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## Out of Amaze - January 2020



### Welcome to our January e-newsletter!

Thank you for reading the second edition of our new-look 'Out of Amaze'. We had a great response to our first edition in November but we'd still love to get your feedback so give us your comments or suggestions on this [quick online survey](#). We know the newsletter is going to some people's spam folder so please do forward it to friends and contacts if you think they might have missed it.

As well as links to helpful videos and features about SEND issues, this edition covers new developments to our helpline service, what's happening with the national SEND review and showcases our Looking Forward careers service. You can read the latest from Brighton & Hove's parent carer forum and see what events and

courses Amaze has coming up soon. Finally, you can find out what we've been getting up to in the last couple of months, in [Rachel's roundup](#).

*Rachel Travers, Amaze CEO.*

## Latest news



### New ways to get help from our SENDIASS team

We're really excited about two developments for our SENDIASS helpline that we hope will cut the time you have to wait to speak to an adviser. We have a new helpline assistant, Boo Vaughan, who will be contacting people who have left messages to book them a **scheduled callback** with a trained SENDIASS adviser to discuss their issue in more detail. We're also trialling **Live Chat** on our website – which will give you another route to one of our SENDIASS advisers. The three-week Live Chat trial will begin on **Mon 17 February** and if it's successful we'll roll out the Live Chat service alongside our helpline this year. Keep your eye on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds for more information soon!



## What now for SEND reforms?

Have you been wondering what is happening with the promised review of SEND support now we have a new government? Ros Cook, Amaze's Services Director, looks at what the future might hold.

[Read more >](#)

## Get creative with MyMarc

Are you a young person who likes art? If so, Amazing Futures has a great opportunity for you to get involved in a creative project with MyMarc Art Project and Phoenix Brighton in March and April.

[Find out more >](#)

## AMAZE ADVICE ZONE



### VIDEO: SENDIASS explains part-time timetables

Is your child only going to school part-time? Emma from Amaze SENDIASS explains the law around part-time timetables and how to make sure your child is getting the education they are entitled to.

[Watch the video >](#)



## The everyday magic of therapy

Does your child have physio, occupational or speech and language therapy? Read our top tips for making the most of **therapies** to help your child stay well, grow stronger and get better at everyday things.

[Read our tips >](#)



## Challenging behaviour course

Still a few places left on the free **Challenging Behaviour Foundation** workshops we are hosting on 4 Feb and 3 March in Brighton. You need to attend both sessions so sign up asap. If you can't make it, read our [advice about challenging behaviour](#)

[Book a place >](#)



## Looking Forward careers guidance for young people with SEND

Amy Goble, our Looking Forward Information, Advice and Guidance worker, explains how the Looking Forward project is helping young people with additional needs to take the **next steps in education, training or employment.**

[Read more >](#)



## Brighton & Hove Parent Carers' Council (PaCC)

Find out what PaCC have been up to, including their work with Brighton & Hove CCG to improve the neurodevelopmental pathway, home to school transport issues and budgets.

[Read PaCC update](#)



### SENDIASS EHC Needs Assessment Workshop

A free workshop from Amaze's **SENDIASS** service on **31 March** for parent carers in Brighton & Hove who are going through the **Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment** process.

[Book a place >](#)



### Dream day for Compass Card holders

Compass Card holders won't want to miss our free Compass Day at **Chailey Heritage Foundation's Dream Centre** on **Fri 21 Feb**. Fully accessible, the event offers sports, arts, sensory quiet areas and more...

[Find out more >](#)



### Wills & Trusts workshop

A free, friendly, informal event for parents who are interested in securing their child's future. Run by Philip Warford of **Renaissance Legal**, the course will take place on **12 March** at Community Base, Brighton.

[Book a place >](#)

## Can you tell us what you think of our Compass Card and DLA/PIP work?

Have you had help from our **DLA/PIP project**? Or do you have a **Compass Card**? If so, please spare a few moments to give us your feedback by filling in one, two or all three of our short surveys! Your **feedback is vital** to help Amaze improve and to help secure future funding for these important projects.



Take our surveys



### Golf ladies champion Amaze

Huge thanks to **Brighton & Hove Golf Club Ladies Section** who supported Amaze for the whole of 2019. Here is Captain, Charlotte Hinge, presenting **£3051** to Nicky from Amaze. If you know of anyone looking to support a charity this year through a business, community group or sports team, please contact Amaze.



### Calling runners and riders!

It is not too late to run the **Brighton Marathon** or **10K** on Sun 19 April and we have 1 place left for **BM Ride**, the new cycle lap before the Marathon. Amaze still has charity places with very achievable targets or you can run or ride for us with your own place. Call Nicky B on 01273 234014 or email

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