

We hope you feel there are some grounds for cautious optimism as the next stage of the Government Road Map came into effect on Monday. This reintroduced the rule of 6 or 2 households being able to meet outside and the opening of organised outdoor sport and leisure facilities, all outdoor children's activities and outdoor parent and child group activities for up to 15 parents.

We also trust that many of you and your family members have received your first and, in some cases, second vaccinations in line with the latest JVICI guidance. You will see from the Mencap and Surrey Heartlands guidance that follows that the NHS are advising that adults with a learning disability no longer have to wait to be invited by their GP and should get in touch with them direct. We would also remind you that unpaid Carers and all people over 50 are also now being called.

You should also be aware that you can now visit family members in care homes and supported living settings, subject to following Government guidance. People who were advised to shield as they were considered extremely clinically vulnerable will no longer have to from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Everyone in this group should have received a letter with further guidance on steps people to take to reduce their risk.

Clearly there is still a long way to go before there will be some sense of 'normality' in the way in which NHS and Social Care services will be provided as they continue to work on their post Covid-19 recovery plans and wrestle with the its financial legacy. However, as mentioned in our last Newsletter, the SCC Learning Disabilities and Autism Service has been reflecting on the impact it has had on their Transformation Programme and, as promised, you will find the presentations made at the 4<sup>th</sup> March Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) meeting attached.



**Surrey County Council:**

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus>

**Reigate and Banstead Borough Council:**

<https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Tandridge District Council:**

<https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Coronavirus>

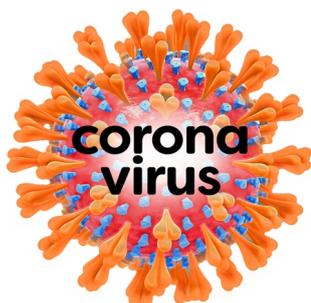
**Mole Valley District Council:**

<https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates>

(See also the Key Support Contact Details at the end of the Newsletter)

## Coronavirus update

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As always, we recommend that you look at the Surrey County Council website for the latest information on what is happening both nationally and within Surrey:

[Coronavirus - Information and advice - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

This includes a link to the latest update as at 24<sup>th</sup> March of the Government's "National Lockdown – Stay at Home" guidance including

Easy Read documents previously circulated:

[National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Shielding advice for the clinically extremely vulnerable to stop from April - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## Covid-19 Easy read Resources

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### Easy-read consent form for adults

Please visit the [Government website](https://www.gov.uk) for easy read consent forms for the COVID-19 vaccination. Attached to this newsletter you will find the easy read consent form. You can also see a [video](#) advising what to expect and what not to expect from a Covid-19 vaccine invitation.

A really good [video](#) has also been made where a person with learning disabilities talks to a doctor and asks lots of questions about the Covid-19 vaccination that may also be of interest to you.

## Mencap Updates

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### Vaccine for adults with a learning disability

If you are in England, you no longer have to wait for your GP to invite you for a vaccine. The NHS want to you get in touch with your GP if you have not been offered the first dose of the vaccine and if you:

- have a learning disability
- are registered as a carer with your GP
- are over 50 years old

You can also phone the NHS on 119.

### Unpaid carers and those over 50 can now book COVID Vaccine

The vaccination programme in Surrey continues to go well. Those over 50 are now being called for their COVID vaccinations and unpaid carers are now part of the groups eligible.

Residents are reminded that they need to wait to be contacted. When you are contacted by the NHS about your vaccine, book an appointment as soon as possible. This will either be at a vaccination site in your local community supported by your GP practice, or at a large vaccination

centre. More details about the vaccination programme in Surrey can be found by visiting [Surrey Heartlands](#).

## Easy read resources on Vaccines

We have gathered some easy read documents for the people we support about the coronavirus vaccine:

- [About the vaccine](#)
- [Speaking to your GP about the vaccine](#)
- [Asking for extra support when you have the vaccine](#)
- [Vaccine FAQs](#)

## Easy read lockdown rules in England and additional resources

With this newsletter, we have attached an easy read document of the lockdown rules as of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We also have some guidance around joining your GP's learning disability register to make sure you are offered the vaccine in group 6.

- [Easy read guide to the learning disability register](#)
- [Guide to the learning disability register](#)
- [Letter to join the learning disability register](#)

Additional resources around the vaccine, including NHS guides, can be found on their website.

## Learning Disability Partnership Board



**4<sup>th</sup> March Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting presentations**  
**Learning Disability Work Plan** – delivered by Senior Commissioning Managers, provides details of how committed the service is to taking stock of what was achieved through the 2016/2020 Learning Disability and Autism Strategy and the collaborative working needed to take the current transformation programme forward over the next four years.



**Update on Budget and Performance** – We have made you aware through our newsletters over the past 2 to 3 years of Surrey County Council's need to make efficiency savings across all its services as a result of the Government's austerity measures. This presentation, by Steve Hook, Assistant Director, took us through the Surrey County Council and Learning Disabilities and Autism Services current financial position, the services performance (including how well they were doing on annual reviews and assessments), the financial challenges they are facing over the 2021/2022 budget and the next steps to progress the Work Plan and find the additional savings required by the Council.

Concern was expressed by Learning Disability Partnership Board members about how achievable these savings would be, and much rests on the success of the new Independent Living accommodation proposals, but Steve Hook expressed confidence in being able deliver them whilst

at the same time being able to continue to improve the way in which services are to be provided in the future.

## Surveys and Research Projects'



### **Opportunity: Patient and Public Voice (PPV) partners with experience of Long COVID required - NHS England**

Surrey Heartlands CCG are writing to highlight an opportunity to become a Patient and Public Voice (PPV) partner with NHS England. NHS England are seeking PPV partners with experience of [Long COVID](#) to support the NHS England and NHS Improvement Long COVID Programme. PPV partners include patients, service users, carers, families and other members of the public who are willing to share their perspective and lived experience.

There are two levels of [PPV Partners](#) being recruited including: five PPV Partners (Role 4) to join the Long Covid Taskforce and subgroups and a wider group of PPV Partners (Role 3) to create a patient and public advisory group. Please visit the [PPV Partners policy](#) for more information on these roles. This is a great opportunity to play a role in shaping the way services respond to the impact of Long COVID19. With health inequalities taking a key focus in the work being undertaken, NHS England are keen to ensure the PPV Partners represent the people who face health inequalities with a strong emphasis on encouraging applications from all sections of the community.

The deadline for [applications](#) is 30th April 2021. If you require a reasonable adjustment to apply please contact Sarah Cooper 07718130562.



### **Research on future planning: Invitation for siblings of people with learning disabilities to take part.**

We have received the following message about this project:

Hello - I'm Becky and I'm a researcher at Kingston and St George's University of London working on the 'Growing Older Planning Ahead' study. We are looking for people who have a sibling with a learning disability, **aged 40+**, who either lives with their parent(s) or who moved out in the last three years. We would like to speak with people about their experiences, hopes and concerns about their sibling living at home and planning for the future.

You can watch a video which explains the study here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwfotZsxaG4&t=3s.3>

We are also recruiting parents and people with learning disabilities to this study, but we are particularly keen to make sure that there is also a strong voice for siblings within the research.

If you would like some more information about the study, you can either call/text me on 07942265707 or email at [r.anderson@sgul.kingston.ac.uk](mailto:r.anderson@sgul.kingston.ac.uk)

Thank you! **Becky**

## Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System (ICS) secures £500,000 for nature-based wellbeing support.

Surrey Heartlands ICS has secured £500,000 to help connect more people with nature to improve their mental and physical health.



People who live and work in Surrey are being invited to fill in an [interactive online map](#) to highlight the opportunities already available and help shape provision in future. People are being asked to map the activities and places where they experience nature – everything from green spaces, local parks, waterways and community allotments to walking, cycling and outdoor sports. The pins and comments on the map will feed into a project aimed at providing more opportunities for communities to get involved in their natural environment, in line with any Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

The ICS is among seven partnerships in England to have been awarded government funding for the initiative as a “test and learn” site. It’s part of an initiative known as green social prescribing, which involves supporting people to take part in nature-based activities to enhance their wellbeing.

Residents are being invited to tell the project via the [Commonplace website](#) about outdoor activities or spaces they know about and how they feel about them – including the local park, feeding the ducks, walking groups, litter-picking groups, outdoor sports or any other opportunity. The website also has [more information](#) about the project and [accessibility details](#).

Community groups – whether resident associations, charities, friends of local parks, Scout or Guide groups or any other group which draws together local people – are being invited to get involved in designing and producing the project. Groups which are interested can visit the [Surrey Says survey](#). [Survey closes 9<sup>th</sup> April](#).

## NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG

### Improving hearing services for people with learning disabilities



Marianne Day, Research Assistant on the Audiology, Learning Disabilities and Autism Project is working on a research project at the University of Manchester in collaboration with organisations in Surrey, looking at how to improve hearing services for people with learning disabilities. They are hoping to run focus groups later in the year, once it is safe to do so, with people with learning disabilities and their carers (if appropriate). They would like to provide a platform for people to give their views about the hearing

services they have received, so they can give recommendations to audiologists on how they can improve their provision.

I have attached an easy read information sheet about the study onto the email. They will also be running some focus groups with adults and children with autism. If you would be interested in attending the focus groups, please email the Learning Disability Communications Inbox: [ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk).



## BBC survey: Covid-19 and disabled people

The BBC are carrying out a survey to understand how Covid-19 has affected disabled people. They are trying to reach as many people as possible to get the biggest, most detailed picture that they can.

We know that Covid-19 has had such a disproportionate effect on disabled people. The survey is completely anonymous. Please feel free to share across your networks.

- [Standard survey](#)
- [Easy read survey](#)

## Action for Carers

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### Action for Carers' programme of events online continues

Action for Carers Surrey helps local unpaid carers of all ages, with free information, practical help, emotional support, events, advice and more.

Free events are available to give carers a chance to relax or to get vital information. Most sessions are now on Zoom, and events include mindfulness, flower arranging, yoga and craft activities, plus practical sessions on topics like autism, Carers rights, and emergency planning.

Carers might like to join a support group and meet other carers in a similar situation, such as looking after someone with dementia or a child with a disability.

For further information or to access support, please visit [Action for Carers.](#)

### Unpaid family carers in Surrey

There are over 115,000 unpaid, family carers in Surrey, looking after someone with an illness or disability. You will meet many as part of your professional, and personal life. Carers remain one of the groups most badly affected by the pandemic – with increased levels of isolation and stress making an already difficult role even harder. But at Action for Carers Surrey we continue to support carers, aged 5-95, and have expanded our offer of support, making a huge difference to thousands of carers' lives.

If you're meeting carers who are struggling – practically, financially and emotionally – please let them know about us. They can [refer themselves directly](#) or you can [refer](#) simply and easily.

### Coffee, chat and support: a group for all carers – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10am.



Action for Carers are now running their video support groups. Join them with your computer, tablet or mobile to share your experiences with other carers.

How to join for this event?

This will be a video meet-up using Zoom and is open to all our registered carers although spaces are limited.

If you've not used Zoom before, we have a [handy guide](#) which will talk you through it.

### **Create a jar of positivity** - Wed, 7th April 2021, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

and emotions, photographs, an appreciation letter or even a simple thank you note. Get ready to be inspired to create a jar of happy thoughts!

To book your place, please complete the 'I am interested in this event' form below – but please note that the places are limited.

This is a video event using Zoom, you will be sent the access code ahead of the session.

Book online: <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/event/create-a-jar-of-positivity/>

### **Parent carer support group** - Fri, 9th April 2021, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Parent carers face particular demands and difficulties, beyond the everyday concerns a parent feels for their child.

Join us to exchange ideas with other parent carers and find out about the support available.

This will be a video meet up using Zoom and is open to all our registered carers although spaces are limited.

Book online: <https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/event/parent-carer-support-group-4/>

## **Family Voice Surrey**

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Please find below all the online events and chats that Family Voice Surrey are holding over the next couple of months.



Family Voice Surrey aim to connect with local families to provide support and to gain feedback on their experiences. Please find below all the online events and chats that Family Voice Surrey are holding over the next couple of months.

- 7th April & 14th April (Wednesday 10.0am - noon) 'Supporting Children with ADHD' (during Easter term break) - **Sign up using this link** using pin number: 39946 or phone 0300 303 3464 quoting C3746556 and the pin number.
- **8th April** (Thursday 10.30am) '**Support group for Families whose children have Down's**'
- **14th April** (Wednesday 11.00am) '**School anxiety chat**'

For more information, please [click here](#) to find contact details for each event.

### **News and Events**

Don't miss out on any of Family Voice Surrey's upcoming events, use the following link to see all future events and keep up to date with all their news.

<https://www.familyvoicesurrey.org/news-events>

## Mole Valley Wellbeing Campaign

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Before Covid-19 reached the UK, loneliness had already been recognised as an important issue facing many people in society. With social distancing, lockdown, self-isolation and shielding, the pandemic has heightened the already increased risk of loneliness experienced by 18-30-year olds. Older people who live alone are also at risk as they are less likely to connect with others online.

Funded by the Contain Outbreak Management Fund, Mole Valley District Council is running two distinct campaigns targeting 18-30-year olds and older people.

Their campaign materials have publicised the local support available to those feeling lonely and suggest things residents can do at home to look after their wellbeing and keep connected to others. They have also shared the latest advice to protect against Covid-19.

For more information about their campaign and 40 ways to wellbeing, please visit [Mole Valley](#).

## YMCA

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It seems that the light at the end of the tunnel is finally getting brighter as the YMCA will soon be able to reopen some services at our centres. Whilst their doors have been shut, they have continued with a lot of their charitable projects either virtually, by phone or in person where allowed (our pre-school and housing support services etc.).

However, they can't wait to see you in person again and the Government's four-step plan has allowed them to plan their own roadmap of reopening, dates, subject to review of public health data, that includes:

### Week commencing 8 March:

- Yippee and Yip4Youth Disability Short Breaks resume on Saturdays in Reigate
- LifeWorks inclusive activities face-to-face sessions have now resumed and they are continuing to run their popular online sessions as well

### Easter Holiday online activities

Tuesday 6 April | 17:00-18:00 | Group cycling  
Wednesday 7 April | 16:00-17:00 | Group workout  
Monday 12 April | 17:00-18:00 | Group cycling  
Tuesday 13 April | 16:00-17:00 | Group workout  
Wednesday 14 April | 16:00-17:00 | Group workout  
Thursday 15 April | 09:30-10:30 | Group workout

### Face to face sessions - Easter holidays

£25 per session

Tuesday 6 April | 09:30-12:30 | Nature Walk  
Wednesday 7 April | 09:30-12:30 | Gardening  
Thursday 8 April | 13:00-16:00 | Gardening

Monday 12 April | 09:30-12:30 | Gardening  
Tuesday 13 April | 09:30-12:30 | Nature Walk  
Wednesday 14 April | 09:30-12:30 | Gardening  
<https://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/our-services/disability/lifeworks/>

### **Inclusive sport and exercise**

Their website also indicates that their Gym will reopen on 12<sup>th</sup> April with fitness classes and indoor sports resuming on 17<sup>th</sup> May, subject Government review of public health data:

[Inclusive sport and exercise - YMCA East Surrey](#)

## **Surrey Coalition**



### **Craftivism – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and every Tuesday thereafter.**

Surrey Coalition have a very active and talented craft group which meets every Tuesday. The group have taught each other many different crafts including furniture upholstery, scrapbooking and teacup gardens!

Following discussions, the group have now decided to turn the craft group into a 'craftivism' group and use their various talents to support the Coalition with campaigns starting with access to the NHS 111 service and to encourage everyone in Surrey to have the vaccine when offered.

Their Craftivism group hopes to raise awareness of important issues for disabled people in Surrey through craft. If you would like to join the craftivism group or to find out a bit more then please do contact us. For more information on Craftivism in general please visit <https://craftivist-collective.com/>

### **Meet Surrey Coalition's newest board member!**

In this 3-minute video, Luke shares a few of his hobbies and his reasons for joining the board  
<https://youtu.be/i7BfkomRuVs>

### **New Mental Health Hospitals Programme – explore the latest designs for the Abraham Cowley Unit, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 12pm**



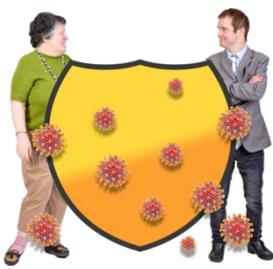
Surrey And Borders Partnership (SABP) know that getting the designs for the Abraham Cowley Unit (ACU) right is fundamental to ensuring that the new hospital transforms the experience of people who use services, carers, families, and staff. To help bring the designs to life, at the next Lived Experience Group event, the architects, IBI, will use a virtual 3D model to walk us through the building so you will be able to get a sense of the size and space, and see how the building could work.

Wherever possible, SABP are striving to meet the aspirations people have shared with them for the new hospital, and the session will look at how they have incorporated your feedback into the designs. There will be a particular focus on arriving, eating, and sleeping and the experience for families and carers visiting someone staying at the ACU.

Whether you've used SABP services in the past, are a family member or carer of someone who has, or you work for our Trust, please go along to share your ideas and challenge thinking.

For more details and to sign up for the event, [please click here](#).

## Shielding ended on 1st April



More than 3.79 million clinically extremely vulnerable people in England are to be told they are no longer advised to shield from Thursday 1 April 2021.

People on the shielded patient list will be told they can begin to follow national restrictions alongside the rest of the population, but are still advised to take extra precautions to keep themselves safe from COVID-19.

Letters to patients with updated guidance will be sent, starting from today, over the next two weeks, setting out practical steps people should take to reduce the risk of catching the virus, including continuing to maintain strict social distancing, to keep overall social contacts at low levels and to work from home if possible.

Over 90% of shielders – clinically extremely vulnerable people – have now had a first vaccination.

Local councils and supermarkets will continue to provide support for shielders until 31 March, with supermarket delivery slots continuing to be available until 21 June 2021.

## Learning Disability and digital inclusion

We are grateful to have received a small amount of funding for a project to support people with Learning Disabilities and/or Autistic people, to access tech and reduce loneliness. We are going to put together a number of short training videos showing people how to join zoom meetings and other things. Please let us know if we could make a video to help you to learn how to do something online! We are also looking for a team of people with a Learning Disability who might be interested in meeting us on zoom to produce some app review videos. Finally, we plan to set up a social group which would run for one hour each week. We were thinking of a café where people could join zoom and chat with each other over a cuppa. Please let Yasmin know if you would be interested in joining this or have any other bright ideas! Coalition member, David Muir, agreed to share some of his thoughts about digital inclusion and how technology helps him. You can watch the video here: [David on technology](#)

## Virtual Trips with Surrey Coalition

**Why virtual trips?** As you know, even in non-pandemic times, disabled people have often found trips to be inaccessible because of transport costs, care requirements or a number of other reasons. Members report that the stress involved in arranging many trips could put them off trying many experiences.

**What Surrey Coalition are doing?** We are experimenting with live, group virtual trips. Some of these virtual trips are done by us 'in house' (for example, a dog walk around Nonsuch Park, a trip to the shops) others happen by us working with another organisation (for example, monkey world!). For both of these different types of trips, the group meet online using Zoom and go as a group on our trip after a brief introduction. During the trip, a verbal commentary is given of what is going on and all group members have the opportunity to ask questions as we go. Once the 'trip' is over, we stay on zoom so we can talk about how it went!

**What do you want to achieve?** Surrey Coalition hope that our virtual trips will enable those of us unable to go out due to the need for shielding or difficulties with transport or care, a chance to explore different places, find out some interesting information, make new friends and have fun! Ultimately, we hope that our virtual trips will provide members with another way of staying connected during this time and help to maintain good mental health and wellbeing.

### **Next trips:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11am - Virtual group trip to the Charles Dickens Museum (as part of the virtual café – tech room available as usual)
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 11am - Young Adults Group virtual trip to Monkey world

### **Guildford Museum part two**

Surrey Coalition are returning to Guildford Museum on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April during their virtual café. Their very helpful guide Melanie will take you on a tour of the second floor of the museum.

### **Wisley Winter Walk**

Although Spring has officially sprung, friends at Wisley filmed a winter walk, led by Matt one of the gardeners. Although the video is pre recorded Matt will be with back to take you on the walk and answer any questions you may have. Their special tour will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am.

## **Surrey Choices update**

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### **A message from Surrey Choices – Thursday 18th March**

Following the Government's publication of their roadmap out of lockdown, Surrey Choices has reviewed the approach that we will take to recommence support. We are acutely aware of the pressures that many individuals and families are under, and therefore the new arrangements set out below should be interpreted as guidance rather than rules. The plan outlined is contingent on the government maintaining their roadmap timescales. For every person and family there will be a unique set of circumstances, and we will always seek to take those into account. We want to do everything in our power to limit the spread of Coronavirus, whilst at the same time responding to other risks and issues faced by individuals and family Carers after many months of living with restrictions.

**Click the following to read more:** [Coronavirus Resources - Surrey Choices](#)

### **Safety in Public Places (attach poster)**

One of the members of staff at Surrey Choices started a Women's Group last year and after recent events in the news, the group began talking about safety in public spaces.

The impact and the tools the group has created has been so helpful to boost their confidence and decrease their fear when they head back out into the community when it is safe to do so. Please see attached a poster with more information. If you would like more information about staying safe in the community then please also visit the [Learning Disability and Autism Partnership Board](#) website where you can [download a booklet](#) for more advice and tips of how to stay safe

## Surrey Choices March Bulletin'

Welcome to the March edition of the [Surrey Choices Bulletin](#). This month will focus on the Community Choices Programme as part of Changing Days.

## Surrey People's Group

The next meeting date for Surrey People's Group will be the 7<sup>th</sup> April. The agenda for the meeting will be sent out with the weekly updates next week, but in the meantime if you would like any more information regarding future meetings or membership then please contact Imogen Osborne: [ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ldcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk)

## Surrey People's Group



Surrey People's Group hold monthly events to help other people. At the next upcoming event they will talk about different topics that matter to you including digital access, the environment, community inclusion and health inequalities.

For more information please contact Imogen at [Imogen.Osborne@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Imogen.Osborne@surreycc.gov.uk).

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5cb4a6a0840b16ba12ccc5e5/t/5ff4494267bf5b5cbca04873/1609845059168/Surrey+People%27s+Group+Monthly+Meetings.pdf>

## Challenging Behaviour Foundation Newsletter

The Foundation's newsletter '*Challenge*' is produced three times a year and subscription is free of charge: [winterspring2021final.pdf \(challengingbehaviour.org.uk\)](#)

To join their mailing list please contact them on the following link: <https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/contact/>

## Kids in Museums Conference 2021

**The future of youth and family engagement in museums** - Tuesday 11 May 2021, 9.45am-4.15pm

Join Kid in Museums for a virtual celebration of the best work going on in the UK and across the globe to involve children, young people and families in heritage.

They will reflect on where we are at as a sector and where we might be going in our work with children, young people and families in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a day packed full of inspiring case studies, best practice presentations, workshops and lightning talks, we will explore:

- how families feel about returning to museums
- how to meaningfully engage with young people, on topics such as #BlackLivesMatter and climate change
- how to create a family friendly and playful environment on a shoestring
- how to reach under-represented families, including vulnerable and LGBTQ+ families

- how to engage older children through gaming
- how to include autistic young people and families onsite and online
- how museums can work with local partners to provide vital community services
- how to support young people's wellbeing and mental health.

The event is an opportunity to connect with the museum learning community, share challenges and discuss ways to improve your family offer in a friendly and positive environment.

Kids in Museums Young Trustees and Youth Panel will be leading their own programme of sessions designed for those working with young people or starting their career in the sector. This includes a CV writing workshop and advice on turning youth engagement into organisational change.

The Kids in Museums Conference will be held on Zoom. If you have any access requirements, please get in touch to discuss how we can best accommodate you:

[getintouch@kidsinmuseums.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@kidsinmuseums.org.uk)

Book online: <https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/what-we-do/training-and-consultancy/kids-in-museums-conference-2021/>

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We trust our Newsletters continue to be helpful to you. As always, we have included items from a wide range of sources and have been particularly grateful to our friends from other organisations particularly the ASC Information and Engagement Team, Surrey Coalition and Family Voice Surrey who have kept us so well informed throughout the past challenging year.

If you need any further information on these items or have other areas of concern please contact either me on Tel: 07787 555338 Email: [support@eastsurreymencap.org](mailto:support@eastsurreymencap.org), or Helen Norris, Co-Chair, on Tel: 07770 750202 – Email: [co-chair@eastsurreymencap.org](mailto:co-chair@eastsurreymencap.org)

Best wishes – **John**



John Spedding – on behalf of all members of the East Surrey Mencap Committee

### **Key Support Contact Details**

**SCC Community Helpline:** Tel: 0300 200 1008 (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday) - [SCC Community Helpline Website](#)

**SCC Adults Social Care Contact Centre:** Tel: 0300 200 1005 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adults/contact>

**SCC Children's Single Point of Access Centre:** Phone: 0300 470 9100 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday): <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services>

**Centralised Learning Disability Team:** Tel – 01483 404770 or Email :

- East Learning Disability and Autism Team: [East.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:East.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk)
- West Learning Disability and Autism Team: [West.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:West.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk)

[If you wish to report a concern about the safety of a vulnerable person, then please contact the Surrey Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 470 9100 or by e-mail [ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk) 01483 517898 or [edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk); and 101 Police; and NHS 111 for urgent health advice at any time.]

**Transition Team:** Tel – 01276 800270 or Email: [transitionteam@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:transitionteam@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust** – 01737 288800 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

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