

Fun Activities and Short Breaks Annual Directory 2020/21

A fun activities and Short Break directory for children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs

This directory lists in detail fun activities and short breaks currently available to children and young people aged 0-18 in Leeds. The directory is accompanied by a guide, which explains more about the different kinds of fun activities and short breaks available and how to access them.

(updated September 2020)



Please note, due to the current COVID19 pandemic as from April 2020 the Targeted Short Breaks Commissioned Services have had to amend their offer.

We will be reviewing these services on an ongoing basis.

All the listed Providers within this Directory will still be available to contact during this period and services will be further reviewed in line with the Government Guidelines and therefore please contact any Service Provider directly in order to check their updated offer.

Services for everyone including children and young people with additional needs (“Universal” services)

Here is a list of services for all children and young people, including those with additional needs.

Please see the [Family Information Service](#) website for further services and information on childcare such as playschemes, children’s centres and pre-schools.

The Leeds Local Offer leedslocaloffer.org.uk brings together information about all the services available in the city for children and young people aged 0-25 who have special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities, including short breaks provision. Email feedback sent to llo@leeds.gov.uk about the offer, along with the response, will be published, at least annually.

Scope Activities for All

If the activity organiser feels they need help with inclusivity, then they can contact Scope Activities for All. Scope Activities for All is a universal plus service which aims to encourage and support access to universal activity settings (dance, drama, scouts, sports, arts and crafts and anything else) in order to meet the needs of children with SEND. They will work with any universal service that are offering leisure activities giving advice and support using their Scope Inclusion Quality Mark (“SIQM”) ensuring access to universal activities is a real possibility. Alongside the SIQM, Scope can also offer additional support through their “inclusion worker” who will act as a bridge between home and the setting. They will attend with your child to upskill the group and backfill their staffing. The support is on a short-term basis and compliments the team at Activities for All who will work with the setting to develop the practice so the young person can continue after the support is withdrawn, taking ownership of providing support to all children in their setting.

- Parent/carer to find an activity
- Email leedsplaypartners@scope.org.uk for an initial referral form.
- A sessional worker is identified.
- After 3-4 sessions we will assess the activity and work towards a withdrawal plan supporting the group with our Inclusion Quality Mark.

Age	0-5 years	Primary Age	Secondary Age+
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Information Service Children's Centres Private Nurseries, pre-schools, child minders Third sector voluntary and faith groups <p>To find out more visit: www.familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School or extended services activities e.g. out of school clubs, playschemes. To find out more visit: https://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk Uniformed groups, e.g. Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Guides, etc, see local area for details Leisure or sports centres classes. To find out more visit: https://active.leeds.gov.uk/home-(2) Arts activities - theatre, dance, music. To find out more visit: https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leisure or www.breezeleeds.org 	<p>As primary age; and also, youth services - details available on the Breeze website.</p> <p>Please visit: https://breezeleeds.org/</p>

Service	Target group	What the service offers	Cost of the service	Session Time(s)
<p>Scope Activities for All</p> <p>Sessional inclusion workers</p> <p>Contact: 0113 3570038 Email: leedsplaypartners@scope.org.uk</p>	<p>Children with additional needs</p> <p>Children with disabilities Children/young people aged 4-18</p> <p>(from school reception year)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for disabled children to access mainstream activities of your choice. Apply to be matched to an Inclusion Sessional Worker, to support your child to be included in the activity The worker will attend with your child on a weekly basis, work to support the group to get to know your child and meet their needs We'll help the group follow best practice in every aspect of their service Providing training and resources for the activity staff and ongoing support. 	<p>Parents pay for the mainstream activity - and meet at the activity</p> <p>No extra for the worker</p>	<p>Variable</p>

Activities and Short Breaks that meet specific needs (“Targeted” Services)

All targeted services can be accessed using the single targeted short break referral form available on the Local Offer:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/local-offer/leeds-local-offer/services-provided-under-leeds-local-offer/short-break-offer>

Please note that services are for C&YP with SEND up to their 18th birthday.

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<p>ASAS (Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme)</p> <p>Play Schemes Contact: Jo Galasso Email: jo.galasso@aireborough-scheme.co.uk</p> <p>www.aireborough-scheme.co.uk Tel: 01134603206 /07764432933</p>	<p>Age range: 5-18 years with disabilities</p> <p>For children in the Aireborough area of Leeds only</p> <p>(LS5, 16, 18, 19, 20 & 21)</p>	<p>We plan to offer 18 play scheme days in total: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 days at Easter • 14 days in the summer holidays (over 3 weeks). 	£15/child/day	10.00am – 3.00pm
<p>ASAS</p> <p>Activity Days Details as above</p>	<p>Age range: 8 – 18 years with disabilities</p> <p>Open to all children city-wide</p>	<p>2 Community Based Activity days – based at leisure complexes in Leeds.</p> <p>8 Centre Based Activity days – based at Lineham Farm.</p>	£15/child/day	<p>Times dependant on activities, approx. 6 hours</p> <p>9.30am – 3.30pm</p>
<p>ASAS</p> <p>Residential Short Breaks Details as above</p>	<p>Age range: 8 – 18 years with disabilities</p> <p>Lineham Farm – 8+ Low Mill – 10+ Herd Farm – 10+</p>	<p>6 x 2-night residential (Fri-Sun) short breaks to outdoor pursuits centres where the children & young people will take part in activities* like climbing, biking, animal care, gorge walking and canoeing (*dependant on the venue)</p>	£90/2 night residential	5.00pm on first day until 1.30pm on last day

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BID Weekly Youth Club Contact: Amanda Farrar Email: Amanda.farrar@bid.org.uk or Bronagh.ONeill@bid.org.uk Tel: 0113 2885750	Age range: 8-18 years For deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired children.	The Youth Club is to meet friends, learn and gain skills include BSL, different activities to attend for young children in Leeds. The Youth club is open for deaf, hard of hearing and visual impaired children. (Individual session during school holiday – please contact directly dates TBC)	£4 per session	Monday evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm Term only
Broomfield School School Holiday Activity Scheme Contact: Sharon Crowther Tel: 0113 2771603	Age range: 3-18 years	Holiday Activity Schemes based at Broomfield SILC Leeds.		Easter, Summer and October half-term 9.30am-3.00pm
Herd Farm Residential & Activity Weekends Contact: Nicky Stanley email: herdfarm@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 378 3088	Age range: 9 – 18 years	Six rural full board weekend outdoor activity residential experiences for 14 young people per weekend as part of a social living, outdoor activities experience in a high-quality Grade II converted and adaptable barn.	£90 per weekend	48 hours, usually weekends Friday 3.30pm until Sunday 3.30pm
Leeds Mencap Activity Schemes Contact: Gemma Airey email: info@leedsmencap.org.uk Tel: 0113 235 1331	Age range: 4 –8 years Age range: 9-13 years Age range: 14-18 years	Holiday activity schemes for children and young people aged 4 -18 with learning disabilities/additional needs across three specific groups. The activity scheme is run from The Vinery Centre, Leeds. The children and young people will do a range of different activities throughout the week such as baking, arts and crafts, visits from the animals, music sessions, circle skills and discos, as well as one full day trip per week.	£17.50 per day plus £15 contribution towards cost of the trip A pack lunch is required	10.00am – 3.00pm

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<p>Leeds Mencap Tuesday Youth Club</p> <p>Contact: Gemma Airey email: info@leedsmencap.org.uk Tel: 0113 235 1331</p>	<p>Age range: 9-13 years</p>	<p>The group meets on a Tuesday evening during term time. The group is run from The Vinery Centre, Leeds.</p> <p>The children and young people will do a range of activities such as arts and crafts, baking, messy play sessions, as well as termly visits from workshops as such as music, dance or animals.</p> <p>Parents can either drop off and leave the child or young person, or they can choose to remain on site in the parent's room, where there is access to tea and coffee.</p>	<p>£4.50 per week, payable half termly in advance</p>	<p>Tuesday 6.00-8.00 pm</p> <p>Term time only</p>
<p>Leeds Mencap Thursday Youth Club Details as above</p>	<p>Age range: 14-18 years</p>	<p>The group meets on a Thursday evening during term time. The group is run from The Vinery Centre, Leeds.</p> <p>The children and young people will do a range of activities such as arts and crafts, baking, messy play sessions, as well as termly visits from workshops as such as music, dance or animals.</p> <p>Parents can either drop off and leave the child or young person, or they can choose to remain on site in the parent's room, where there is access to tea and coffee.</p>	<p>£4.50 per week, payable half termly in advance</p>	<p>Thursday 6.00-8.00 pm</p> <p>Term time only</p>
<p>LWCA (Leeds Weekend Care Association) Weekenders Club and Teen Scene</p> <p>Contact: Lisa Sheader Email: office@lwca.co.uk Tel: 0113 216 5133</p>	<p>Age range: 5 - 13 Age range: 14 - 17</p>	<p>A citywide, full day play scheme one day per month at Vine Education Centre, Leeds 6.</p>	<p>A packed lunch is required and the cost is £22.00 per session.</p>	<p>Saturday 10.00am – 4.30pm</p>

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LWCA (Leeds Weekend Care Association) Out & About Details as per Weekenders Club	Age range: 14 – 18 years	Teenage outings in small groups in the local community; activities such as: bowling, eating out, theatre, theme parks, snooker nights & youth club nights. In school holidays some full day activities and some evening activities.	Variable (between £10.00 & £25.00) depending on activity	Variable, depending on activity. In term time, evenings, after school Monday-Friday
South Leeds HUB Contact: Giles Green Email: southleedshub@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 3367772	Young people with from South Leeds Aged 11 - 18 years	A variety of indoor and outdoor activities based around a social group for young people. On offer to the young people who attend would be a number of varied activities including; Arts and Crafts, Bush Craft Activities, Team Games, Cooking, Horticulture, Dance and Music sessions.	£5 per session which includes a snack	Tuesdays during term time 4.30-7pm
Endorphins (previously known as Sport Works) Multi-Activity Weekend Sessions Contact: Lesley-Anne Email: lesley-anne@endorphins.uk Tel: 07936083200	Age range: 8 – 18 years	Our sessions are designed for young people (aged 8-17) with disabilities and additional needs to enjoy a variety of sports, enabling them to develop their independence and social skills in a fun, relaxed and supportive environment (1:4 staff participant ratio)	£15 per session	Corpus Christi High School & Middleton Leisure Centre Saturdays 10.00am-3.00pm
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Endorphins (previously known as Sport Works) Healthy and Happy Geeks Contact: Lesley-Anne Email: lesley-anne@endorphins.uk Tel: 07936083200	Age range: 8 – 18 years	A wide range of gaming experiences in a safe and supportive setting. In addition, the opportunities to have experiences in go-carting, laser tag and 5-a-side on a 6-weekly basis. <i>New Service: Geeks Room, First Floor, Armley Court, 5 Armley Road, LS12 2LB</i>	£10 per session	Every Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm Term time only
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Sunshine and Smiles Leeds Down Syndrome Network 8-15 Group Email: hello@sunshineandsmiles.org.uk Telephone: 07725041601	Age range: 8-15 years who have Down syndrome	Social & recreational opportunities such as cricket, singing, football, crafts and more in a safe supportive environment. Swimming is also available 12.30-2.30pm every other Saturday and Football Sessions (age 8-16) is available 10.00-11.00am every other Sunday (please contact directly)	Suggested donation £5	Fortnightly Saturdays 11.30 – 12.30pm Monthly Thursday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm
Sunshine and Smiles Leeds Down Syndrome Network 16+ Group Email: hello@sunshineandsmiles.org.uk Telephone: 07725041601	Age range: 16-19 years who have Down syndrome	Social & recreational opportunities such as singing, football, crafts and more in a safe, supportive environment.	Suggested donation £5	Monthly Thursday evenings 6.30pm – 8pm & occasional weekend sessions.

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<p>West Leeds Activity Centre After school club</p> <p>Contact: Vince Foster Email: westleedsactivitycentre@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 336 7414</p>	<p>Age range: 8 – 18 years</p>	<p>Our friendly and welcoming afterschool club running every Thursday in term time, offers children and young people with additional needs the opportunity to have fun, take part in outdoor activities, meet new friends and help them to improve their socialisation & communication skills. The club includes a light evening hot tea and transport on application.</p>	<p>£12.00 per session</p>	<p>Thursdays Term time only 4.00pm-6.30pm</p>
<p>West Leeds Activity Centre Holiday club</p> <p>Contact: Vince Foster Email: westleedsactivitycentre@leeds.gov.uk Tel: 0113 336 7414</p>	<p>Age range: 8 – 18 years</p>	<p>Our friendly and welcoming holiday club, running in most holiday periods offers children and young people with additional needs the opportunity to have fun, take part in outdoor activities, meet new friends and help them to improve their socialisation & communication skills. The club includes lunch and snacks as well as refreshments during the day.</p>	<p>£20 per day</p>	<p>5 days per week (depending on holiday period) 9.30am – 4.00pm</p>

Short Breaks Services for children and young people with very complex needs (“specialist” services)

All specialist services can be accessed via the referral routes mentioned below.

There is NO cost to families when accessing these services

Service	Target group	Referral route/access	What the service offers
Rainbow House	Age range: 10-17	Referral to RADAR panel by a Social Worker having identified need through a Child and Family assessment.	Planned overnight short breaks.
Individual Support Workers (ISW's)	Age range: 0 – 17	Referral to RADAR panel by a Social Worker having identified need through a Child and Family assessment.	Individually tailored packages of support.
Children's Disability and Fostering Team Leeds City Council Tel: 0113 247 8934	Age range: 0 – 17	Referral to RADAR panel by a Social Worker having identified need through a Child and Family assessment.	Short breaks for children in the homes of trained and approved carer families.
Health Short Breaks Tel: 0113 272 8644	CYP with complex health needs. Age range: 0 – 18	Referral by a professional having identified a need through a Child and Family assessment or Early Help and nursing assessment.	Short breaks for children and young people with complex health needs.
Children's Continuing Healthcare Tel: 0113 272 8644	CYP with complex health needs. Age range: 0 – 18	Referral by a professional having identified a need through a Child and Family assessment or Early Help and nursing assessment.	High dependency intensive home-based nursing provision.
Hannah House Tel: 0113 282 9173 Email: seniorstaffnurses.hannahhouse@nhs.net	CYP with complex health needs. Age range: 0 – 18	Referral by a professional having identified a need through a Child and Family assessment or Early Help and nursing assessment.	Planned overnight short breaks.
Martin House Tel: 0193 784 5045 Email: admin@martinhouse.org.uk	CYP with complex health needs. Age range: 0 – 18	Direct referral to Martin House.	Individually tailored packages of support.