

Lollipop newsletter

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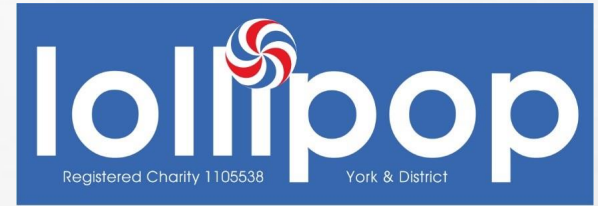


LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Picnic in the park

Join us on **SAT 16 JULY** for this fun-filled, all-age, family event in the beautiful gardens of Homestead Park. This will be our last face-to-face Lollipop event before we break up for the summer so don't miss out! We'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

WHAT: Scavenger hunt on arrival followed by bring-your-own picnic and outdoor fun and games.

WHEN: 11.30am – 2.30pm, Sat 16 July

WHERE: [Homestead Park](#), 40 Water End, Clifton, York YO30 6WP



See your email invite for full details and **BOOK BY 12 JULY** to avoid disappointment!

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Dragon Boat Challenge

NORTH BANK GALA | SUN 10 JULY, 10.00AM – 4PM

[York Rotary Dragon Boat Challenge](#) is one of York's premier events, drawing great support from local residents and visitors alike.

This year, over 30 teams will be battling it out on the River Ouse (between Scarborough Bridge and Lendal Bridge).

Watch the racing and enjoy the fun of stalls, competitions, music, food and drink on the north bank of the river where you can also learn more about local charities, like ours.

Lollipop will be on hand to answer your questions and keep you entertained with a fun selection of games and activities for all! Come on down to get a **Glitter Tattoo**, **Play Your Cards Right** and win some **cool prizes**!

If any parents or volunteers would like to help out on the Lollipop stall or sign up for next year's dragon boat team, please contact Anna info@lollipopryork.org.uk or Becky admin@lollipopryork.org.uk for more info.



The York Rotary
Dragon Boat Challenge



We don't have a team to race this year but are recruiting sign-ups for next year!

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Coming next term...

We've got loads of fun things planned for you this autumn! We'll be able to share more details with you after the holidays but here's a sneak preview of some of the activities we have lined up...

17 SEPT – 22 OCT



**6-week
swimming
course**

Join [Brightwater Swim school](#) every Saturday at the Mount School, York.

SUN 18 SEPT

Build a burger at...



SUN 2 OCT



**Drama
workshop**



Our **annual
Christmas
bash**...not to
be missed!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LOLLIPOP AGM

THURS 20 OCT, 6.30-8.30PM

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Volunteer news

Over the past few months, we've been introducing you to some of our recently recruited volunteers. Last but by no means least, we'd like to welcome Sarah and Leah to the Lollipop team!

SARAH



Sarah is a first-year student at York St John University studying BSL, Deaf Studies and Linguistics.

She has extensive experience of working with children (as a teaching assistant and babysitter for two families) and has qualifications in BSL (Level 1) and Child First Aid (Level 3).

In her spare time she enjoys sports (particularly climbing and archery), art & design, and playing the piano.

She's keen to widen her knowledge and awareness of deaf culture, help with Lollipop fundraising, and work with us to create fun and safe activities for children and families to enjoy.

LEAH



[Leah](#) is a former Lollipop member who went on to complete a degree in Photography at Sheffield Hallam University.

She's considering applying for a Masters degree in photography but would like to volunteer her services at Lollipop activities and events in the meantime.

Leah enjoys working with children and young people and hopes to gain some valuable photography experience whilst also giving something back to Lollipop.

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THEM THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES!

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Deaf Works Everywhere – volunteer role models

If you're deaf, aged 18 or over, and happy to share your experiences of volunteering, the [National Deaf Children's Society](#) would love to use your story to inspire other deaf young people.

As part of their [Deaf Works Everywhere](#) campaign, they're looking to create a video about volunteering and want to hear about:

- the volunteering you've done/are doing
- what you've learnt
- why you're doing it
- what you've gained from volunteering



The campaign's latest video focused on employment where James, a personal trainer and business owner, shared his story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glyHPP8j_x8

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in getting involved with, please email the Deaf Works Everywhere Project Manager: Katharine.Evans@ndcs.org.uk

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Summer FUNdraising news

Over the past few weeks we've held not one but three fundraisers and still to come on 10 July, we have a stall at the North Bank Gala (Dragon Boat Race).



We had a great day at St Crux on 18 June! The outdoor stalls were a huge success and the weather was perfect with lots of people buying cakes and sandwiches from our cafe. We raised £902 on the day plus a surprise £100 donation from Heidi's grandma taking our total to just over **£1K**. Visit the [Lollipop website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to find out how our other fundraisers went and how much we've raised so far!

Thank-you to everyone who has baked, donated or volunteered for St Crux, West Bank Fair, the Sleeper Market or the upcoming North Bank Gala. Particular thanks to the following parents, members and volunteers for giving up their time so generously. We couldn't have done it without you!

Laura & Isla, Selina & Ethan, Vicky & Callum, Johnny & Caitlin, Sarah, Milton & Holly, Janet & Stephen, Michelle, Cintia, Sally, Tracy, Sophie, Zoe, Ciara, Bryony, Andrew, Julie, Megan, the Taylor-Gibson family, [Moody Mare Patisserie](#), plus of course all the Lollipop staff.

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A few snaps from our St Crux fundraising day...





For more fundraising pics, visit the [Lollipop website](#) or [Facebook page](#)

Northern Energy Charity Golf Day



Northern Energy held their annual Charity Golf Day on 10 June with Lollipop as their chosen charity! They had a fantastic day, made all the more special this year as they are celebrating the business's 90th anniversary. We're delighted and immensely grateful to them for their amazing **£10,000** donation!



"We've done the final calculations from the day and combined it with a special donation to take our final total to an even perfect number...we really hope this will help with the incredible work you all do." – Laura Harper, Northern Energy

WOW....we are so lucky to have so much local support! We are blown away by the generosity of everyone who has donated their time and money to keep Lollipop doing what it does best, being their for our members and their parents. **Keep reading for a shout out to all the other lovely people who have donated recently!**

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More community donations

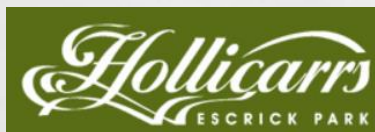


Hempland
Primary School

The [Caddell Centre for Deaf children](#) at Hempland Primary School raised a cool **£260** through fundraising activities held during Deaf Awareness Week.



We gratefully received a **£35** donation from the [Charities Aid Foundation](#).



[Hollicarrs holiday park](#) in Escrick donated a further **£35** – thanks so much!



The [New Earswick Quakers](#) have kindly named Lollipop as their chosen charity for 2022...we look forward to hearing how much they have raised later in the year!

- The great grandma of Lollipop members Bobby and Rose sent us **\$100 (£75)** all the way from Australia!
- Lollipop parent Katrina and her son Simas kindly donated **£40** for the Lollipop football table.
- Our very own Deb (Lollipop Activities Coordinator) raised **£40** with her birthday fundraiser.
- We also received an unexpected and very welcome **£20** donation from Hannah Newton.

A HUGE thanks to ALL the individuals and businesses who continue to support Lollipop.

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Worldwide Deaf Gym

Do you like going to the gym and keeping fit? Perhaps you'd like to go to the gym but don't feel that it caters well for deaf people. Maybe you fancy working in the fitness industry but aren't sure how to go about it...meet David Edgington.



David Edgington
Director of Worldwide Deaf Gym

David is a profoundly Deaf personal trainer and director of Worldwide Deaf Gym – the world's first online fitness company specialising in raising deaf awareness and removing barriers for deaf people in the fitness industry.

David became a fully qualified personal trainer in 2012 but didn't land a job in a gym for six years! Partly due to discrimination and partly due to employers' lack of understanding about deafness.

His experience inspired him to launch his own company to help Deaf, hearing impaired and Deafblind communities become fit and healthy by improving deaf awareness and accessibility.

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Worldwide Deaf Gym (continued)



If you ever become a Deaf or BSL personal trainer, or would just like to find out more, **Worldwide Deaf Gym** would love to hear from you!

David has appeared in newspapers and TV documentaries in recognition of his work and is keen to keep spreading the word!

“All I want for the future is that all gyms and the fitness industry as a whole have the ability to work together alongside us so we can improve everyone's lives to have better health and lifestyles.”

David Edgington, Director of Worldwide Deaf Gym

FOR MORE INFO:

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Social Media: [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Website: www.worldwidedeafgym.com (coming soon)

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IMPs holiday club survey



HAVE YOUR SAY to influence the future of [IMPs \(Inclusive Music Projects\)](#) – a year-round programme run by **Accessible Arts & Media** that provides fun, inclusive music activities for local children and young people.

[Accessible Arts & Media](#) have been running holiday clubs as part of their IMPs programme for the past few years.

They're applying for their next 4 years' of Youth Music funding and want to make sure that the activities they offer in the future match your wants and needs.

To help them find out more they've put together this short survey. Please take a moment to share your thoughts to help them design future holiday club activities and secure the funding to keep them going.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



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Summer fun and games



Can you spot the
12 differences
between these two
beach scenes?

Have a go and see
how many you
can find!

We'll reveal the
answers next time.

GOOD LUCK!



**THAT'S IT FOR THIS YEAR...HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN AFTER THE HOLIDAYS**

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