



PARENTS CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTERS

Welcome to our winter e-newsletter

We're gearing up for the festive season here at Amaze. Check out our Amazing Gifts campaign or buy some of our gorgeous festive cards designed by young people from Amazing Futures. Also in this issue, you can book onto one of our SENDIASS workshops taking place in the new year, get tips on talking to young people about money, and hear about the latest Compass Card offers and our role in the Stay Well This Winter campaign. We hope you have a brilliant festive season and get to snatch a little bit of peace and joy!



Amazing Gifts Campaign

This December, we are excited to launch the Amazing Gifts campaign designed by young people with additional needs who attend the Amazing Futures Project. The aim of the campaign is to raise funds for the project so that it can continue to run. We urgently need to raise **£20,000** to support more young people with additional needs who have been significantly affected by the pandemic.

[Give an Amazing Gift and donate now >](#)



Festive cards and fundraising events

Young people from Amazing Futures have also designed some beautiful festive cards to raise further funds. Cards are **£7 for a pack of 8** and you can [order your cards online here](#). You can also support Amaze by coming along to see Arthur Ward's Crazy Rhythm Orchestra (at a variety of locations both indoor and outdoor) or visiting our stall at the Brighton Xmas Market on 12 December. Get full details of all [Amaze's festive fundraising events](#).



Brighton & Hove SEND Strategy Update

Work is underway on implementation of the new Brighton & Hove SEND Strategy 2021-2026. Learn about the progress being made on the actions parents and carers identified as priorities for the first year, including the neurodevelopmental pathway, reviewing Early Help, post-16 opportunities, and more.

[Read more >](#)



Amaze winter round-up

Amaze CEO, Rachel Travers, summarises all the work we have been doing, locally and nationally, together with our local parent carer forums, to shape and improve the services and support available for children and young people with SEND and their families.

[Amaze latest >](#)



SENDIASS WORKSHOPS: Book now!

We've got a whole host of Amaze workshops about SEND issues coming up in the new year, delivered by our brilliant SENDIASS and DLA/PIP teams, many of whom are parent carers themselves. The workshops are delivered via Zoom and are all completely FREE to attend! Click on the links to book via Eventbrite.

- Tues 11 Jan - **EHC Needs Assessment**
- Fri 14 Jan - **How to claim DLA**
- Weds 19 Jan - **Annual Reviews**
- Tues 25 Jan - **How to claim PIP**
- Tues 1 Feb - **Preparation for Adulthood**
- Thurs 17 Feb - **SEN Support**

[Visit Eventbrite for all our upcoming events >](#)



Getting SENDIASS help if you don't speak English

If you'd like help from Amaze but you can't speak to us in English, you can contact [Sussex Interpreting Services](#) for help with getting in touch. They will make contact with us and tell us



Helping young people understand more about money

Over the festive season, some of our young people may be lucky enough to receive money from relatives. It's the

about the kind of support you need. We've also **translated our leaflet** into additional languages: Arabic, Bengali, Farsi, French, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish.

[Download leaflets >](#)

perfect time to start talking to them about **money and how to make it work** for them. We've put together some **tips** to help you help your young person with additional needs understand more about money.

[Read more >](#)



SENDIASS advice line over Xmas

The SENDIASS advice line will close for Christmas at 1pm on **Thursday 23 December** and will reopen on **Tuesday 4 January**. You will still be able to leave a voicemail and email messages that we'll respond to after the holiday. Season's Greetings from the SENDIASS team.

Making the most of your Compass Card



Christmas hits the Compass

Head over to our news and events page to find out all about all the **Christmas shows and pantos** that provide Compass Card offers, including ['The Snow Queen'](#) at Brighton Dome, the Sing-a-Long screening of ['The Greatest Showman'](#) at Theatre Royal, and [A Christmas Carol](#) by Lantern Light Theatre. Or, maybe you'd prefer some outdoor ice skating at The [Royal Pavilion Ice Rink](#). Whatever you fancy, there's bound to be a festive activity for your Compass Card holder and family to enjoy. Remember to keep a watch on the [Compass Card Facebook page](#) for competitions, new offers and all things fun! As well as fantastic leisure discounts, the Compass ensures the needs of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs are taken into account. If you haven't registered for a Compass Card yet, find out if you might be [eligible and apply](#).

[Compass news and events page >](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE



Young people's art project billboards installed in Southwick

During the summer a group of young people from our **Amazing Futures** group took part in a five-week art project. The project focused on designing billboards for a development site on Albion Street in Southwick. The young people chose a theme of home, or things which are important to them.

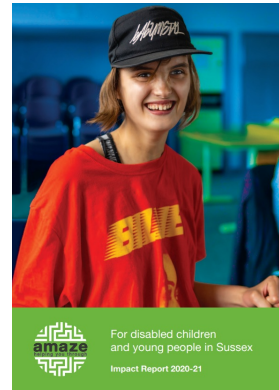
[Read more >](#)

If you're aged 14 to 25 with SEND, and live in Brighton & Hove or East Sussex, learn more about **Amazing Futures groups for young people**.

Our Amazing impact

Would you like to know more about the work we do and the impact it has on the lives of the families we work with? Our latest **Amaze Impact Report** tells you all the things we achieved in **2020/21**. It's also stuffed with lovely pics of some of the young people from our Amazing Futures groups and local SEND families

[Read our Impact Report >](#)



PaCC round up December 2021

In the latest PaCC round up, you can find out about **planned care** and the recent **pan-Sussex mental health consultation** workshop. You can also meet PaCC rep Lucy Hughes and make your nominations for the **PaCC Awards**.

[Read PaCC round up >](#)

Staying Well this Winter

Amaze is working alongside the three other carers organisations in Sussex to support all local carers to Stay Well This Winter.

[Find out more >](#)



Help us to help all unpaid carers

STAY WELL THIS WINTER



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