

# YIKS VOICE

Monthly Newsletter from York Inspirational Kids



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## HELLO AND WELCOME

This newsletter aims to provide specialised information to parents, carers, educators and professionals as well as the Inspirational and Ausome Kids of York.

YIKs, YAK and York Hemi Kids are support groups for parents/ carers where they can interact with each other, ask questions and share information in a safe environment. YIKs also incorporates the Parent Carer Forum where we aim to continue to work closely with York parents, City of York Council and CCG to produce good joint partnership working to continue improving services provided for disabled children and young people within the City of York.





# MEET THE PROFESSIONAL KATHRYN PULLAN YIKS AUTISM HUB MANAGER

Hi my name is Kathryn and I am the new autism hub leader! This is a new chapter in my book and I am so excited about meeting you all at our clubs.

I am from Newcastle originally, a fully-fledged Geordie! I moved to Scarborough in 1989 ( yes, I'm that old!) to study as a primary school teacher. I taught in a training centre for people with additional needs for seven years then moved over to York, where I supported students at York college. I then decided to go back to teaching young children... which I did for 18 years and loved every minute of it. I left my teaching job in July to try something new ( I felt I had 'put a shift in' there!) and here I am! I live with my husband and my daughter who is 11 ( she's just gone to big, big school) and two cheeky cats! I LOVE singing and have a song for every occasion ( test me out I love the challenge!) I also enjoy crafty activities, especially messy ones!

I am finding my feet at the hub, getting to know everyone and am keen to build up those all-important relationships with your children and you. So do say hi and if you have any questions I will try and help you find the answer!

I look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you all to the hub where 'we're all about the fun'

Bye for now... Kathryn

## AUGUST WINNERS!!

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
200 CLUB WINNERS:

£50 SYLVIA STEVENSON  
£25 HELGA MCBURN  
£15 AMANDA DUCK  
£10 GABI HAWTHORNE

YOUR CHEQUES ARE ON  
THEIR WAY!

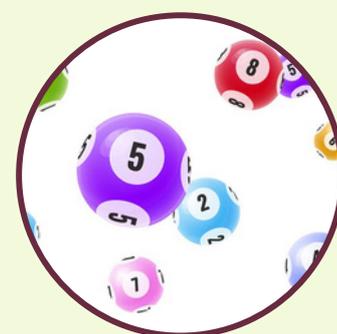
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN  
IN.

ONLY £2 PER ENTRY (MAX 5  
ENTRIES)

OPEN TO ALL. PLEASE  
EMAIL

YIK200CLUB@GMAIL.COM  
FOR A REGISTRATION  
FORM.

HUGE THANKS TO  
BECKY WARBOYS  
FOR RUNNING THIS FOR US.



# POST 16 EVENTS

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-25  
TO HELP DEVELOP SOCIAL AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

22 SEPTEMBER 2022 18:30 - ONLINE EVENT

29 SEPTEMBER 2022 8:30 - YORK BOAT CRUISE WITH BURGER £10PP **FULLY BOOKED**

5 OCTOBER 19:30 ABBA THANKYOU FOR THE MUSIC GRAND OPERA HOUSE YORK £18PP **FULLY BOOKED**

6 OCTOBER 18:30 ONLINE CARTOON DRAWING

13 OCTOBER 18:30 HEALTHY LIVING TALK YIKS OFFICE EVANS BUSINESS PARK YORK

20 OCTOBER 18:30 ONLINE QUIZ NIGHT

26 OCTOBER 19:30 THE ULTIMATE QUEEN GRAND OPERA HOUSE YORK £13PP VIA PAYAL TO 'RUTH@KEYWORKING.CO.UK' PUT MERCURY' IN THE COMMENTS

27 OCTOBER 18:30 CINEMA TRIP

**WE HAVE ENJOYED SOME GREAT SESSIONS SINCE THE NEW YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT US**



*I like post 16 group. we do things we wouldn't normally do and i get to have fun with my friends - G aged 17*

Today has been really good. I like Inditeens. J aged 15

Other kids should come and join us. It's really good fun R aged 15



**INDITEENS - WORKING WITH EDUCATION PARTNERS ACROSS THE CITY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. THEY HAD A GREAT DAY AT VUE CINEMA IN JULY .**

# ACTIVITIES

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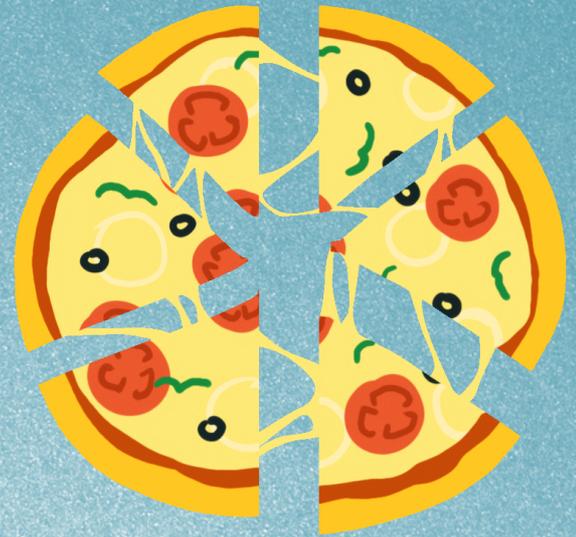
### SAT CLUB 10.30- 12 NOON

£2 PER CHILD, FREE TEA/COFFEE FOR PARENTS WILL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER

1 OCT 10:30 MUSIC WORKSHOP

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15 OCT 10:30 TBC SANDERSON HOUSE ACOMB YO265AR



### 26 OCT PIZZA MAKING AT STIMUL8

£10 PER CHILD TO BE PAID VIA PAYPAL TO RUTH@KEYWORKING.CO.UK AND PUT 'PIZZA' IN THE PAYPAL COMMENTS BOX

### FRI 28 OCT HALLOWEEN CAKE DECORATING AT STIMUL8

£8PP TO BE PAID VIA PAYPAL TO RUTH@KEYWORKING.CO.UK AND PUT 'CAKES' IN THE COMMENTS BOX



### DAYS/EVENINGS OUT:

22 SEPT 17:00 INCLUSIVE CYCLING - YORK SPORT VILLAGE HESINGTON

24 OCT 14:00 POP PRINCESSES GRAND OPERA HOUSE YORK (SOLD OUT)

To enquire about events  
please contact  
07871617465



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

IN SEPT WE HAVE ATTENDED MANY MEETINGS & DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING:

- THE SEND IMPROVEMENT BOARD
- KEYWORKER IMPLEMENTATION
- ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
- SEND NETWORK
- PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD
- HOSPITAL TRANSITIONS
- DFE LOCAL AREA SUPPORTERS
- CAMHS
- CARERS STRATEGY
- COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

## PARENT CARER SESSIONS

Coffee morning 26 September 10am - Stimul8 Inclusive Cafe Nether Poppleton

## PARENT CARER FORUM MEETINGS

4 October 7pm AGM

11 November 09:30 via zoom

7 December 7pm via zoom

Parent Training Sessions:

29 Sept - EHCP workshop. Book via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/york-parent-carer-ehcp-workshop-tickets-328744342177>

## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Parent Engagement**

**Coordinator:**

**07871617365**





**YIKs**  
**Parent Carer Forum**  
**AGM**



**Monday 17 October 2022**  
**Denham Room, Priory Street Centre**  
**York YO1 6ET**  
**7pm**  
**FREE Entry**

**AGM**

**Guest Speakers**

**Cheese and Wine**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

It's finally here!

YIKS All About Autism is part of York Inspirational Kids. Based at Sanderson House, Bramham Rd, Acomb, York, YO26 5AR it offers Autism Clubs and holiday clubs for autistic children and young people, pre and post-diagnostic support and parental support and training.

To book visit:  
[yiksaaa.org](http://yiksaaa.org)

*see you soon!*





YIKs All About Autism

# Volunteers Needed

Are you passionate about supporting and enabling autistic children and young people?

Do you have 3 hours upwards in school term time or 4 hours upwards in school holidays available to support us?

If you do, York Inspirational Kids needs you!!

Where?

Based in York we are looking for volunteers to support our term time and holiday clubs for children and young people on the autistic spectrum.

Who?

This would ideally suit someone with experience of working with autistic children and young people or have a lived experience with a family member with autism.

What will you be doing?

Supporting autistic children and young people to access activities, support them and staff during snack and meal times as well as a variety of other supporting duties.

For more information contact :



[lisa@yiks.co.uk](mailto:lisa@yiks.co.uk)





## **YIKs All About Autism**

### **Support Workers for Autism Clubs**

Are you passionate about supporting and enabling autistic children and young people? Then **York Inspirational Kids** needs you!! Based in York we are looking for staff to support our term time and holiday clubs for children and young people on the autistic spectrum. Joining our busy team in York we are looking for -

#### **Support Workers**

Ideally Level 3 qualified but with a minimum of working towards Level 2 and reporting into the Team Leader you will have experience of working in an after school/holiday club setting. Experience of working with autistic young people would be advantageous but not essential. Hours will be 3 hours per day Mon-Fri term time (between 4-9pm depending on the day) and full days in school holidays. We can offer contracts from 6 hours per week upwards. £11 per hour

**YIKs All About Autism** is an inspiring place to work. We are dynamic, forward thinking and rely on great team players.

Interested? Please send your CV and covering letter stating the amount of hours you are available to work to [julia@groundedhr.co.uk](mailto:julia@groundedhr.co.uk) by 10 Oct 2022

# Specialist Teaching Team for Autism

## Wednesday Parent Support Autumn 2022

### Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

**Phone line support: 9-12 noon** 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

**In person drop-in support: 1-3 p.m.** at **The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Sanderson House, Braham Road, YO26 5AR**

#### Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) dates and times:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1-3 p.m.

To **book a phone line call**, please email:

[parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk](mailto:parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk)

**This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.**

We require your name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you. We will then send you an approximate time slot for your 20 minute call.

If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis.

**For in person drop-in sessions**, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.



# OPPORTUNITIES EVENT

**Tuesday 18 October 2022**  
**4 – 7pm**  
**Askham Bryan College**