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APRIL NEWS 2017

Daytime Meetings: Come and join us whenever you can. We meet for a chat (cuppa and biscuits are free) at the Carers Centre, Concept House, 5 Young St, Sheffield S1 4LA on the third Wednesday of each month :-

Wednesday 19 April - 1230-230pm

Wednesday 17 May – **AGM** – 1230-230pm

Wednesday 21 June – 1230-230pm

Asperger Adult Social Group: on the last Thursday of each month held usually in the Hallam Uni, Charles St Building, S1 2ND from 7-9pm – next meetings – Thurs 27th April, Thurs 25th May, please contact Liz for more information

Other Items in the Newsletter:

- Disability Equality Roadshow Thurs 20th April
- PDA support groups in Rotherham and Sheffield
- Autism Hope Support Group
- Cambridge University Research into pregnancy and Autism
- Blossom View Respite Home
- ALIVE Specialist Day Service

- Sheffield Autistic Society Summer Playscheme – apply now for places – runs from 31st July to 11th August 2017 – reply asap

This is sent to all members of Sheffield Autistic Society – whatever politics you have – as it's an opportunity to meet Debbie Abrahams and put your questions to her.

Labour would like to invite members of Sheffield Autistic Society to attend an event as part of our **Disability Equality Roadshow** and meet Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Debbie Abrahams MP.

Date: Thursday 20th April 2017

Time: 17:30 till 20:00

Venue: United Reform Church, 16 Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S1 2JB

The aim of the Disability Equality Roadshow is for Labour to hear directly from Disabled people which policies Labour should develop to best defend and extend your rights.

The next Labour government will ensure that the UK upholds its obligations under the UN convention on persons with disabilities.

Our commitment to people-powered politics means that we believe that future social security policy should be co-produced with disabled people, carers and service providers.

We want to transform our social security system, based on the principles of dignity, independence and support.

This Roadshow is aimed at Disabled people, carers and stakeholders. We will listen to your views on improving social security, reducing the disability employment gap, ensuring access to suitable housing and education, improving the provision of care and best supporting carers.

To book a place please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/labours-disability-equality-roadshow-sheffield-tickets-33396796718>

If you have any additional access needs please email Huma on disabilityequality@labour.org.uk by 18th April 2017.

Please pass this invitation on to Disabled people and carers in your area who may be interested in attending.

Many thanks

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Just a reminder about the PDA Support Groups in Rotherham and Sheffield

Please see details below:

Rotherham: evening meetings

Wed 31/05

Wed 26/08

Time: 6.30-8.30 pm

Venue: Three Horseshoes (upstairs room)

133 Bawtry Road

Wickersley

Rotherham

S66 2BW

There is plenty of parking either in the pub car park or on the road side.

If you wish to come to the **Sheffield PDA Support Group** please see below:

Sheffield (NEW VENUE) – Daytime Meetings

Thurs 27/04

Thurs 29/06

Time: 12-2pm

Our venue is a small room at the back of a beautiful craft shop.

It's in Sheffield city centre and there is plenty of road side or car park parking.

Venue: All Good Stuff

Academy of Makers

Butchers Works

72 Arundel Street

Sheffield S1 2NS

Looking forward to seeing you.

Debra, Tracy and Bridgette



Autism Hope Support Group

To all parents, carers and family members of children
undergoing diagnosis or with a diagnosis of Autism.

A new parent run group is being launched to offer
understanding, friendship and support to each other
and our remarkable children.

St John's Parish Centre
21 Housley Park
Sheffield
S35 2UE

Any questions please contact
Carlie Brough on 07968 984179
Children welcome to come along, there's plenty of toys
to play with!



This is a request sent into Sheffield Autistic Society members

I'm a researcher at Cambridge in the Autism Research Centre working with Prof. Simon Baron-Cohen and I am running a child development study where we are looking at early development in pregnancy in families with no history of autism as well as those with.

To give you an overview of the study:

If you would like to participate, you will be invited for a 3D ultrasound scan at the Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge. This scan will last approximately 45 minutes and is a non-invasive scan similar to the one's you've had at 12- and 20-weeks. There will be two follow up visits at 18months (post/online questionnaires only) and an in-person visit to the Autism Research Centre, Cambridge when your child is 24 months old. We will reimburse all travel expenses and hotel accommodation, and you will receive an additional £20/visit for the follow-up visits. A cheque will be sent to you after each visit. Additionally, we will provide pictures of your baby from your ultrasound scan.

The aim of this research is to see if there are any physical characteristics in pregnancy that might be related to later autistic traits in childhood. The overall aim is to help support children who might be later diagnosed with ASC and their families from as early as possible. The scan is done during late 2nd trimester and early 3rd. Our intention is not to develop a screening for autism in pregnancy, it is to help provide more support for children thought to be 'at risk' and their families from an earlier age.

I was wondering if it would be possible to advertise my study to the families in your support group? I'm looking for pregnant mums with either an ASC diagnosis, or with a child who has a diagnosis who are happy to come in for an additional 3D ultrasound scan.

If you have any questions about my work or would like to discuss this study, it would be lovely to speak to you please contact me on: ea420@medschl.cam.ac.uk or 01223 746 051.

Best wishes,

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SPECIALIST DAY SERVICE

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A specialist day service, created in joint partnership
with Abbeycare and Inspire.

**ALIVE gives the best opportunities to young adults
with profound and complex learning and physical disabilities.**

At **ALIVE** we will offer the unique opportunities to build your own tailor made service to suit individual needs.

ALIVE is a specialist day service that provides a relaxed and safe environment for adults with learning disabilities many that have complex health needs. We support people to develop and maintain learning and domestic skills, take part in activities such as music, arts and crafts, sensory baking and cooking, sports and games all while making friends. We have a highly trained and motivated team that have lots of experience in supporting people with a wide range of disabilities.

ALIVE has a therapy side to the day service, we offer Rebound therapy which is a form of therapy using a trampoline to facilitate movement. We also offer hydrotherapy and have multi-sensory rooms.

**For information or to arrange a free taster session at ALIVE please call 0114
284 8401 or email alive@abbeycareandnursing.co.uk**

The Sheffield Autistic Society Summer Playscheme Monday 31st July to Friday 11th Aug 2017

You **must** be a member of Sheffield Autistic Society to apply for a place on our Playscheme – if you are not yet a member, or have not re-registered for 2017 please do so as soon as possible to be considered for a place.

The Playscheme is based at Whirlow Hall Farm and is for children on the Autistic Spectrum aged between **8 and 14 years**. One sibling can also attend, the sibling place can be shared within the family (siblings must also be between 8 and 14).

- The Playscheme is organised and managed by 4 experienced Playleaders. The Playleaders are assisted by up to 25 Playworkers. This enables each family to be allocated one Playworker. All have enhanced DBS status.
- The Playscheme will run from **10 am to 3pm** each day.
- There is a high cost to the Society of running the Playscheme so we ask for a contribution of £8 per child per day or 2 children (autistic child plus sibling) for £15 per day.
- **Do not send any money with this form.**

Parents are expected to transport their children to and from the Playscheme each day.

If you are interested please fill in and return the reply slip below to Sally, Louise, Amy and Sam as soon as possible, and certainly **BEFORE 30 April 2017**.

Please fill in neatly as we have received forms in the past that are impossible to read. Don't jeopardise the possibility of gaining a place!

CONSIDERATION FOR SHEFFIELD AUTISTIC SOCIETY SUMMER PLAYSCHEME 2017 – MEMBERS REPLY SLIP

Name of Child with ASD.....DOB.....

Name of Sibling.....DOB.....

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Phone no.....

Email address (important as we try to do all our communication this way to save on costs!)

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Additional Information e.g. school ASD child attends, any other after school or holiday club they go to, any medical needs they have, or any behavioural issues etc

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Please return form before 30 April 2017 to:-

SAS Playscheme, 101 Green Oak Rd, Sheffield. S17 4FR.