
- Help out at activities and/or fundraising events to make sure they run smoothly
- Evaluate activities to identify what works well and what we could do differently
- Be a D/deaf role model to support and inspire other D/deaf young people
- Share news or stories of interest to members and their families via our newsletter or blog

You don't have to limit yourself to just one area, get involved with as much as you like!

If you're interested in volunteering and would like to know more, email Abi at mentor@lollipopyork.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3C3JncK>



Aviva Community Fund

Communication support including BSL interpretation and live captioning is one of Lollipop's highest but most vital costs! Here's how the Aviva Community could help...(with a little support from their Lollipop friends)

The Aviva Community Fund supports small UK causes making a big difference in their local community. Every quarter, they distribute £250,000 to community projects through Aviva staff pledging to their favourite projects - Aviva employees are given £25 each to pledge to a project/s of their choice.

Lollipop's project aims to raise £2,000 to provide communication support at all activities over the next 12 months.



[Click here to pledge to Lollipop's project](#)

How you can help

The more money we raise ourselves the more likely Aviva employees are to help us reach our target!

Please share this link with your family and friends and pledge your support to help us secure this vital funding!

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/communication-support-for-deaf-inclusive-activities>

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3n11SKN>

Support Lollipop for FREE with AmazonSmile

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Support **lollipop**



If you are Christmas shopping with Amazon in the coming weeks, why not use AmazonSmile and select Lollipop as your chosen charity?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price from your items when you select Lollipop as your charity of choice.

It really is that simple, just visit AmazonSmile, login to your Amazon account as usual and start shopping!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3mWY7FT>

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Halloween competition winners!

Congratulations to Christopher Tully (aged 10) who correctly spotted that the pumpkin was the only Halloween image to appear just once in our October puzzle. Some spooky sweets are coming your way!



Congratulation too to Drew Field (aged 7) for designing the scariest Halloween monster in our LOLLIMONSTER competition!

**You gave us such a
fright so well done! :)**

**Your £5 gift voucher will
be with you soon!**



See our lucky winners in Halloween costume on the next page...

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3grv0wV>

Halloween competition winners!

Here's Christopher in his amazing skeleton costume with his younger sisters Elizabeth (aged 7) and Alexandra (aged 9). Loving your scary outfits too girls!



And here's Drew dressed up as a Zombie Pirate! Doesn't he look fantastic!

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW....SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3qnlwIz>