



CYPF News



Funding

We have pulled together local and national funding opportunities.

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Service updates

Join the Dudley parenting strategy launch on Tuesday 17th November to learn more about the future of the Dudley parenting strategy.

Annual SEND Survey

The Dudley Parent Carer Forum has launched their annual survey.

Have your say on page 2



As the autumn season settles in, we continue to be inspired by the relentless dedication of our sector in supporting children, young people, and families across Dudley.

This month's newsletter pulls together updates, opportunities and resources to help you navigate the months ahead.

The Dudley parenting strategy will be launched next month at Revival Fires with training,

networking and a marketplace.

Share your views

Your voice is important, we have found opportunities for people to contribute to the Dudley Parent Carer Forum's Annual SEND Survey, the Milburn review through an interactive online session with KIDS, and opportunities to share your thoughts on physical activity in young people in the area.

Our CYPF Networking lunch

continues to be popular, with over 60 people joining us in October, we will be hosting another lunch in December - with a few festive twists!

We hope you find this month's updates valuable and look forward to continuing to connect and support the sector.

The Children's Team

Dudley parenting strategy launch



Join the launch of the Dudley Parenting Strategy, take part in training, workshops, networking and a market place and hear from guest speaker, Rachaele Hambleton.



Tuesday 17th November 9:15am - 4pm



Revival Fires, DY1 3AL



Lunch provided



Network Updates

Interactive session for young people to find out about the Milburn Review

Kids

KIDS want young people to join them in an online, interactive session. During it they will be:

- Finding out about the Milburn Review on young people who are NEET (don't worry, they'll talk about what NEET means).
- Sharing thoughts and experiences
- Help shape what KIDS are saying to the government.

Email KIDS for the session link:
takepart@kids.org.uk

Monday 26th October

6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Click to find out about The Milburn Review](#)

Power Hour



The Milburn Review
Looking at how to give all young people better opportunities in education, work and life.

What is it?
The Milburn Review is an independent review looking at why more young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET), and what needs to change.

Who is leading it?
It is led by Rt Hon Alan Milburn, who was asked by the Department for Work and Pensions to carry out the review.

Why is it happening?
Nearly 1 million young people aged 16 to 24 in the UK are not in education, employment or training. That's about 1 in 8 young people.

Who is it focusing on?
The first phase looks at different groups of young people. We know that young disabled people and those with health conditions are much more likely to be NEET.

What areas does it look at?

Education	Work	Health and wellbeing	Support	Barriers
Can I learn in a way that works for me?	Can I find and access the right opportunities?	Do I get the support I need?	Is someone there to help me move forward?	What is getting in my way?

What happens next?
The review will be published in 2 phases:

- 1 **Discovery phase (May 2026)**
Finds out what the problems are.
- 2 **Solution phase (later in 2026)**
Looks at what needs to change and sets out ideas for reform.

Why does it matter?
Young people have the right to good opportunities. Helping more young people into education and work can lead to:

- ✓ brighter futures for individuals
- ✓ stronger, fairer communities
- ✓ a healthier and stronger economy

Your voice counts!
What do you think needs to change to give young people better opportunities?

YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER!
Different experiences. A fairer future.

Dudley Parent Carer Forum Annual Survey 2026

Dudley Parent Carer forum are running their annual survey and need your help.

- Are you a parent / carer / guardian?
- Do you have a child/young person with SEND between the ages of 0-25?
- Do you live in Dudley?

If so please take the 10-15min survey. Questions cover a range of services within the area to help capture the feelings of parent carers across Dudley borough.

Scan the QR code to complete:





Digital confidence and safety

Safeguarding, social media and AI

There are unique safeguarding situations and considerations in online spaces. The the Charity Excellence online course can build on existing safeguarding training or knowledge.

Find out more here: www.bit.ly/3T0oePm



Improving digital literacy

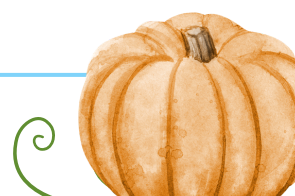
If you feel out of your depth when discussing social media, AI or other digital topics, you can build your knowledge online for free.

Google Courses on Coursera are a good place to start with free online courses on a range of topics:

<https://www.coursera.org/google-certificates/digital-marketing-certificate>



If you prefer to speak to someone, Katie specialises in digital communications and can talk through any specific questions you have regarding social media, AI or digital communications: katie@dudleycvs.org.uk





Networking lunch

Over 60 people joined us for a networking lunch on 13th October. This event was open to the whole CYPF Network and other organisations that work with young people and families.

Attendees brought leaflets and resources to share and highlight their services. This

quickly took over the entire stage. The stage became a great display of all of the organisations and groups that are working to support young people and families.

We heard how people were surprised about the sheer number of organisations in Dudley borough, this is some

thing we have learnt. Each time we host a network event we

"We connected with various organisations who will hopefully help us improve our SEND support."

- Network Attendee

[View the slides from local organisations here.](#)



Festive networking lunch

Join us for a special festive CYPF networking lunch in December. Celebrate the great work achieved over the past year and learn about winter support.



Wednesday 9th December
12:30pm - 2:30pm



DY1 Community Centre



Lunch provided

Book here:

bit.ly/DECLUN



DUDLEY PARENTING STRATEGY LAUNCH

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026

9:15 - REGISTRATION/DRINKS 9:40 START TO 4PM
REVIVAL FIRES - DY1 3AL

Guest speaker :

Rachaele Hambleton, best known as Part-Time Working Mummy, is a Sunday Times bestselling author, content creator, and campaigner. Known for her honest, humorous approach to parenting and life in a blended family, she shares stories that connect with people far beyond social media. She is also the founder of Patchwork House women's centre, supporting women and children affected by domestic abuse. Drawing on her own experiences, Rachaele speaks openly about resilience, family, and the power of helping others.



- Lunch & Refreshments provided
- Market place & Networking
- Training/awareness workshops
- Resources & InformationGoody bag & promo
- Partners/colleagues welcome
- Networking with families, services & organisations

Grab your free goody bag & promo pack



DUDLEY
PARENTING
STRATEGY
2026-2029



Get
booking



**BEST
START
IN LIFE**



Dudley
family hub
network

Empowering Neurodivergent Youth

The funding supports UK grassroots organisations delivering initiatives that aim to help neurodivergent young people thrive in life and education.

- ✓ Grassroots organisations in the UK supporting neurodivergent children and their families.
- ✓ Grants can be used for a wide range of activities that support neurodivergent children and their families.

£ Discretionary. Typically £200 - £2000

🕒 24th October 2026

📄 www.geniuswithin.org/blooming-genius-1/



Community Grants

The Giving Machine, a registered charity, aims to provide funding opportunities to good causes to ensure their sustainable future.

- ✓ Any eligible good cause based in the UK can apply. We define good causes as any charity, school, CASC, CIC, Social Enterprise or other organisation that is non-profit.
- ✓ Must be registered in the UK with a UK bank account in your registered name.

✗ Income over £1million.

£ £250

🕒 31st October 2026

📄 www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/solutions/for-causes/grants/



Community Grants
Powered by TheGivingMachine

Support for finance and income generation.

Dudley CVS's group development team works with all types of not-for-profits and people interested in setting up new not-for-profits to help them become strong, efficient and sustainable. Our friendly and experienced team gives support across the themes listed below.

For more funding opportunities visit:
www.dudleycvs.org.uk/





Young people co-create mindfulness animation



Dudley Young Health Champions have worked with Happier Minds and local artists to create an animation showcasing calming breathing exercises.

The animation walks you through four different breathing exercises to help you feel calm and remain mindful during stressful moments.

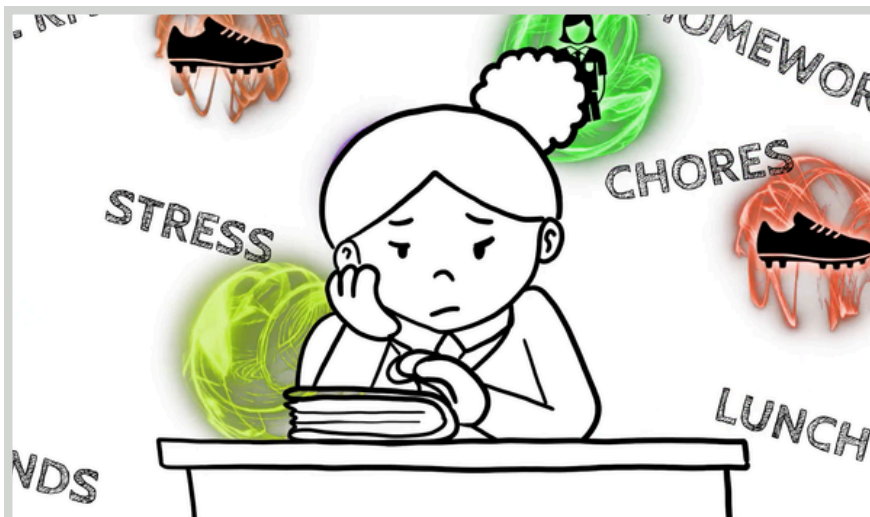
Watch the video, or share with young people who you think may benefit from using breathing exercises to find centre and calm in overwhelming moments.

We will be showcasing the animation and practicing the four breathing exercises at the DYHC Conference in November.

Watch the animation here:



bit.ly/DYHCBREATHE





Join us at the DYHC Conference

The Dudley Young Health Champions across the borough will be coming together to present their projects.

This conference will be a place to discover the health and wellbeing topics that matter to young people, watch engaging presentations and support the next generation of changemakers.

This year there will be:

- Follow along with animations teaching breathing and mindfulness exercises.
- Watch the national Martha's Rule Video campaign, teaching people about a new law that empowers people to get an urgent review if they suspect signs of sepsis.

- Discover what life can be like with neurodiversity through a creative poem.
- See how young people have contributed to a Alcohol Awareness campaign.
- Find out how you can get involved in future projects!



"This evening demonstrated the valuable contribution young people can make. It's highlighted how our services must include young people in service design and delivery." - Jason Griffiths, Chief Officer Healthwatch Dudley

Last chance to book your place!



Tuesday 3rd November 11am-3pm



Brierley Hill Civic Hall



Lunch provided

Book here: bit.ly/3TrQIS2



Network highlight



The Goodwill Revolution Be the Change

A brand new community organisation set up to help those who 'fall through the cracks' in the Black Country.



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www.thegoodwillrevolution.co.uk

WHO WE ARE



A volunteer-led organisation that has set up to pay kindness forward. We're from the Black Country, for the Black Country.



We want to give something back to our local community and help those facing a time of crisis, adversity or hardship through no fault of their own.



Only accept referrals from trusted sources: those who work closely with members of our community.



We ask donors to donate just £1 a week in our mission to create a community of collective kindness.

WHAT WE DO



We receive referrals through from trusted sources, who are aware that an individual/family is facing a really tough time.



The referring agencies may have tried other sources of support and been unsuccessful so we aim to help those who really need it.



Our support is bespoke to each individual case and is dependent on funds available. See some examples here:



Follow us on:



EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES WE MAY SUPPORT:



Supporting families/individuals who have escaped domestic violence (e.g. if they are in need of essential furniture/appliances once they have relocated)



Supporting families who have suffered a sudden bereavement (perhaps with counselling sessions/support with household budget such as supermarket vouchers/childcare costs etc.)



Supporting families/individuals who have lost everything following a fire at home, which the insurance doesn't cover.



Supporting individuals/families following the diagnosis of an ongoing health condition which renders them unable to work

Christmas toy appeal

kids clothes
project

Charity Number 1215064



Random Act
Of Kindness

Black Country CIC

This is the QR code if you are
able to help financially



Lets come
together as a
community, to make
Christmas fantastic
for over 1000 Children
across the Black
Country



randomactblackcountry@outlook.com

or



help@kidsclothesproject.co.uk





Promote your service and events

Mapping provision

We want to ensure all youth activities and support are listed, in one place, in an accessible way so that young people can find the support they need.

Register your provision on iZone to ensure young people in Dudley can find the support you offer.

bit.ly/izoneregister



Promote your event

We are now listing events for young people across Dudley borough on iZone.

If you have an upcoming event that you would like listed, email katie@dudleycvs.org.uk

