

Walsall Learning Disability Summer Scheme

Useful Information

The Summer Scheme has been a provision that has been running in Walsall over 10 years. We hope that that you find the information within this pack useful and helps you understand the

Aims The outlined aims are as follows:

- Develop a programme of activities to run over four consecutive weeks.
- Enable individuals to engage with others and develop new friendships.
- To ensure that all activities are accessible and inclusive
- To provide respite to Family and Carers
- Develop new opportunities and interests
- To build confidence and self esteem
- Develop links to Community involvement and inclusion
- Provide opportunities to increase skills and learning developments
- Develop skills/opportunities to employment pathways
- Supports Person Centred outcomes

Criteria:

- Do you have a learning disability?
- Do you live in Walsall?
- Do you and get less than six hours of care services?
- Are you aged between 18-65 years?

Duration

It operates for 4 consecutive weeks during the main Summer School/College closures.

Time

It opens daily at 10am until 4pm, exceptions will be made on days of trips and for specific activities – (this will be detailed within the programme).

Capacity

We have a daily capacity of 55places per day. Places will be offered on an assessment of needs and eligibility of criteria.

Transport

Due to organisational changes to Social Care Transport we are no longer able to provide door to door transport. We apologise for any disadvantage this may cause you as a result, however we will signpost you to other services available to you. This will include Ring Ride Service and Public Transport.

Ring and Ride – 0845 2710455

West Midlands Travel - 0871 200 22 33

Staff

The Summer Scheme is run daily by 8 staff. All of which are highly skilled and experienced in working with people with Disabilities. Within this staff team we have 2 Summer Scheme Co-ordinators who will be your main point of contact should you require any information prior to and during the Summer Scheme.

Nicola Pickles – 07586418477 or Email: npickles@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Gwen Mc Gowen – 07586410493 or Email: gmcgowan@walsallcollege.ac.uk

Information

You will be provided with the following:

Booking form and booking confirmation, Personal information, Emergency contact details, exercise and image consent form, programme details, trip information (this includes: costs, times, venue), you will also be provided with further information as required.

It is important that all information requested is returned back to me must be done so prior to the Summer Scheme starting. We will not be able to accept attendance if personal information is not returned.

Staff will be provide daily information and all forms must be returned directly to them within the time requested. Failure to do so may prevent access to a specific activity.

Activities

There will be a varied programme of activities offered throughout the Summer Scheme. We greatly believe in and encourage community inclusion; therefore the activities within our programme are mainly accessed across the borough. There will a limited number of programmed activities which will take place within Beechdale, however we actively encourage participants to engage in external activities. The programme will be given in advance of the Summer Scheme commencing. The programme aims to offer varied and inclusive range of activities that suits the needs and interest of everyone. On occasions there may be a charge to participate in a particular activity; this information will be within the programme. There may also be some activities that are on a booking only basis; again this information will be given within programme to the Summer Scheme starting. Popular activities will be on a rolling programme to ensure that all persons wishing to take part do get access. Some activities may require a dress code i.e. trainers, loose clothing etc. You will be advised of requirements in advance.

Trips

There will be a number of Local trips running throughout the programme. There will also be a main trip which will include all participants and staff. Full details of these will be given within the Summer Scheme Programme.

There will be no subsidy for trips and cost given will include admission cost and coach fare. The location and charge for trips will be set out within the information given. There will be a form for you to complete which allows you to indicate what trips you are wishing to access. Payment of trips can be made in cash or cheque and we asked that this is paid in advance weekly, fortnightly or monthly you will be issued with a receipt confirming payment. Refunds will only be given if cancellation is made within 48hrs of the specific trip. Some activities may require a dress code i.e. trainers, loose clothing etc. I will advise you by letter.

Venue

The Summer Scheme will operate from Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre situated in Stephenson Square, Beechdale Estate, Walsall WS2 7DY Tel: 01922 746967. This is a fully accessible venue with wheelchair accessible rest room facilities. It can be accessed by bus route 370, 360A or 369. There is a large car park at the front of the building, all cars parked will be at their owners risk and no responsibility will be taken by the Summer Scheme.

Valuables

Personal belongings will be at the owners risk and that no responsibility will be taken by the Summer Scheme. If you require assistance with your spending money please indicate this within the personal information form and arrangements will be made to provide support. **Please note:** All incidents of suspected theft will be taken seriously and the appropriate action will be taken, this may result in your place at the Summer Scheme being cancelled.

Personal Information

To ensure that we are able to offer you the level of support that you may require and that we have a greater understanding of your likes and dislikes we ask that you complete a detailed form prior to accessing the Summer Scheme.

Refreshments

We ask that individuals bring their own packed lunch with them each day. Please ensure that you have sufficient drinks available to you throughout the day. There may be occasions where a packed lunch **may not** be required due to attending a pub lunch or party. I will ensure that you are informed in advance.

Supporting needs

The Summer Scheme staff will be on hand to offer support to all individuals. I must ask that if any individual has a complex need that requires a high level of support to discuss this with Nicola Pickles or Gwen Mc Gowen prior to the Summer Scheme commencing.

Attendance

Please let Nicola Pickles or Gwen McGowen know if you are unable to attend, need to cancel your transport or will be arriving late or leaving early. Where possible please attempt to give 24hrs notice

FaceBook

This year we have set up our very own Facebook page. This will be a great way for you to find out about what we are planning to do during our Scheme. We will also be posting regular updates during the course of the Summer Scheme so that you can share your Summer Scheme experiences with your family and friends. This will also be a great way for you to keep in touch with friends that you may have made during your time on the Summer Scheme. **FIND US ON FACEBOOK** – Walsall Learning Disability Summer Scheme.

Please Note!

There may be times when for reasons beyond our control we may have to change the activities/ trips detailed within the programme. I will ensure that you are notified of any amendments that are made.

Main Summer Scheme contact name and numbers

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