

# What's On?



## FORMBY COFFEE MORNING

St Luke's C of E Primary School, Jubilee Road.  
Tuesday 9.30-11.00 am  
Jan 9th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th

## SOUTH SEFTON COFFEE MORNING

Rowan High School, L21 Hub, Sterrix Lane, Litherland  
Friday 9.30-11.00am  
26th January, 23rd February, 30th March, 27th April, 25th, May, 29th

Run by Sefton's inclusion service these regular meetings are well attended and run by well informed staff. Together Trust Social Communication coffee mornings, Together Trust L30 Community Centre, Netherton, Liverpool, L30 0QS, 0151 330 5996 10am-12.30pm

- Thursday 8th March 2018
- Thursday 17th May 2018
- Thursday 5th July 2018



## OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS RUNNING IN SEFTON INCLUDE.

**Charlie's Way** 12-2pm, Southport Community Centre, Norwood Road  
Regular Monday meeting in Southport



**Grub @the Hub (incorporating SAPS)** 12-3pm Last Saturday of the month St Oswald's Church and Community Centre, Ronald Ross Avenue, Netherton



## Family Friendly Cafe

First Saturday of the month 2-4pm  
Hope Community Church, Aintree

If you have events that you would like sharing on our Facebook page, or newsletter please get in touch on [seftonparentcarerforum@gmail.com](mailto:seftonparentcarerforum@gmail.com)



# SEFTON PARENT CARER FORUM

## Quarterly Newsletter Winter 2018

Awareness - Engagement - Participation

### Welcome to No.2 Newsletter.

As a forum we attend many meetings on your behalf, we meet with the local authority and health regularly and update them with the concerns that affect us all and we gain information from them as to new initiatives, changes and plans.

As a forum we hope we are able to continue to be a voice for parents in Sefton but it is important we hear as many parent views and experiences as possible to enable us to do that well so join us and help us to be the best we can be.

We've had a very busy term at SPCF. As well as our own event that we put on giving opportunities to share and discuss the action plan one year on from the OFSTED and CQC report. We have also supported the SEFTON SAWVY APP launch and been continuing with our usual meetings with the Local Authority and Health. I was lucky enough to attend the NNPCF (National Network of Parent Carer Forums) Annual Conference.

In the new year we also have an information day coming up, and hope to introduce a selection of training opportunities to support parents on 'hot' topics. We have also been doing some work on our data base and in-order to comply with new data protection laws coming out will be asking for updated information, so please look out for that.



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## OFSTED SEND inspection 'What happens next?'

Our event in Early November was very well received. The team from the Local Authority that came to share the action plan were keen to show that they want to listen and learn from parents and to make changes that improve the service that young people and their families are receiving. We had presentations from Mike Mc Sorley (Head of Schools and Families) Dwayne Johnson (Director of Social care and health) Nicky Walsh (Lead Educational Psychologist) Sandra McKay (Lead SENCO) and Peter Wong (Children's commissioner from Sefton CCG).



We were particularly pleased with the round table discussions and were glad that parents and carers were able to contribute their thoughts and ideas for things that needed to be improved but also areas where good practice has been recognised. We were also pleased that our friends from Health watch were also able to attend. They are always available to hear views and find out what is going on for families. If you need to get in touch with Health watch to share information you can do so on this e mail address: [info@healthwatchsefton.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsefton.co.uk)



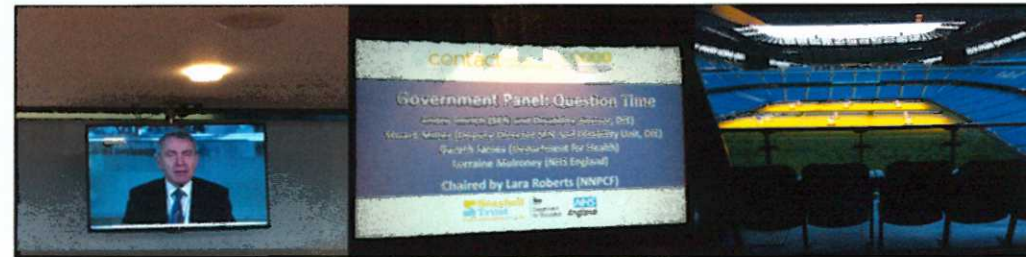
## Sefton Savvy App Launch

We were delighted to support Adele Hoskison-Clarke and Liz Barr from the Local Authority with their launch of the Sefton Savvy App and the short films that have been made to support families with the EHC process in sefton. Alongside the CWAN (Children with Additional Needs Network) the SPCF funded the launch in Southport at the Salvation Army and in Crosby at the Plaza. We are all so proud of the young people who were involved and pleased that many people came to support them and celebrate their hard work, including the Mayor of Sefton. You can view the films on the following link from the local offer. <https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=3>



## Regular coffee morning catch up

Our regular coffee mornings at St Luke's in Formby and Rowan High in Litherland are going from strength to strength. We've been lucky enough to have some great guests including PSS who provide independent support to families going through the EHC process. We hope to be able to invite more people in the new year. Along with training opportunities it promises to be interesting so watch this space for more information.



## NNPCF Annual Conference

I attended the NNPCF Annual conference at the Ethiad Stadium in Manchester in late November. We heard from people including the head of CQC about the one year on review of the OFSTED and CQC SEND inspections. The minister for SEND (Robert Goodwill) was unable to attend, however, senior civil servants were informative and keen to engage with parents and carers. The NNPCF steering group had identified themes that are issues for PCFs up and down the country. This coming year expect to hear more from the DfE, DoH and DoT around SEN Support, joint commissioning, preparation for adulthood, and transport.

*Our next event will take place on Thursday 22nd February at Crosby Lakeside. It will be an Information Day with stands from various services and providers in the Sefton Area. There will be a number of speakers including Gill Cowley and her team talking about the roll out of Transport Personal Budgets.*

If you would like to keep up to date with news and events from forum, you can register your details with:

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