

Children and Young People

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Dear Parent/Carer

Wakefield District's Local Offer – Have Your Say

In September 2014 the Government will introduce changes to help support children and young people with special needs and their families.

As part of this, the Local Authority has a duty to produce a Local Offer. The Local Offer will be available primarily on line to help you find information about the services, activities and support available to you in the local area for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities and their families. This will include health, social care, education and leisure including information from charities and support groups.

In Wakefield District, we have been actively working with parents, carers, colleagues from health and the voluntary sector to produce the Local Offer and we would like your views on this to help ensure it meets your needs, for example it is easy to use and helpful.

From 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the consultation will be available on the Wakefield Council website at [www.wakefield.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer) until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

If you would like to take part in the consultation in other ways rather than online, Wakefield Council will be holding a number of formal consultations across the District to get your views. A list of the events is attached to this letter and I would encourage you to take part in this consultation whether on- line or at one of the events listed.

We are sending this letter out through a variety of different channels to ensure that it reaches as many children and young people with special educational needs and their families as possible. Therefore it might be possible that you receive this letter more than once for which I apologise.

Yours sincerely



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	1pm – 7:30pm	<b>Hemsworth Community Centre</b> , Bullenshaw Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract, WF9 4NE
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	1pm – 7:30pm	<b>Chesney's Centre</b> Regent Street, Featherstone, Pontefract, WF7 SEW
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	3pm – 6pm	<b>Kinsley and Fitzwilliam Learning and Community Centre</b> Wakefield Road, Kinsley, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF9 5BP
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	10am – 3pm	<b>Adult Education Pop Up Shop, The Ridings</b> Upper Mall, Wakefield, WF1 1DS
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	10am – 3pm	<b>Adult Education Pop Up Shop, The Ridings</b> Upper Mall, Wakefield, WF1 1DS
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2014	1pm – 7:30pm	<b>St Swithuns Community Centre</b> , Arncliffe Road , Eastmoor, Wakefield, WF1 4RW
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2014	1pm – 7:30pm	<b>Airedale Library and Learning Centre</b> The Square, Airedale, Castleford, WF10 3JJ
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	3pm – 6pm	<b>5 Towns Resource and Technology Centre</b> Welbeck Street, Castleford, WF10 1DP
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	10am – 3pm	<b>Adult Education Pop Up Shop, The Ridings</b> Upper Mall, Wakefield, WF1 1DS