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PARENTS CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTERS

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 SENIASS team

We're really excited about two developments for our SENIASS 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 SENIASS 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 SENIASS 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 >](#)

Face2Face in East Sussex

Face2Face **peer befriending** is launching in East Sussex! Our trained befrienders can give **emotional support** to parents of disabled children during the very early days, around the time of diagnosis.

[Find out more >](#)

Get Amazingly Active with us!

Our Amazing Futures project is launching a brand new **inclusive healthy exercise programme** for young people with additional needs in Eastbourne. We're looking for young people to train as **peer coaches** to help deliver the sessions - training starts in February and the project kicks off in 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 >](#)



Confused by all the jargon?

Want to know your EBD from your ASC or your SENCO from your IEWO? Never fear, Amaze's searchable online **jargon buster** can help you with all those SEND terms and acronyms that seem designed to confuse us!

[Search our jargon buster >](#)



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 >](#)

East Sussex Parent Carer Forum



Latest news



What we've been up to



The bigger picture



Who are ESPCF



Get involved

Update from the East Sussex Parent Carer Forum

The East Sussex Parent Carer Forum is now officially up and running. Find out how you can get involved and share your views!

[Read ESPCF latest >](#)



EHC Needs Assessments

A free workshop from Amaze's **SENDIASS** service on **Tues 11 Feb** in Eastbourne for parent carers who are going through the **Education, Health and Care (EHC)** needs assessment process.

[Book a place >](#)

SEN Support in School workshop

Free Amaze **SENDIASS** workshop on **3 March** aimed at parents who are worried about the progress their child is making at school. The workshop will take place at **Ditchling Primary School**, near Hassocks.

[Book a place >](#)

EHC Plans & Pizza!

Young people can come along to this free **SENDIASS** session on **10 Feb** at the YMCA in **Eastbourne** to find out more about their EHC plan and the annual review process. Enjoy some free pizzas on us at the same time.

[Find out more >](#)



Amazing Futures on film

Have you ever wondered exactly what Amazing Futures is? If so, we've got a lovely new video that shows how the project works to support young people in East Sussex with additional needs.

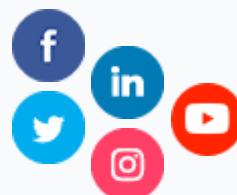
[Watch the video >](#)

East Sussex AGM a big hit

Our first ever East Sussex AGM took place at the Lawn Tennis Association in Eastbourne in December. We celebrated our Amazing Futures project for young people and showcased all the other services we now offer in East Sussex.

[Find out more >](#)

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