

# SEND Newsletter

SPECIAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
NEEDS AND  
DISABILITY  
0-25 IN  
KNOWSLEY

2022 - Issue 4

If you have been forwarded this email and would like to subscribe,  
please fill out your details [here](#).



## New SEND and Inclusion Strategy Incoming

Over the last 12 months; the local area has engaged in multiple consultation sessions with young people, parents, carers, school staff and partners in education, health, and social care. Additionally, we benefitted from our Local Area Inspection in March and had further information about upcoming changes to the SEND system through the governments SEND and Alternative Provision Green paper.

Through the consultation we have been able to co-produce the improvement actions for the next SEND and Inclusion strategy that will be published in January 2023. The themes of the draft strategy identified by local children and parents/carers were recently endorsed by the SEND partnership board and are now going through

the necessary internal governance stages before publication.

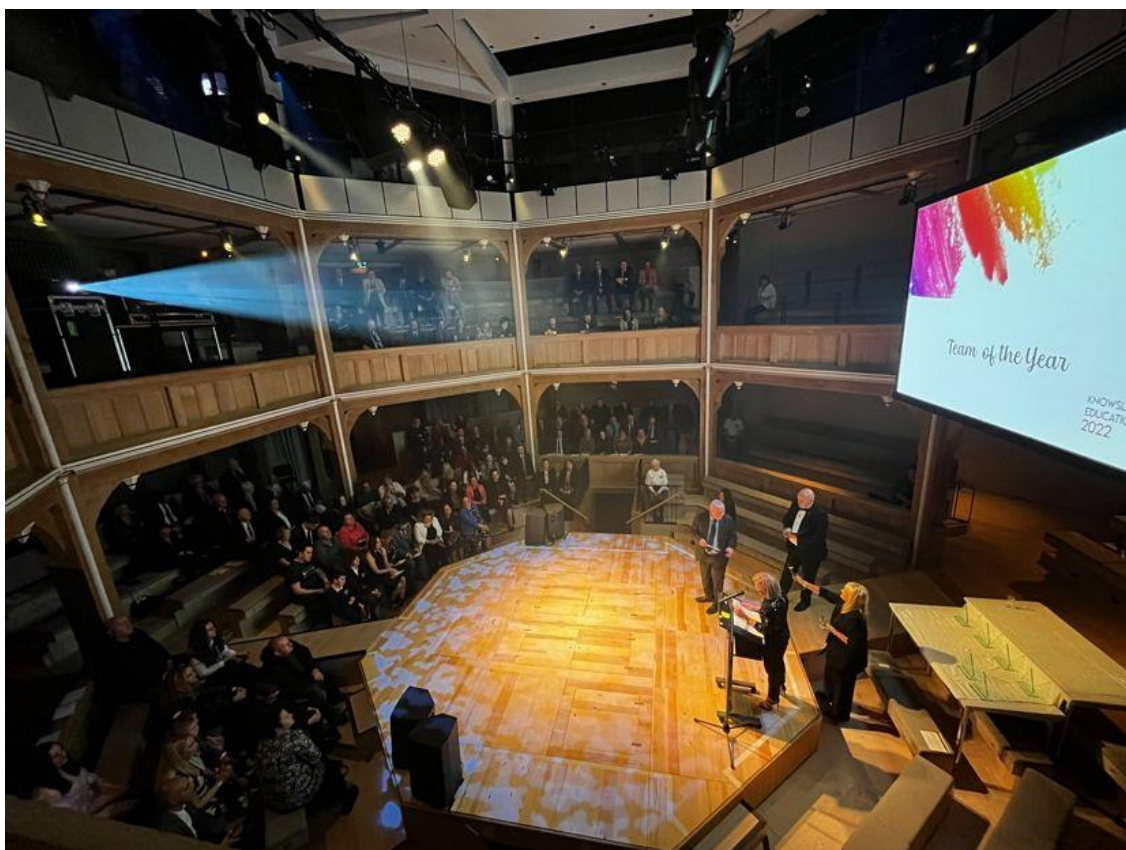
Following publication, a series of smaller focus groups will be ongoing to discuss progress against the strategy and identify new actions or themes for the local area and invites to the focus groups will be published through the new letter so keep your eyes peeled.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the questionnaires, focus groups, development sessions and workshops and we look forward to publishing the strategy and more information about its content once governance has been completed

## Supported Internships

The inclusion service has been successful in a bid for support to work with the NATIONAL Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) and the Liverpool City Region (LCR) to enhance our supported internship offer improving how we prepare our local young children for adulthood.

We will now work with NDTi and the LCR to create a supported internship action plan. If you are a local employer looking to work with us please get in touch!




## Knowsley Education Awards Return

Knowsley's fantastic education awards returned on the 8<sup>th</sup> November following a short break due to COVID-19 restrictions. The event was held in the Shakespeare North Playhouse and was a huge success.

Lots of our schools and pupils were celebrated during the fantastic event as well as performances from Kirkby High School, Cronton College and Bluebell Park's signing choir who stole the show. Special mention for Alt Bridge who won two awards on the night- special provision of the year and post 16 provision of the year. Bluebell Park also received a highly commended award recognising the excellent work in the sector. Well done to all the pupils, schools and staff who won awards and contributed to the event and we are already looking forward to next years!

# Updates from Knowsley Inclusion Service



The poster features a central graphic with the text "YOUR VOICE IS POWERFUL LET IT BE HEARD!" surrounded by six colorful speech bubbles, each containing a message: "Build your confidence!", "Connect with other young people with SEND", "Help raise awareness of SEND", "Be a part of making positive change in your community", "Have open discussions about SEND and issues young people face", and "An opportunity to be creative". The background is white with faint, colorful speech bubble patterns. Logos for SEND, Knowsley Council, AMPLIFY!, and NEUROPA are included. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

**SEND** SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY 0-25+ KNOWSLEY

Knowsley Council

Build your confidence!

Connect with other young people with SEND

Help raise awareness of SEND

**YOUR VOICE IS POWERFUL  
LET IT BE HEARD!**

Be a part of making positive change in your community

Have open discussions about SEND and issues young people face

An opportunity to be creative

**AMPLIFY!**

**NEUROPA**  
16+ SEND Youth Voice

Our SEND Youth Voice forums are a safe hub for young people with SEND across Knowsley to meet and discuss their thoughts and feelings and to explore opportunities to engage in the ongoing discussion around SEND.

For more information, contact the SEND Consultation Engagement Officer - Adam Wheatley  
adam.wheatley@knowsley.gov.uk

Scan the code with your phone to watch a video about youth voice!

Scan me!

## SEND Youth Voice is back!

After a bit of a hiatus due to staff illness, our SEND Youth Voice forums are back!

AMPLIFY and NEUROPA are safe hubs for young people with SEND across Knowsley to meet and discuss their



thoughts and feelings and to explore opportunities to engage in the ongoing discussion around SEND.

AMPLIFY is a group specifically for under 16's across Knowsley that meets twice a month on a Thursday between 5pm - 6:00pm. The next date is Thursday 17th November at Northwood Primary School.

NEUROPA is a 16+ which also meets every other fortnight on a Thursday between 5pm - 6:00pm. The next date is Thursday November 24th on Teams (will resume in person meetings thereafter).

If you have anybody in mind for either group or would just like more information, please contact Adam Wheatley ([adam.wheatley@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:adam.wheatley@knowsley.gov.uk))

Feel free to share the video below to any young people.



**Follow Knowsley SEND Team**



## **Access and Inclusion**

As you may be aware Mark Strevens has been seconded to the SEND Team for the last 12 months, with Doug Stewart being seconded from Finch Woods Academy to provide support to the Access and Inclusion Team. We would like to thank Doug for all his support and contribution to the team during the last twelve months.

Mark will be returning to the team from the 7th November and will be continuing to offer, and develop the service offered in supporting Schools, Families, and learners.

As a team we have put in place an email address, that should be used for all referrals and enquiries concerning the support and advice that can be offered which is: [accessandinclusion@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:accessandinclusion@knowsley.gov.uk)

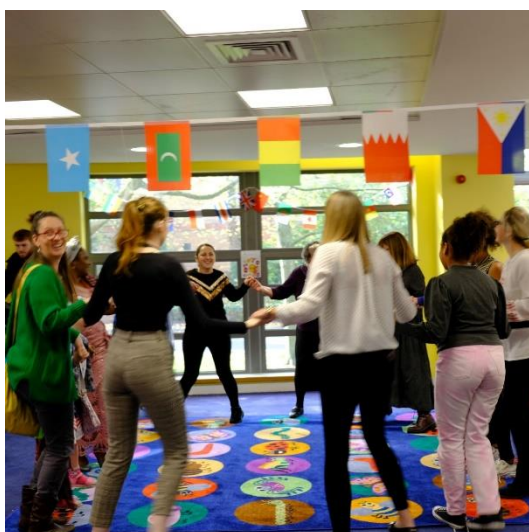
## English as an Additional Language

The EAL Team have had a very busy start to the academic year with 3 schools in Knowsley having signed up to become a School of Sanctuary. We are optimistic that many more will commit to this worthwhile award.

Over half term, the EAL Team hosted a 'Multilanguage Event' at Huyton Library. The event was open to all and some EAL parents participated in the event with costumes and reading books from their countries. We had traditional savouries, sweets and biscuits from all over the world, again parents brought home made cake and cookies from their country of origin. Movema the professional dance group held a workshop teaching children and adults dances from all over the world. Everybody joined in with great enthusiasm.

We also hosted an Origami class where children and parents learnt how to make cranes. The concentration and eagerness of these groups was amazing. They were taught this by a member of the team's husband who had his audience transfixed. The Sudanese School also joined us demonstrating dances from North, East, South and West Sudan. The dances were lively and colourful. 17 Sudanese children and their parents were involved in the dances. Their grand finale was a Sudanese Wedding Dance. The audience were given sweets and pastries to sample as the wedding ceremony took place.

All in all, it was a great day and was successful in so many ways. It was a fantastic way of showcasing the different languages and cultures in Knowsley as well as bringing people together. It allowed people of different cultures to mix as well as informing the people of Knowsley about the wealth of culture we have.'





## Updates from local services



**KPCV SEND  
COFFEE MORNING**  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
18/11/22  
(Friday)  
Cawthorne Walk  
Southdene  
Kirkby  
L32 3XP





**Bluebell Park School**  
Guest Speakers in attendance.

**Julie Moss - Director of Children's Services.**

**Dan Cairnes**  
Early Help Lead 0-5 – Knowsley 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Service

**SEND- IASS**  
(Special Education Needs Disability Information Advice Support Service)



**This event will take place in the Hall**  
Free refreshments served.



### Knowsley Parent Carer Voice (KPCV)

KPCV is hosting their Monthly SEND coffee morning at Bluebell Park school on 18th November at 10am. All Knowsley Parent Carers welcome.

Come along and meet other parent carers in Knowsley in a similar situation.

Guest Speakers in attendance:

- Julie Moss - Director of Children's Services.
- SEND IASS (Special Education Needs Disability Information Advice Support Service).
- Additional speakers TBC

Please contact [infokpcv@gmail.com](mailto:infokpcv@gmail.com) for further details.

**Follow Knowsley Parent Carer Voice**



# **ADDvanced Solutions**

## **Community Network**

Supporting you to find the answers

### **ADDvanced Solutions**

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network's (ASCN) community-based groups, programmes, and opportunities raise awareness, develop skills, share learning experiences, and build confidence. The team support children, young people, and families in Knowsley living with neurodevelopmental conditions, learning difficulties and associated mental health needs.



Read about ASCN's offer in Knowsley by visiting the link below, where you can also find a link to their latest newsletter and Autumn/Winter What's On guide.

[Check out the ASCN Knowsley Offer](#)



## **Discover Kooth & Qwell webinars for professionals in Cheshire & Merseyside**

Kooth.com and Qwell.io are free, safe and anonymous sites that offer mental health and wellbeing support to young people and adults across Cheshire & Merseyside. We are staffed by our fully trained and qualified counselling team who are available until 10pm each night, 365 days per year.

The sites also feature self help tools including online journaling and mindfulness techniques. We have a community space on our magazine and discussion boards where any users can give and receive advice and support from others.

During our webinars, we will give an overview of the support available on Kooth (our young person's service commissioned across Cheshire & Merseyside) and Qwell (our adult's service commissioned in the Wirral, Knowsley & St Helens). There will also be clinical and safeguarding information shared and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about our services.

Our next webinars will take place on the follow dates:

Discover Qwell: 25th November @ 1-2pm - Register now via Eventbrite: [CLICK HERE](#)

Discover Kooth - 1st December @ 10-11am - Register now via Eventbrite: [CLICK HERE](#)

Discover Qwell - 6th December @ 1-2pm - Register now via Eventbrite: [CLICK HERE](#)

# Youth Nights Knowsley



Are you a young person aged 11-19 years living in **Knowsley**? Are you passionate for change in our community? **Let's talk!**

## A FESTIVAL OF YOUTH WORK

Monday 7th November 5:30pm-7:30pm

Why is youth work important? What youth work do you want to see in Knowsley? How can we make positive changes?



## SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING

Tuesday 6th December 5:30pm-7:30pm

Have you ever experienced cyber bullying? Do you know what support is out there? How can we improve the services available to young people in Knowsley?



## MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Tuesday 18th January 5:30pm-7:30pm

Do you feel supported with your mental health and physical wellbeing? What more can be done in Knowsley to help? What support is out there for you?



## EDUCATION

Tuesday 31st January 5:30pm-7:30pm

Do you have enough choice towards your education? Can you access the higher education you want to study? What can be done to improve education services in Knowsley?



## SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

Tuesday 14th February 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Do you know what skills you need for employment? What opportunities are out there? How can Knowsley improve services to support young people?



**All events are taking place at Our Place,  
Longview Drive, Huyton, L36 6EG**






If you have any feedback on the services you are receiving, please tell us. You can email [sendadmin@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:sendadmin@knowsley.gov.uk)

The Knowsley Parent Carer Voice – KPCV – can be contacted via email at [infokpcv@gmail.com](mailto:infokpcv@gmail.com)

Parents / carers and children / young people with SEND can contact SEND IASS for impartial information, advice and support via telephone on 0800 012 9066 (option 2 for Knowsley) or via email at [liverpoolandknowsleysend@wired.me.uk](mailto:liverpoolandknowsleysend@wired.me.uk)

SEND IASS also have their own newsletter, if you would like to sign up and subscribe you can do so by emailing [iasmanager@wired.me.uk](mailto:iasmanager@wired.me.uk)

## Share this newsletter!



**Share**



**Tweet**



**Forward**



**Share**